

Men's Program Committee Conference Call Minutes

Thursday, July 05, 2007

Chairman Yoichi Tomita called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. CDT.

I. Roll Call

Members Present:

Yoichi Tomita, MPC Chairman & Vice Chairman for Men

Bill Foster, MPC Secretary & Junior Coaches' Representative

Steve Butcher, Junior Coaches' Representative

Kurt Golder, Senior Coaches' Representative joined the call at 11:30 am

Russ Fystrom, Senior Coaches' Representative

Jay Thornton, Athletes' Representative

Absent

John Roethlisberger, Athletes' Representative

Absent

Present, Not Voting:

Butch Zurich, National Gymnastics Judges Association

Absent

Ron Brant, Senior Program Coordinator

Absent

Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

Jeff Robinson, Men's Junior Olympic Program Coordinator

Ron Galimore, USAG Vice President Events/Men

Steve Penney, USAG President

II. Olympic Selection Procedures

Steve Penny began the meeting by reviewing the development of current procedures and a problem with regard to the format and viability of an Olympic Trials given selection procedures which provide for 100% discretionary selection.

Dennis reviewed extensive statistical analysis of different methods of balancing the needs for selection with the needs for a competition with viable results for the spectators and the television audience.

Ron Galimore explained that NBC is doing live television for the Olympic Trials, so the issue of not having an automatic result at the end of the competition is exacerbated.

Revise athlete selection to read: Athletes may qualify to the Olympic Games Team in one of three ways:

- 1. Place first or second in the all around at the conclusion of the 2007 Olympic Team Trials using the final results (combined/weighted results from both the Visa Championships and Olympic Trials). To be eligible for automatic selection, the first or second place all around athlete must have placed in the top three on three of the six events using the final results. Athletes who place first or second in the all around but do not place in the top three on three different events may be selected to the team as provided for in number 2.**
- 2. Be chosen by the Olympic Games Team Selection Committee as one of the remaining, up to six, athlete members for the 2008 Olympic Games Team. To be eligible, a Team Member must be a participant in both the 2008 Visa Championships and 2008 Olympic Team Trials.**

3. Petition to the 2008 Olympic Games Team through the petition process.

Motion: Russ Fystrom
Second: Steve Butcher

PASSED: 5 – 0

III. Selection of the Olympic Coach

The Head Coach will be nominated by the MPC no less than 6 months prior to the start of the Olympic Games.

Motion: Russ Fystrom
Second: Yoichi Tomita

PASSED: 5 -- 0

The Assistant Coach will be nominated, from among the personal coaches of the Olympic Team Members, by the Selection Committee plus the Head Olympic Coach.

Motion: Yoichi Tomita
Second: Bill Foster

PASSED: 5 -- 0

The Additional Staff credential positions will be nominated from among the personal coaches of the Olympic Team Members or USA Gymnastics Men's Program Staff by the Men's Program Committee.

Motion: Yoichi Tomita
Second: Bill Foster

PASSED: 5 -- 0

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn at 11:50 am CDT

Motion: Bill Foster
Second: Yoichi Tomita

PASSED: 5 -- 0

Respectfully submitted by Bill Foster, Junior Coaches Representative

Approved by: Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

Approved by: Steve Penny, USAG President