

# Men's Program Committee Conference Call

February 6, 2009

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

## **I. Roll Call**

Members Present:

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

Bill Foster, MPC Secretary & Junior Coaches' Representative

Steve Butcher, FIG Technical Committee Member

Barry Weiner, Senior Coaches' Representative

Russ Fystrom, Senior Coaches' Representative

Jay Thornton, Athletes' Representative

John Roethlisberger, Athletes' Representative

Dan Gill, Athletes' Representative present by phone

Stacy Maloney, Junior Coaches' Representative            ABSENT

Present, Not Voting:

Dan Bachman, National Gymnastics Judges Association

Ron Brant, Senior Program Coordinator

Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

## **II. Ron Galimore briefly addressed the MPC and Yoichi Tomita made some general remarks concerning our road to success in 2008 and the path to the future.**

## **III. Dennis McIntyre made an office report that covered several items**

1. Senior Team athlete and coach funding document
2. Clarification that a gymnast attending a USAG assigned event will not be penalized for missing a camp at that time.
3. There is no current Men's Program National Team sponsor
4. USOTC Resident Program: there are several prospects/applicants; some are already going through their trial/probationary period
5. The search for a Junior Olympic Coordinator continues
6. The NCAA-USAG Summit was very successful in identifying issues in the Men's and Women's Programs and beginning to work towards solutions.
7. Adidas has renewed their sponsorship

## **IV. National Team Coordinator Ron Brant presented his report.**

Ron is now Coordinator for both the Junior and Senior National Teams; our program is now more unified than at any time.

## **V. Russ Fystrom presented a report on the new Board of Directors for USAG and its impact.**

1. Peter Vidmar is the Chairman of the Board of Directors
2. The Tyson sponsored programs continue and are showing success
3. The kinks have been worked out on the Background Checks. No excuses and no exceptions.

## **VI. Steve Butcher presented a report on the FIG Men's Technical Committee.**

1. Version 5 of the FIG Code of Points will be completed and released as the final version.
2. Steve is the Secretary of the FIG/MTC

#### **VII. Winter Cup Challenge and National Team Selection**

Petitions were received from all 6 members of the Olympic Team requesting to be placed on the National Team at the 2009 Winter Cup Challenge. The MPC handled each petition individually.

- 1) **Motion: Accept the petition of Alexander Artemov**  
**Motion: Jay Thornton**  
**Second: Barry Weiner**  
**PASSED: Unanimously**
  
- 2) **Motion: Accept the petition of Raj Bhavsar**  
**Motion: Jay Thornton**  
**Second: Steve Butcher**  
**PASSED: Unanimously**
  
- 3) **Motion: Accept the petition of Joseph Hagerty**  
**Motion: Yoichi Tomita**  
**Second: Bill Foster**  
**PASSED: Unanimously**
  
- 4) **Motion: Accept the petition of Jonathan Horton**  
**Motion: Jay Thornton**  
**Second: Yoichi Tomita**  
**PASSED: Unanimously**
  
- 5) **Motion: Accept the petition of Justin Spring**  
**Motion: Yoichi Tomita**  
**Second: Barry Weiner**  
**PASSED: Unanimously**
  
- 6) **Motion: Accept the petition of Kevin Tan**  
**Motion: Russ Fystrom**  
**Second: Bill Foster**  
**PASSED: Unanimously**

There was extensive discussion of the MPC decision to allow the Men's National Team Coordinator to select the 15<sup>th</sup> member of the National Team. It was agreed that no change is appropriate until we have had some time to see the results of this process.

There was extensive discussion of a possible Spring Tour and its effects upon athlete preparation for USAG events. It was noted that the MPC may, at any time, review a National Team Member's compliance with the National Team Agreement and take appropriate action within the constraints of that agreement.

**VIII. The meeting was suspended at 11:45 am, PST, for a break.**

**IX. The meeting reconvened at 12:05 PST**

**X. Discussion of the Spring/Summer Competition Schedule**

Team meets available and will be emphasized this year

There are 3 World Cup Events available.

Jonathan Horton and David Sender will attend the American Cup

There was extensive discussion about the World University Games, past problems with our participation, and the conflict with a major team event in Japan in 2009.

**Motion: Support the World University Games as a self-funded event, with a selection procedure to be developed later.**

**Motion: Russ Fystrom**

**Second: Jay Thornton**

**PASSED: Unanimously**

**XI. 2009 National Qualifier**

**Motion: The National Qualifier will be on July 11, 2009 and held at the USOTC**

**Motion: Yoichi Tomita**

**Second: Barry Weiner**

**PASSED: Unanimously**

There will be approximately 42 gymnasts in the Senior Competition at the 2009 VISA Championships. Slight deviations from 42 would be due to petitions and the qualification of some specialists.

Discussion of using a 20 point system for the selection of the National Team

Discussion about adjusting the rules to encourage the development of new, higher level skills.

**XII. Adjournment**

**Motion: To Adjourn at 1:30 am PST**

**Motion: Steve Butcher**

**Second: Barry Weiner**

**PASSED: Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted by Bill Foster, Junior Coaches Representative

Approved by: Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

Approved by: Steve Penny, USAG President