



Men's Program Committee Conference Call Minutes

January 7, 2004

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. PST 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.
 Bill Foster, Jr. Coaches Rep.
 Jay Thornton, Athlete Rep.
 John Roethlisberger, Athlete Rep.

The chair thanked the committee for their cohesive work. He also gave highlights from the very successful joint camp with the Japanese senior team.

II. Jonathan Horton & David Sender attending the next Senior National Team Camp

Sr. National Team Coordinator Ron Brant spoke about the decision to permit the top junior gymnasts to attend the Sr. National Team Camps at their own expense.

Motion: To permit Jonathan Horton and David Sender to attend the next Senior National Team Camp at their own expense.

Motion: Yoichi Tomita
Second: Kurt Golder
PASSED: Unanimously

III. 2004 Olympic Judges Positions

The Judges' Selection Committee communicated their decision to select Harry Bjerke and Butch Zunich as the judges for the 2004 Olympic Games.

IV. Foreign Athlete Petitions to the 2004 Winter Cup Challenge

Two foreign athlete petitions have already been approved. They came from requests by the federations of Iceland and Great Britain. There are two more requests – Luis Vargas, Penn State University, has a request from the Puerto Rican Gymnastics Federation for his participation; and the second is from Sergei Dmitriev from High Sierra Gymnastics in Nevada. He is currently working towards his U.S. citizenship.

Motion: To permit Luis Vargas to participate, exhibition only, at the 2004 Winter Cup Challenge. No U.S. gymnast will be displaced by his participation.

Motion: Steve Butcher
Second: Yoichi Tomita
PASSED: Unanimously

Motion: To permit Sergei Dmitriev to compete, exhibition only, in the 2004 Winter Cup Challenge if he meets the selection criteria of the petitioning gymnasts. No U.S. gymnast will be displaced by his participation.

Motion: Steve Butcher
Second: Yoichi Tomita
PASSED: Unanimously

V. Update of Petitions to the 2004 Winter Cup Challenge

There were 33 original petitions to the 2004 Winter Cup Challenge. The USA Gymnastics office has received six additional petitions. There is a maximum of 84 gymnasts for the competition. The names of the final selected athletes should be finalized this week.

VI. Next Men's Program Committee Meeting

The Men's Program Committee will conduct their next meeting at the Winter Cup Challenge on Saturday February 7, at 9:00am. Selection of the six open positions on the Sr. National Team will be discussed. The MPC reserves the right to make the final selection of the Sr. National Team positions after the Saturday night individual event finals.

VII. Olympic Selection Committee Nominee for Olympic Head Coach

The selection committee has recommended Kevin Mazeika as their selection for the position of Olympic Head Coach for the 2004 Olympic Games. Miles Avery was the other candidate for this position who was considered. There was lengthy discussion about this position.

Motion: To accept the recommendation of the selection committee for Kevin Mazeika to be the Olympic Head Coach for 2004

Motion: John Roethlisberger

Second: Jay Thornton

PASSED: Unanimously

VIII. New Business

A funding proposal drafted by Stacy Maloney will be discussed at the Winter Cup Challenge MPC meeting. The proposal is to change the distribution of coaches funding after an athlete changes their personal coach.

IV. Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn

Motion: Steve Butcher

Second: Yoichi Tomita

PASSED: Unanimously

Call adjourned at 9:52 a.m PST.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Butcher, MPC Secretary

Approved by: Ron Galimore, Senior Director, USAG Men's Program

Approved by: Bob Colarossi, USAG President



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