

Men's Program Committee Conference Call Minutes

June 24, 2005

The conference call began at 12: 40 p.m. Mountain Time by Chair Yoichi Tomita.

Yoichi Tomita requested that Dennis McIntyre record the Minutes of the meeting in Steve Butcher's absence.

I. Roll Call

Members Present:

Yoichi Tomita, MPC Chair & Vice Chair for Men

Kurt Golder, Sr. Coaches Rep.

Miles Avery, Sr. Coaches Rep. (Absent)

Steve Butcher, MPC Secretary & Jr. Coaches Rep. (Absent)

Bill Foster, Jr. Coaches Rep.

Jay Thornton, Athlete Rep.

John Roethisberger, Athlete's Rep. (Absent)

II. Vice President USA Gymnastics

The MPC extended its congratulations to Ron Galimore on his appointment to Vice President of Events, Olympic Relations / Men's Program.

III. Athlete and Coaches Funding

The final document for funding of the Senior National Team Athletes and Coaches effective at the 2005 Visa Championships through the 2006 U.S. Championships was reviewed a final time. This document had been previously presented to the Senior Team and discussed at their last training camp.

Motion: to approve the Senior National Team Athletes and Coaches Funding Program as presented for the 2005 Visa Championships through the 2006 US Championships.

Motion: Jay Thornton

Second: Yoichi Tomita

PASSED: Unanimously

IV. 2007 Visa Championships

Due to conflicting philosophies between the Men's and Women's programs concerning the separation of domestic selection events and international championships in 2007 the Men's and Women's Visa Championships will be held separately. The proposed dates for the Men's Visa Championships in 2007 are August 2-4.

With the separation the Men's Program has the opportunity to make changes in the basic format for the Visa Championships which will benefit the goals of the men's program.

Motion: Modify the format of the Visa Championships for Men to meet the following criteria and schedule for 2007 and 2008. Exact qualification procedures, final participant numbers, etc., will be determined by the MPC at a later date. The entire format will be reviewed for possible changes in 2008.

- 1. Include Level 9 gymnasts**
- 2. Select Level 9 and 10 Junior National and Junior Elite Teams**
- 3. All Level 10 and Senior Elite athletes will compete two days, in two sessions. Determination of second day session placement will be contingent on results of first day competitive results.**
- 4. Basic Daily Schedule:**

Wednesday: Training
Thursday: Session I – Junior Division
Session II – Senior Division
Friday: Level 9 Division and Junior National Team Selection
Saturday: Junior Elite and Senior Elite Team Selection
First Session – Level 10 Junior and Senior Division athletes, qualification TBD
Second Session – Level 10 Juniors and Senior Division athletes, qualification TBD

Motion: Bill Foster
Second: Yoichi Tomita
PASSED: Unanimously

V. 2005 Pan American Championships

The basic format, dates and selection for the 2005 Pan American Championships was discussed. This competition will consist of a four man team with the top three scores counting. This is an important competition as it qualifies teams to the 2007 Pan American Championships. The format dictates the selection of all around athletes to the team. In addition, this event conflicts with the final World Championships Selection Competition. The date and location for the competition are: October 6 – 9, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Motion: To have the MPC select the 2005 Pan American Championships Team according to the following criteria:

- 1. The MPC will select four all around athletes, plus one traveling alternate to the Pan American Championships Team.**
- 2. The results of the 2005 Visa Championships using both Senior and Junior Divisions will be used.**
- 3. Petitions to the Pan American Championships team will be considered. Petitions to the 2005 Pan American Championships must be submitted to the Senior Director, Men's Program by the conclusion of the Visa Championships. Petitioned athletes must show competitive readiness by demonstrating routines to a representative of the MPC no later than September 3, 2005.**
- 4. Members of the 2005 Pan American Championships Team will not be considered for the 2005 World Championships Team.**
- 5. Final team selection will take place no later than September 5, 2005.**

Motion: Yoichi Tomita
Second: Jay Thornton
PASSED: Unanimously

As additional information, Ron Galimore covered the general schedule that the MPC must be aware of in relation to the development and submittal of selection procedures for major events through 2008. For example the Olympic Selection Procedures are due to be submitted to the USOC for approval eighteen months prior to the Olympic Games.

VI. Multiple Event Qualifying for Junior Athletes into US Championships and Junior Team Selection

Dennis McIntyre reviewed published proposals concerning modification of the Junior Team Selection to include using a combination of all around results and a points system to allow for the possibility of multiple event athletes to earn a position on the Junior Elite National Team. This would also necessitate procedures that would allow multiple event athletes to qualify into the US Championships through the JO Nationals and/or the US Qualifier. This proposal needs to come to a vote at the MPC's Congress meeting.

VII. The Point System for National Team Selection

Ron Brant reviewed the format for a report showing the Senior Team Selection Points system. This report will be tested using the results from the National Qualifier.

VIII. MPC Elections

The terms of three MPC members will expire at the 2005 Visa Championships. Those positions are:

- Senior Representative: Kurt Golder (elected by Senior National Team Coaches)
- Junior Representative: Bill Foster (elected by Junior Elite National Team Coaches)
- Athlete Representative: John Roethlisberger (selected by Athlete's Council)

IX. New Business

Ron Galimore updated the MPC on some of the details of the Chevron sponsorship of the Men's Program

Ron Brant reviewed the long term schedule for the Senior National Team and factors that must be considered for team success in 2008.

Ron Brant and Ron Galimore updated the MPC on attempts to find viable group insurance coverage for Senior Elite athletes.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 2:35 p.m. Mountain.

Motion: Bill Foster

Second: Jay Thornton

PASSED: Unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Dennis McIntyre, Junior National Team Coordinator

Approved by: Ron Galimore, Vice President – Men's Program

Approved by: Steve Penny, President, USA Gymnastics