

# Men's Program Committee Conference Call

January 6, 2009

Chairman Yoichi Tomita called the meeting to order at 12:10 a.m. Eastern Time.

## I. Roll Call

Members Present:

Yoichi Tomita, MPC Chairman & USAG Board of Directors Men's Representative

Bill Foster, MPC Secretary & Junior Coaches' Representative **ABSENT**

Steve Butcher, FIG Technical Committee Member **ABSENT**

Barry Weiner, Senior Coaches' Representative

Russ Fystrom, Senior Coaches' Representative

Jay Thornton, Athletes' Representative

John Roethlisberger, Athletes' Representative **ABSENT**

Stacy Maloney, Junior Coaches' Representative

Present, Not Voting:

Dan Bachman, National Gymnastics Judges Association

Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

## II. World Championships Selection Procedures

**Motion:** To approve the 2009 Individual World Championships Selections Procedures document as presented

**Motion: Yoichi Tomita**

**Second: Russ Fystrom**

**PASSED: Unanimously**

## III. Senior National Team Selection at Winter Cup Challenge

Discussion regarding the proposal for National Team Selection at the Winter Cup which includes a provision for 2008 Olympic Team members to petition to the Team until the Visa Championships, the automatic selection of 7 athletes using the National Team Points Program at the Winter Cup Challenge plus the discretionary selection of two athletes – one by the MPC and one by the National Team Coordinator for a total of 15 team members.

**Motion:** To approve the 2009 National Team Selection of 15 members at the Winter Cup as proposed which would include:

- Six members of 2008 Olympic Team may petition the MPC for a team position.
- Seven members selected using the National Team Points Program at the Winter Cup Challenge
- One member selected by the Men's Program Committee
- One member selected by the National Team Coordinator

**Motion: Yoichi Tomita**

**Second: Jay Thornton**

#### **IV. Senior National Team Points Program for the Winter Cup Challenge**

**Motion:** To include all around points at the same level as individual events for top 10 athletes in each event using points program policies from Winter Cup 2008.

**Motion:** Russ Fystrom

**Second:** Jay Thornton

**PASSED:** Unanimously

**Russ Fystrom and Barry Weiner left the call due to a potential conflict of interest on the last topic to be discussed.**

#### **V. Winter Cup Challenge Petitions**

Discussion concerning the merits of the several athletes who submitted special circumstance petitions to have their video tape submission reviewed for possible qualification into the Winter Cup Challenge. These petitioned athletes did not otherwise meet the basic qualification guidelines.

**Motion:** To allow all petitioned athlete's video tape submissions be reviewed as part of the video submission qualification process for the Winter Cup Challenge.

**Motion:** Yoichi Tomita

**Second:** Stacy Maloney

**Motion:** To accept Cole Storer's petition into the Winter Cup Challenge.

**Motion:** Yoichi Tomita

**Second:** Jay Thornton

**Motion:** To accept Nyika White's petition into the Winter Cup Challenge.

**Motion:** Jay Thornton

**Second:** Yoichi Tomita

#### **V. Adjournment**

**Motion:** To Adjourn at 12:50 am EST

**Motion:** Yoichi Tomita

**Second:** Stacy Maloney

**PASSED:** Unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Dennis McIntyre

Approved by: Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

Approved by: Steve Penny, USAG President