

## Men's Program Committee Conference Call Minutes

April 18, 2005

*Conference call began at 8:05 a.m. Pacific Time by Chair Yoichi Tomita*

### I. Roll Call

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

The chair offered his congratulations to the new President of USA Gymnastics, Steve Penny and wished him the best of luck in his new position. The chair also provided a recap of the election process.

### II. 2005 Winter Cup Challenge Update

Ron Galimore communicated that he received a final report and check from the proceeds of the Winter Cup Challenge from Dusty Ritter, the meet host. Ritter is also interested in continuing to host the event in the future and requests the MPC's consideration of his request. Dusty has exceeded all expectations concerning this event including his financial obligations to USA Gymnastics each year.

**Motion: To approve the bid for Dusty Ritter Gymnastics, LLC (Las Vegas) to host the 2006-08 Winter Cup Challenges.**

Motion: Kurt Golder  
Second: Miles Avery  
PASSED: Unanimously

Bids for the 2009-2012 Winter Cup Challenge will be due at the 2007 U.S. Championships.

### III. U.S. Olympic Training Center Update

A special training request for Joey Haggerty to participate in the Olympic Training Center's resident program on a trial basis was approved. Also, Michael Reavis was granted a special training request for the summer only.

The MPC policy that National team members be given priority concerning participation in the resident program at the U.S. Olympic Training Center is still in affect.

### VI. Pacific Rim Sports Summit: Cancelled

The Pacific Rim Sport Summit (every sport) has been cancelled. Therefore, we are shifting resources from a budgeted senior dual competition and providing additional participation opportunities for gymnasts in the 14<sup>th</sup> *Internationaux de France* World Cup event this May. Gymnasts attending this world cup event are Todd Thornton, Brett McClure, Sean Townsend, Eric LaMorte, Guillermo Alvarez, and Jonathan Horton. The coaches attending this event are Kevin Mazeika, Mike Burns and Mark Williams. Ken Achiron and Dan Bachman will attend as judges.

### V. Point System

A point system that could be used to select gymnasts for the National Team and to compete in international events was presented by Ron Brant, Sr. National Team Coordinator. The point system offers an objective form of measurement in the selection process. The men's program committee is in agreement that the point system can be used to determine certain positions on the National Team, but not the entire team.

**Motion: To select the 2005-06 Sr. National Team in the following manner:**

- 1. The top two all-around gymnasts will be locked onto the team (using the final rank order all-around competitive results from the 2005 Visa Championships).**
- 2. The next six highest ranked gymnasts using the new point system will automatically be selected to the team.**
- 3. Six gymnasts will be selected by Men's Program Committee vote. The Men's Program Committee will select athletes that will help to meet the needs of our 2005 competitive opportunities. Any approved petitions would occupy one of these positions.**

**Note: The National Team ranking will be determined at the conclusion of the World Championships Team Selection Competition in October.**

Motion: Yoichi Tomita  
Second: Kurt Golder  
PASSED: Unanimously

#### **VI. Sr. Pan American Championships Team Selection**

Selection to the 2005 Sr. Pan American Championships will need to be done in conjunction with Sr. National Team selection this year.

The 2005 Sr. Pan American Championships are scheduled for October 23-27 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Because the format is 4 gymnasts compete and 3 scores count on each event gymnasts who compete on all six events at the 2005 Visa Championships will be very important when considering the team's selection. This event is also the qualifying competition to the 2007 Pan American Games. World Cup points can also be achieved through the individual event finals of this competition.

#### **VII. World Team Selection Procedures**

The Men's Program Committee approved this document on a previous conference call. The final document is currently being approved by USA Gymnastics Executive Committee.

#### **VIII. New Code of Points**

Steve Butcher will be attending the FIG Symposium on the new Code of Points next week in Budapest. He will be representing the Pan American Gymnastics Union as the Men's Technical Committee President.

#### **IX. New Business**

- ♦ **Petition to U.S. Qualifier**

**Motion: To approve the petition of Daniel Diaz-Luong for participation in the 2005 Qualifier**

Motion: Yoichi Tomita  
Second: Jay Thornton  
PASSED: Unanimously

- ♦ **Men's Program Positions**

Individuals for the following positions need to be selected by Men's Program:

1. Men's representative to the USAG Hall of Fame Committee
2. FIG Task Force Committee: to formulate future candidate strategy
3. Vice Chair for Men position to be selected in 2005

**Motion: To appoint Yoichi Tomita to the FIG Task Force Committee as the men's program representative.**

Motion: Steve Butcher  
Second: Kurt Golder  
PASSED: Unanimously

#### **X. Adjournment**

**Motion: To Adjourn at 9:15 a.m. Pacific Time.**

Motion: Yoichi Tomita  
Second: Steve Butcher  
PASSED: Unanimously

*Respectfully submitted by Steve Butcher, MPC Secretary*