

Texas NAWGJ Committee

February 7, 2023

Conference Call

Board Members Present:

Bonnie Crawford (SJD)
Jack Dunlop (District 1 Assigner)
Denise Coats-Lauriat (District 2/3 High School)
Amy Heidel (District 2/3 Assigner)
Kevin Freeman (District 2/3 Assigner)
Stephanie Bell-Turner (District 4/7 Assigner)
Erika Franklin (District 5/6 Assigner)
Jennifer Porter (Secretary)
Tracy Brewer (Event Coordinator)
Tiffany Schwartz (Treasurer)



Call to Order: Bonnie Crawford 8:30pm

Approval of last meeting minutes.

MOTION: To accept the minutes from the last meeting

Motion: Jack Dunlop

2nd: Tracy Brewer

PASSED

OfficerStatus Updates:

We have several new judges, which is wonderful, but we have A LOT of gymnastics too. As always, getting the meets filled with qualified judges has proved challenging this year. We want to continue to encourage the coaches to get their judges requests in early. Also, let's work together to encourage athletes, parents, and others involved in the sport to take interest in judging. We have offered & provided 7 judges exams as of date as well as 4 new judge orientations.

The more information, the better! We are doing everything possible to send frequent news blasts and monthly newsletters. Judges must do their part to keep their information and availability up to date.

Jingle Bell Clinic/Critique/Testing:

This fun & festive event was a great success! 30 judges participated and it provided great practice for the judges, athletes and coaches. The goal will be to improve the skill evaluation process and increase the participation numbers for next year. We discussed charging a small fee next year to help offset some expenses. This event is a great opportunity to receive 3 CPE credits as well.

National Judges Cup; Denton, TX:

Team Texas WON! Congratulations to the well deserving athletes, their coaches and those who helped to make such a wonderful experience for all involved.

Texas Judges Cups 2023: Date TBA

West Texas Judges Cup - location will be up for bid
San Antonio - Powerhouse TNT
DFW Area - Classic
Houston - WGA

New Judge Practice Requirements:

We previously had significant discussion on coming up with a more formalized process for practice judging requirements. We have developed a form to be used for documenting the various options for practice judging prior to being assigned an official meet. A fillable form will be available on the TXNAWGJ website.

MOTION: To approve the form to be used in documenting practice judging requirements.

Motion: Jennifer Porter

2nd: Denise Coats-Lauriat

PASSED

Xcel Xtravaganza: This event was held January 13-16 at the Waco Convention Center

There were 30 less participants than last year and we were still able to clear all of the expenses. This is a win!

State Committee Elections in 2023:

- Election timeline:
- 1) 2023-06-01 SJD sends letters to eligible candidates
- 2) 2023-06-15 Candidates applications are due to the RJD
- 3) 2023-07-01 Begin voting for online elections
- 4) 2023-07-15 End voting for online elections
- 5) 2023-08-01 Assume office
- All current SC members are eligible to rerun:
- Term limit: three 2-year terms
- Regardless of committee role/position
- Term limits began with the 2019-2021 term 1. 2019-2021 2. 2021-2023 3. 2023-2025
- Approve the addition of new state committee positions
- Approve job description letter to RJD

There is already some interest in adding an educational position; ethics coordinator and Performance Improvement Program coordinator (PIP) to the committee. Keep watch for details as the current positions come to an end and elections are beginning.

Education/Clinics Coming this summer:

Region 3/4 Congress (combined) June 16-17, 2023 in Cedar Rapids, IA

2023 National NAWGJ Symposium July 13-15, 2023 in Grand Rapids Michigan

GAT September 1-3, 2023 in Austin, TX

NEW:

The rules for college club NAIGC have been updated. If you are judging these competitions, know the new rules & be prepared.

TAFF will be requesting either 8 judges or 5 (with one being a meet referee).

MOTION: To adjourn 9:53pm

Motion: Erika Franklin

Motion: 2nd: Jack Dunlop

PASSED

Submitted by: Jennifer Porter