

Men's Program Committee Conference Call Minutes

August 17, 2006

Chairman Yoichi Tomita called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. CDT.

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 joined the call at

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. Chairman of the Men's Program Committee

Yoichi Tomita's term of office has expired and a new Chairman must be elected for a 4-year term.

Motion: To elect Yoichi Tomita to another term as Chairman of the Men's Program Committee

Motion: Kurt Golder

Second: John Roethlisberger

PASSED: Unanimously

III. Discussion of the 2006 VISA USA Championships

Discussion centered on the length of time it took to run the competition. Application of the many rules and procedures required of the judges has greatly lengthened the time it takes to produce a score for a routine. Yoichi Tomita pointed out that, at Japan's National Championships, they allowed only 4 competitors per competition group, and it still took 2½ hours per session. The MPC agreed to explore the possibilities and problems of, and then consider, for the future, allowing only 6 performances per competition group at USA's.

IV. 2006 World Championships Update

The USA Team drew the first Flight of Competition in Denmark, putting our athletes in the gym to prepare to compete at 7:00 am. Extensive discussion of plans for the distribution of credentials among personal coaches, staff, and the alternate.

V. 2007 Calendar Review

Dennis McIntyre presented concerns about the difficult time crunch in the 2007 Calendar. Because of the proximity of dates, it seems likely that the gymnasts will have to choose between competing at the Pan American Games and the World Championships. Currently, this will be on an advisory/consideration status, with no mandate unless the MPC finds it necessary in the future.

VI. 2007 World Championships Selection Procedures

These should be completed in November. They will be similar to our current selection procedures, but may include changes based upon what we continue to learn from implementing procedures under this new system of competition rules and formats.

VII. 2008 Olympic Games Selection Procedures

These must be completed by February of 2007.

VIII. 2007 Winter Cup Qualifications

Current procedures are working well. Discussion included consideration of reducing the number of participants in the Finals.

Motion: Approve the Qualification Procedures for the 2007 Winter Cup

Motion: Bill Foster

Second: Jay Thornton

PASSED: Unanimously

IX. 2006 Junior Summit

On September 8-10, 2006, the Junior Olympic Program Committee and the Boys Program State Chairmen will meet in Chicago for a "Summit Meeting." Bill Foster and Steve Butcher will report on MPC activities.

X. 2007 Budget

The Men's Program Budget will be the next major project. Dennis McIntyre will present the budget for MPC consideration. The Board of Directors must approve the USA Gymnastics budget in November 2006.

XI. Posted on the Web Site

- ◆ Selection for the 2007 Pan American Games
- ◆ To be posted – Qualification and information on the 2007 Winter Cup

XII. Selection Committee

The MPC will accept suggested names for potential members of the selection committee. At a future meeting, the MPC may choose to set the selection committee membership for all events through the 2008 Olympic Games.

XIII. Training Site Offer

Bruno Klaus and International Gymnastics Camps made a formal presentation of an offer of the use of their facilities and services for future Men's events and training camps. The MPC was very positive and grateful for this generous offer.

XIV. Athlete Funding

General discussion was held concerning the availability of funding for gymnasts placed on the USA Gymnastics National Team in an unranked, unfunded position.

XV. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn at 2:00 pm CDT

Motion: Bill Foster

Second: Steve Butcher

PASSED: Unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Bill Foster, Junior Coaches Representative

Approved by: Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

Approved by: Steve Penny, USAG President