



Men's Program Committee Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2004

Meeting called to order at 10:04 a.m. CST by Chair, Yoichi Tomita

I. Roll Call

Members Present:

Yoichi Tomita, MPC Chair and Vice Chair for Men
Steve Butcher, MPC Secretary and Jr. Coaches Rep.
George Beckstead, FIG Rep. - Absent
Kurt Golder, Sr. Coaches Rep.
Miles Avery, Sr. Coaches Rep.
Bill Foster, Jr. Coaches Rep.
Jay Thornton, Athlete Rep.
John Roethlisberger, Athlete Rep.

II. International Competitions

Sr. National Team Coordinator, Ron Brant, updated the committee concerning his conversations with the coaches of the members of the senior national team and discussed who was available to participate in the international competitions that were taking place from now to the end of the year. The following recommendations were made by Ron:

- ◆ PAGU Specialist Competition, November 30 – Dec. 5, Maracaibo, Venezuela: **Jonathan Horton and David Sender.**
- ◆ DTB-Pokal, November 23-28, Stuttgart, Germany: **Alexander Artemev**
- ◆ Chunichi Cup, December 3-4, Nagoya, Japan: **Todd Thornton**
- ◆ World Cup Finals, December 10-12, Birmingham, Great Britain – **Paul Hamm**

Motion: To accept the recommendation of the international assignments that take place prior to the end of 2004.

Motion: John Roethlisberger

Second: Yoichi Tomita

PASSED: Unanimously

III. 2005 U.S. Championships Schedule

The members of the committee discussed at length all of the various scheduling options for both the junior and senior men who will be competing at the 2005 Visa Gymnastics Championships in Indianapolis. There was strong support to maintain an evening time period. A straw vote confirmed that the committee was in favor of keeping the competition time frame of Wednesday and Friday evenings for the seniors. The juniors would maintain their time period of Wednesday afternoon. However, the committee would like to officially request that the men's competitions be held on Friday night and Sunday afternoon beginning in 2006.

IV. World University Games

Senior Men's Program Director, Ron Galimore, discussed how far the men's program was behind in developing selection procedures for the 2005 World University Games if indeed we planned on sending a team. The USOC now has a 15 month and a one year deadline concerning initial submissions and any modifications of selection procedures for the WUG, Pan American Games and Olympic Games selection procedures. There was also a lengthy discussion about the importance of this event and the fact that it is going to conflict with the

2005 Visa Gymnastics Championships.

Motion: Not to participate in the 2005 World University Games due to the conflict with the 2005 Visa Gymnastics Championships.

Motion: Yoichi Tomita
Second: Jay Thornton
In favor: 5
Abstain: 1
Motion: PASSED

V. 2008 Olympic Team Trials

Ron Galimore reviewed the date that was being considered for the 2008 Olympic Team Trials – June 19-22, 2008. He mentioned that this date is one week earlier than when it was held in 2004 due to the fact that the Opening Ceremonies for the 2008 Olympic Games is scheduled to take place August 8, 2008: one week earlier than in 2004. After much discussion about the time needed for the athletes to recover from the Trials and prepare for the Olympic Games, the men's program would prefer the following dates to be considered for the 2008 Olympic Team Trials:

- ◆ 1st Choice: May 23 and 24
- ◆ Second Choice: June 6 and 7
- ◆ 3rd Choice: June 13 and 14

It is critical for the men's team that there be at least four weeks in between the Visa Gymnastics Championships and the Olympic Team Trials.

VI. New Business

2005 Winter Cup Challenge

Ron Galimore reviewed the qualification procedures that were used for the 2004 Winter Cup Challenge. There was also discussion about the entry deadline being January 4, in order to ensure that petition video tapes can be reviewed in a timely manner. The final announcement of the qualifiers would then take place on January 6, 2005, which is four weeks prior to the event.

Motion: To accept the entry deadline of January 4, accept the qualifying procedures that were used in 2004 and to add the top 6 athletes from the 2004 NCAA Championships final all-around ranking would automatically qualify into the 2005 Winter Cup Challenge.

Motion: Yoichi Tomita
Second: Kurt Golder
PASSED: Unanimously

The next conference call is scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 28.

VII. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Motion: John Roethlisberger
Second: Yoichi Tomita
PASSED: Unanimously

Call adjourned at 11:13 a.m. CST.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Galimore on behalf of Steve Butcher, MPC Secretary



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