

## Men's Program Committee

2005 Winter Cup Challenge

Las Vegas, Nevada

February 5, 2005

*Meeting began at 10:05 a.m. Pacific Time by Chair Yoichi Tomita.*

### I. Roll Call

Members Present:

Yoichi Tomita, MPC Chair & Vice Chair for Men

Steve Butcher, MPC Secretary & Jr. Coaches Rep.

George Beckstead, FIG Rep.

Kurt Golder, Sr. Coaches Rep.

Miles Avery, Sr. Coaches Rep. (absent)

Bill Foster, Jr. Coaches Rep.

Jay Thornton, Athlete Rep.

John Roethlisberger, Athlete Rep.

### II. FIG Men's Technical Committee

George Beckstead reviewed what he felt were important qualities the next U.S. candidate for the FIG Men's Technical Committee needs to possess in order to be elected and effective as a member of the Men's FIG Men's Technical Committee.

### III. National Team Skills Challenge

Ron Brant presented his ideas about the development of an event he calls the "Skills Challenge." This future event, among other things, is designed to inspire originality and new skill development in the U.S. The event is presently scheduled to debut in conjunction with the 2006 Winter Cup Challenge.

### IV. 2005 Sr. National Team Selection

The Men's Program Committee had lengthy discussion concerning selection onto the senior national team based on performances thus far at the 2005 Winter Cup Challenge. After reviewing the competition results from Friday's competition, the committee was unanimous about placing five gymnasts onto the team prior to tonight's event finals.

**Motion: To place gymnasts David Durante, Alexander Artemev, Guillermo Alvarez, Todd Thornton, and Sean Townsend onto the USAG Men's Sr. National Team until the 2005 Visa U.S. Championships.**

Motion: Yoichi Tomita

Second: Steve Butcher

PASSED: Unanimously

One more athlete will be selected into a funded position at the conclusion of the Individual Event Finals competition tonight. We will also confirm the participants for the 2005 American Cup at that time.

### V. Member Misconduct - 2004 Olympic Team Final Selection Camp

The committee discussed the behavior of several individuals at the Olympic Team Final Selection Camp after the final two athletes were named onto the 2004 Olympic Team. It was agreed that the behavior was in violation of the USA Gymnastics Code of Conduct and a meeting was arranged with the individual(s) involved and the Men's Program Committee at 6:45 pm tonight.

**Motion: To place the individual(s) on probation and to make participant(s) aware of the following sanctions for any future violations:**

**Future Violations of the Code of Conduct will result in a loss of financial support or participation in:**

1. Coaches Support
2. Jr. & Sr. National Team Camps
3. Representation at International Events
4. Elite Clinician Program

**In addition, the MPC will request that the President of USA Gymnastics review the case and consider suspension of the individual(s) USA Gymnastics membership.**

Motion: Yoichi Tomita

Second: Bill Foster

PASSED: Unanimously

### VI. Adjournment

**Motion: To adjourn at 12:15 p.m.**

**Motion: Steve Butcher**  
**Second: Yoichi Tomita**  
**PASSED: Unanimously**

*Respectfully submitted by Steve Butcher, MPC Secretary*  
*Approved by: Ron Galimore, Senior Director, USAG Men's Program*  
*Approved by: Bob Colarossi, USAG President*