

# Men's Program Committee Visa Championships Minutes

August 16, 2007

Chairman Yoichi Tomita called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. PDT.

## 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 **ABSENT**  
Russ Fystrom, Senior Coaches' Representative  
Jay Thornton, Athletes' Representative  
John Roethlisberger, Athletes' Representative **ABSENT**

Present, Not Voting:

Butch Zunich, National Gymnastics Judges Association **ABSENT**  
Ron Brant, Senior Program Coordinator  
Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director  
Jeff Robinson, Junior Olympic Program Chairman

## II. USOC High Performance Plan Update for 2008

USA Gymnastics is updating the USOC High Performance plan for 2008 which will include requests for assistance with additional JF equipment for USOTC, JF equipment at Beijing Normal University for training at 2008 Olympics, additional training camps for the senior team and educational technology items such as a DVD copying machine for the men's program for use by the National Team coordinators.

## III. Fall Competitions

These competitions are available but participation has not been confirmed for all based on availability and budget.

- a. Junior International in Japan 9/21-26
- b. DTB 10/26-28
- c. Gander-Swiss Cup 10/29-11/5
- d. Glasgow 11/8-11
- e. Olympic Test Event 11/28-12/3

## IV. Athlete Funding

Current team funding program ends December 31, 2007. The MPC must consider the 2008 funding program in the near future. There was a general discussion of the funding for 2008.

## V. Winter Cup Challenge

- A. Discussion to refine the field of athletes eligible to compete at the Winter Cup Challenge as well as the possible consideration of a video submission fee to offset the cost of having judges evaluate the video submissions which is a very time consuming task.

It is anticipated that the format for the competition in 2008 will remain the same with Thursday-Saturday competitions.

- B. Discussion of National Team Selection at the Winter Cup Challenge: In addition to the 7 members of the WC Team, the 7 members will be selected.

**Motion: To select the 7 open Senior National Team positions at the Winter Cup Challenge in the following manner:**

- **4 members selected rank order using the National Team Points System. The points system will be published no less than 45 days in advance of the competition.**
- **3 members selected by the Men's Program Committee.**

**Motion: Jay Thornton**

**Second: Yoichi Tomita**

**PASSED: Unanimously**

- C. Winter Cup Challenge – Las Vegas 2009-2010

**Motion: Award the meet to the Dusty Ritter Gymnastics, LLC in 2009 and 2010. The MPC will review whether to award the meet to Dusty Ritter Gymnastics for 2011 and 2012 in 2009.**

**Motion: Steve Butcher**

**Second: Bill Foster**

**PASSED: Unanimously**

- D. Discussion on the need to increase the emphasis on doing 2 vaults starting with the 2009 Winter Cup by requiring two vaults from all competitors. This will be further discussed in the future with a goal of giving a one year advance notice of this requirement if it is adopted.

**V. 2008 Qualifier April 18-19, 2008**

The MPC endorsed exploring the possibility of moving the Qualifier to Wednesday, April 23. This will be a one day competition event. This is the only way to accommodate the NCAA coaches and the Junior Athletes/Coaches.

**VI. 2008 VISA Championships**

Any changes to the competition format must be completed and in print 45 days prior to the first qualifying competition scheduled for April 19, 2008. It is anticipated that this will be a Thursday-Saturday competition.

**VII. Olympic Selection**

Procedures have been approved, pending USOC Board of Directors approval. The procedures will be posted on the USA Gymnastics web site.

**VIII. Level 3 FIG Brevet' Coaches Course**

The course will be held November 4-8 at the USOTC. Information will be sent out as soon as it is available.

**IX. World Championships Update**

Dennis reported on the status of the plans and procedures for the World Championships.

**X. Petitions**

Tabled until the National Team Selection meeting.

**XI. New Business**

Discussion of the procedure of placing petitioned athletes on the National Team, unranked and "unfunded." (In actuality, unranked and limited funding.)

**XII. Adjournment**

**Motion: To Adjourn at 12:18 pm CDT**

**Motion: Steve Butcher**

**Second: Jay Thornton**

**PASSED: Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted by Bill Foster, Junior Coaches Representative

Approved by: Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

Approved by: Steve Penny, USAG President