

Men's Program Committee
US Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO
July 14, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. MDT by Chairman Yoichi Tomita.

I. Roll Call

Voting Members Present:

Yoichi Tomita, MPC Chair & Vice Chair for Men
Kurt Golder, Sr. Coaches Rep.
Miles Avery, Sr. Coaches Rep.
Steve Butcher, Jr. Coaches Rep. **absent**
Bill Foster, MPC Secretary & Jr. Coaches Rep.
Jay Thornton, Athlete Rep.
Steve McCain for John Roethlisberger, Athlete Rep.

Non-voting Members:

Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director
Ron Brant, Senior Men's Coordinator
Butch Zurich, NGJA Representative **absent**

II. Update on National Qualifier and Visa Championships

System has worked well so far in getting to the qualifier. 27 gymnasts will qualify to the Visa Championships.

III. Petitions to 2006 VISA Championships

Motion: Approve Cole Storer to compete (junior) -- 2006 Visa Championships.

Motion: Jay Thornton

Second: Kurt Golder

PASSED: Unanimously

Motion: Approve Edward Umphrey to compete -- 2006 Visa Championships.

Motion: Bill Foster

Second: Miles Avery

PASSED: Unanimously

MPC is developing guidelines for all aspects of future petitions, particularly in the area of information and documentation of Doctors' statements and description of the rationale for a petition.

IV. 2006 World Championships Procedures

Butch Zurich and Harry Bjerke have been selected as judges for the 2006 World Championships by the Independent Selection Committee.

WC Selection Committee: Yoichi Tomita, Ron Brant, Dennis McIntyre, Athlete's Rep, Coaches' Rep. Final selection will be made by July 21.

V. FIG Technical Committee Position - Update

The MPC will begin to discuss the 2008 elections for representatives on the Men's FIG Technical Committee and the process for identifying potential candidates at the Visa Championships meeting.

VI. Update on 2007 Pan Am Games

The 2007 National Qualifier will be the selection event for the 2007 Pan American Championships. Team nominations must be submitted to the USOC by June 15. Currently the Qualifier is scheduled for June 2 but the MPC would like to consider June 9 and is checking on site availability for that weekend.

VII. Selection Procedures for 2007 World Championships

Early Discussions – The MPC began discussion for the 2007 World Championships Selection Procedures by looking at the difficulty that the 07 calendar presents.

- Pan American Games are two weeks prior to the US Championships.
- Travel for the World Championships team would occur less than two weeks following the US Championships.
- As an added factor the 2007 World University Games are on the same date as 2007 USA Championships

VIII. Selection Procedures for 2008 Olympic Games

Early Discussions

- Visa Championships are currently scheduled for May 22 – 24 and will be separate from women.
- Qualifier is tentatively set for April 18-19
- Selection procedures are due to the USOC in February of 2007

IX. 2007 Men's Program Budget

Early Discussions -- Start consideration of major areas

- Athlete/Coaches Support Funding
- Types of meets – World Cup vs. Team

X. International Calendar/Meet Report

- Discussion of European Championships and comparison to USA
- European Team Meet with France and Switzerland – USA won the meet by fighting to the end
- Japan and China look outstanding; very deep teams
- Tomita scored 93.0 at the Japanese second trials; the rest of the world all arounders are 87-90.

XI. Junior National Team Report

Revisions in the Men's Junior Olympic Program have moved the evaluation system very far from the structure and standards of the FIG Code of Points. Dennis McIntyre presented some possible options for future qualification procedures for Juniors to the VISA USA Championships. Under consideration will be taking only the top 3 from the Junior Olympic Championships, with the others coming from the Elite Qualifier, with participation in 2 FIG judged events a prerequisite for entering that meet. This subject will be revisited at the MPC meeting in St. Paul.

XII. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn at 3:55 pm MDT

**Motion: Yoichi Tomita
Second: Bill Foster**

PASSED: Unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Bill Foster, Jr. Coaches Representative

Approved by: Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

Approved by: Steve Penny, USAG President