

# **Men's Program Committee Conference Call Minutes**

March 13, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 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 Zunich, National Gymnastics Judges Association  
Ron Brant, Senior Program Coordinator  
Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

## **II. Selection of Pacific Alliance Team**

Ron Brant presented several alternatives for the 4 members of the Pacific Alliance Team.

**Motion: Select Guillermo Alvarez, David Durante, Jonathan Horton, and Brett McClure as members of the Pacific Alliance Team**

**Motion: Miles Avery**

**Second: Kurt Golder**

**PASSED: 7-0**

**Motion: Select David Sender and Michael Reavis as first and second alternates respectively for the Pacific Alliance Team**

**Motion: Yoichi Tomita**

**Second: John Roethlisberger**

**PASSED: 7-0**

**Motion: Select Vitaly Marinitch as the Pacific Alliance Team coach**

**Motion: Kurt Golder**

**Second: Jay Thornton**

**PASSED: 7-0**

### **III. Qualifying Procedure for the 2006 Visa Championships**

There was extensive discussion of the qualifying procedures to the 2006 Visa Championships and to the Elite Qualifier.

**Motion:** Senior Division: Current Senior National Team, top 6 US citizen athletes from NCAA, top 24 from the National Qualifier (plus open spots from the NCAA selections) and top 3 athletes from the National Qualifier on each event. Petitions to the 2006 Visa Championships will be accepted for consideration by the MPC.

**Motion:** Yoichi Tomita  
**Second:** Kurt Golder  
**PASSED:** 7-0

**Motion:** Junior Division: Top 12 US citizen athletes from each division (14-15 and 16 – 18) at the Junior Olympic National Championships and the top 6 in each division (14-15 and 16-18) from the National Qualifier. Petitions to the US Championships will be accepted for consideration by the MPC.

**Motion:** Bill Foster  
**Second:** Jay Thornton  
**PASSED:** 7-0

### **IV. John Roethlisberger left the call at 10:00 am CST**

### **V. Athlete Qualification Requirements for the Elite Qualifier**

**Motion:** Senior Division – The top 50 athletes using the MPC approved point system from the 2006 Winter Cup Challenge. Video petitions will be also be considered by the MPC. Video petition guidelines will be published with the National Qualifier and Visa Championships information posted on the USA Gymnastics web site.

**Motion:** Yoichi Tomita  
**Second:** Bill Foster  
**PASSED:** 6-0

**Motion:** Junior Division – Open registration.

**Motion:** Bill Foster  
**Second:** Yoichi Tomita  
**PASSED:** 6-0

**Motion:** Competition format for the National Qualifier will be as follows:

- Teams will be kept together unless they exceed the size of the rotation group.
- Athletes attempting to qualify for the Junior Division and athletes pre-qualified for the Senior Division at the Visa Championships will compete in the first session.

- Athletes attempting to qualify for the Senior Division will compete in the second session.
- Petitioned athletes may be placed into either session.
- Additional matting specification will be:
  - ♦ Up to 10cm additional matting on FX (can't be moved)
  - ♦ Up to 10cm additional matting on SR – VT – PB – HB
  - ♦ 20cm mat on VT and HB is permitted, as long as the total mat thickness does not exceed 40cm
  - ♦ An additional 20cm mat at HB may be used for releases and removed prior to the dismount.

**Motion: Bill Foster**  
**Second: Steve Butcher**  
**PASSED: 6-0**

**V. 2006 Visa Championships Format**

**Motion: There will be 2 preliminary sessions. The first preliminary session will feature the Junior Division and the second session will feature the Senior Division. The top 36 athletes using the MPC approved point system which will include both the junior and senior session and the top three athletes on each event using scores from both preliminary sessions will qualify to the 2006 Visa Championships Finals. The MPC approved point system format will be published by June 1, 2006.**

**Motion: Bill Foster**  
**Second: Steve Butcher**  
**PASSED: 6-0**

**VI.** There was discussion about the reasons that the NCAA chose not to use a podium at the 2006 NCAA Championships. USA Gymnastics had extended the offer to allow the NCAA to use the podium at no cost with the provision that the NCAA cover the costs of shipping and provide a carpet cover for the podium.

**VII. Adjournment**

**Motion: To Adjourn at 10:55 am CST**

**Motion: Yoichi Tomita**  
**Second: Jay Thornton**  
**PASSED: 6-0**

Respectfully submitted by Bill Foster, Junior Coaches Representative

Approved by: Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

Approved by: Steve Penny, USAG President