

Men's Program Committee Conference Call Minutes

September 26, 2006

Chairman Yoichi Tomita called the meeting to order at 10:05 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
Russ Fystrom, 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

Mark Williams, World Championships Team Coach, Guest

II. Welcome Russ Fystrom as a new Member

III. Mark Williams, World Championships Team Coach, recommended Randy Jepson and Mike Burns to be the Assistant coaches.

There was some discussion, concerning future selection procedures, as to whether or not the MPC needed to name one or two assistant coaches prior to all athletes being named in the case of petitioned athletes. Mark Williams recommended that at least one of the assistant coaches be selected early. Ron Brant recommended that the coach use all the personal coaches as quasi-assistants until the official assistants are named.

Motion: To approve Randy Jepson and Mike Burns as the Assistant Coaches

Motion: Yoichi Tomita

Second: Bill Foster

PASSED: Unanimously

IV. Credentials: All coaches' credentials for the 2006 World Championships have been assigned and the personal coaches of all competing team members will have credentialed access.

V. Dennis McIntyre reported on discussions with the NGJA about the development of judges for the future, with an eye to maximizing efficiency, consistency and communication. Discussion between the Men's Program and the NGJA led to a plan to select judges for each event, with the NAL and the B Expert serving for two years

and with two other judging positions serving for one year. The four judges will be used to form the panels that will judge at the Winter Cup, the Elite Qualifier, and USA Championships.

- VI. Discussion of the possibility of selecting an additional alternate to the World Championships Team. MPC elected to not name an additional alternate at this time.
- VII, Ron Brant gave a very positive report on the World Championships Team Training Camp. Coaches and athletes did a tremendous amount of preparation for the specific challenges they will face in Denmark and have become a very strong, close-knit team.
- XIII. Adjournment
Motion: To Adjourn at 10:45 am CDT

Motion: Bill Foster
Second: Yoichi Tomita

PASSED: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by Bill Foster, Junior Coaches Representative

Approved by: Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

Approved by: Steve Penny, USAG President