

Men's Program Committee Conference Call Minutes

May 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. CST by Chairman Yoichi Tomita.

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
Miles Avery, Senior Coaches' Representative
Jay Thornton, Athletes' Representative
John Roethlisberger, Athletes' Representative

Present, Not Voting:

Butch Zurich, National Gymnastics Judges Association
Ron Brant, Senior Program Coordinator
Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

II. National Team Selection at VISA Championships

There was considerable discussion of the various possible systems to select the National Team. Discussion centered on the role of All Around in the Point System and whether we need to have a set ranking within the National Team.

Motion: The Senior National Team Selection from the Visa Championships will be the top 2 All Around, top 7 (not including the two All Around athletes) by the approved Points System, and 5 athletes selected by the MPC.

Motion: Yoichi Tomita

Second: Jay Thornton

PASSED: Unanimously

III. Point System for Qualifying to USA Championships

Ron Brant reviewed the entire Point System program for qualifying to USA Championships. Ties will be broken by highest single event points, since the current FIG system of scoring creates inequities in comparing scores between events. Using this point system a single event specialist may only be able to make the National Team by MPC selection.

Motion: Accept

- 1. 20 point system which will identify gymnasts moving from the National Qualifier to the Visa Championships in the Senior Division and to be used on the first day of competition at the Visa Championships to determine who will qualify to the 2nd day of competition.**

2. **6 point system for the first day of competition and 6 point system for the second day are TOTALLED for the 2 days for selection to the National Team.**

Motion: Yoichi Tomita
Second: Bill Foster

PASSED: Unanimously

IV. Vaulting

Dennis presented different scenarios to keep vaulting as a single score, but with bonus added. The goal is to encourage development of a very high level vault with excellent total execution and a high level second vault, to help us develop potential World Finalists.

Dennis will send a copy of the proposal to the MPC today, to be voted on in a week.

V. Petitions

Motion: To approve Edward Mesa's injury petition to the USA Championships – Junior Division 14 – 15 age group

Motion: John Roethlisberger
Second: Jay Thornton

PASSED: Unanimously

VI. Discussion of Individual Event Placement Procedures for Visa Championships

MPC will consider a system that will create a requirement to qualify the first day and then create maximum pressure to hit the second day in order to win, as in a World Cup scenario.

VIII. Athlete Funding

There was discussion of the need to adjust our funding calendar to match our fiscal calendar. We must consider the possibility of changing our funding year to Winter Cup to Winter Cup, so we are not dealing with unfunded commitments.

IX. Calendar

Dennis presented a timetable to deal with:

- ◆ 2006 Visa Championships National Team Funding Document (should be ready by Qualifier)
- ◆ 2007 World Championships Selection
- ◆ 2008 Olympic Games Selection (must be ready by Winter Cup 07)

X. Updates

Dennis discussed current information available on the upcoming events:

- ◆ 2006 World Championships

- ◆ World University Games no longer goes through the USOC, but must now be approved by the Executive Committee.
- ◆ 2007 Pan American Games Selection Procedures
- ◆ 2007 Event Calendar
- ◆ 2007 Men's Program Budget

XI. New Business

Because of the date of the Junior Pan American Championships is one week after the USA Championships, selection to the National Team and the Junior Pan American Team is a problem.

Motion: The top 4 gymnasts in rank order at the Elite Qualifier will be named to the Junior National Team and the Junior Pan American Championships Team

Motion: Steve Butcher
Second: Bill Foster

PASSED: Unanimously

Motion: The Junior Pan American Championships Team coach will be nominated by the Men's Program Director following consultation with the coaches of the athletes on the team, with MPC approval.

Motion: Bill Foster
Second: Steve Butcher

PASSED: Unanimously

XIII. MPC Email Decisions

The MPC approved athlete assignments based on recommendations by The National Team Coordinator, Ron Brant, to the following events by email due to time/travel considerations:

- April 20 vote: World Cup Moscow, May 25 & 26: Sean Golden with coach Kevin Mazeika
- May 6 vote: USA/France/Switzerland Competition, June 24: Athletes Alex Artemev, David Durante, Jonathan Horton, Tim McNeill, Justin Spring and Kevin Tan.
 Alternate: Guillermo Alvarez Coaches: Mark Williams, Head Coach, Randy Jepson, Jon Valdez
 Note: Guillermo Alvarez subsequently replaced Tim McNeill due to injury

XIV. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn at 11:18 am CDT

Motion: Kurt Golder
Second: Yoichi Tomita

PASSED: Unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Bill Foster, Junior Coaches Representative

Approved by: Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

Approved by: Steve Penny, USAG President