

Men's Program Committee Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2004 Nashville, TN

Meeting began at 9:00am CDT by Chair Yoichi Tomita

I. Roll Call

Members Present:

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

II. Olympic Credentials & Post-Olympic Tour Update

USA Gymnastics President Bob Colarossi joined the meeting to provide an update on availability of Olympic credentials and the progress being made on the Post-Olympic Tour. Mr. Colarossi reviewed the process of how the International Olympic Committee awards credentials to National Olympic Committee's as well as informed us about his discussions with the U.S. Olympic Committee. The credential policy for personal coaches will be the same for the men and women. Only one additional credential per club is possible at this time. The little "ao" credentials will allow the personal coaches to have access to housing that is close to the training site as well as all of the facilities where athletes will be training and competing. Personal coaches, however, will have to return their credential to the USOC immediately after their gymnast (s) finishes competition and they will need to move into the housing provided at American College of Greece for the remainder of the trip.

The Post-Olympic Tour is currently scheduled for 38 cities from September- November. Mr. Colarossi discussed the need to start marketing the tour in the different cities and some potential problems having to wait while a few of the gymnasts decided whether or not they wanted to participate.

Motion: The Men's Program Committee endorses the need for a deadline to be established for gymnasts to sign the Post-Olympic Tour agreement and supports USA Gymnastics in determining what a reasonable length of time would be.

Motion: Yoichi Tomita

Second: Steve Butcher

PASSED: 6-2-0

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 24, 2004-morning Men's Program Committee meeting.

Motion: Kurt Golder

Second: Steve Butcher

PASSED: Unanimously

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 24, 2004-evening Men's Program Committee meeting.

Motion: Kurt Golder

Second: Yoichi Tomita

PASSED: Unanimously

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 17, 2004 Men's Program Committee conference call.

Motion: Kurt Golder

Second: Yoichi Tomita

PASSED: Unanimously

IV. Nominations - National Membership Director to Board of Directors

The deadline for nominations to the Men's Program Committee for the two men's program National Membership Director Positions on USA Gymnastics' Board of Directors was May 15, 2004. Three names were submitted to the Men's Program Committee by Regional Chairmen: Jim Hisey, Abie Grossfeld and Mike Burns.

Motion: To forward the names of Jim Hisey, Abie Grossfeld, and Mike Burns to the nominating committee as the Men's Program slate for the National Membership Director Positions elections.

Motion: Kurt Golder

Second: Yoichi Tomita

PASSED: Unanimously

Note: The Men's Program Committee will need to have a follow up meeting in order to confirm the forth candidate for the men's slate.

v. 2005 U.S. Qualifier Date & Site Selection

The Men's Program Committee recognizes that hosting the men's U.S. Qualifier at the U.S. Olympic Training Center is very cost effective and profitable for the men's program. The committee also recognizes that if the event is going to be held in Colorado Springs at the Training Center that a Program Request needs to be submitted immediately. In addition, the committee also recognizes that this is an event that programs throughout the country would like to host and recommend that they be allowed to bid for the event. The committee asked that the National Office develop a bid document for this purpose and make it available to those interested in hosting the U.S. Qualifier starting in 2006.

Motion: To hold the 2005 U.S. Qualifier at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs on Saturday July 9, and have an open bid process for the 2006 event and beyond.

Motion: Bill Foster

Second: Kurt Golder

PASSED: Unanimous

VI. Athlete and Coach Support

This topic has been tabled for future discussion.

VII. FIG Update

George Beckstead updated the Men's Program Committee on the process necessary to prepare and finalize the new Code of Points.

VIII. New Business

- a) Petitioning process to the Olympic Team Trials was discussed in great detail.
- b) USA Gymnastics made a proposal to the FIG concerning the format of Competition IV at the World Championships and Olympic Games. This proposal included making a number of changes to the current format that included a change in the number of teams that qualify into Competition IV, a one-touch warm-up on the podium and the team having to march in and out of the venue. Although the USA proposal was withdrawn in support of an amended proposal that incorporates many of the changes that were in the original USA proposal. More information will be provided after we have received official notification of the proposals that were approved by the FIG Council.
- c) There was some discussion on competition improvements that could be made by the USA Gymnastics Events Department.

d) George Beckstead provided an update on the upcoming FIG elections.

IX. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn at 11:45am CDT

Motion: Yoichi Tomita

Second: Steve Butcher

PASSED: Unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Steve Butcher, MPC Secretary

Approved by: _____
Ron Galimore, Senior Director, USAG Men's Program

Approved by: _____
Bob Colarossi, USAG President