

Texas NAWGJ Committee

November 15, 2022

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)
Becky Smith (*invited guest VP Girls THSGCA)



Call to Order: Bonnie Crawford 8:30pm

High School Fee Structure & High School Meet Clarifications:

Becky describes and clarified some confusion on the new high school fee structure. It aligns with what UIL does.

- If a judge is cancelled within 2 weeks of a meet, a fee of 2 hours pay is due to the judge according to the terms of the contract. Extenuating circumstances, such as weather, can waive the payment on a case-by-case basis. Simply reducing the number of judges at the last minute will not waive the fee.
- Schools should provide a school map (even hand drawn) indicating the location of the competition gym to Bonnie. She will compile a list and distribute to the judges. Newer judges are not always familiar with some of the larger campuses and the gym/parking locations.
- We're seeing a resurgence of schools that aren't paying our judges. I think it's reasonable to wait a cycle, or maybe even two cycles (a cycle often is one month for a school district), but if it's been an unreasonable amount of time (>2 cycles), we may consider not assigning judges to future meets until the matter is cleared.

Approval of last meeting minutes.

MOTION: To accept the minutes from the last meeting

Motion: Jack Dunlop

2nd: Denise Coats-Lauriat

PASSED

Officer Updates:

The online gift certificate redemption has been a great transition. It is much less time consuming and convenient for all.

Assignments are always a challenge. Some weekends are more difficult than others. Judges, be sure to adjust your availability as necessary. Also as a reminder, this is a contracted "job" and all judges are expected to act professionally with one another and within the organization. New judges will be expected to complete practice judging before being assigned to meets.

Testing Opportunities through the end of the year:

All areas of the state will be offering testing opportunities as needed. Check the calendar for a date and location near you.

2022-12-03 Jingle Bell clinic, FEW, Euless (3 registered)

2022-12-18 Stars, Katy

2022-12-26 Lubbock

**Effective August 1, 2022, all written exams will be online, but the practical exams w

Budget Proposal for 2023

Texas Judges Cup comparisons year over year

Jingle Bell Clinic/Critique/Test

December 3, 2022 in North Texas @ FEW

CPE eligible for 3 hours; Lunch is included

The morning clinic will offer LIVE routines for levels 6-10. There will be 5 for each event followed by discussion/comments. It will be structured and a great opportunity to practice before the Spring season.

Critique is \$50/athlete - 2 Judges

This is fun and festive event for all judges and testing will also be available.

Formal New Judge Practice Judging Requirements:

We spent a significant amount of time discussing options, practicality and implementation of the following 4 options.

Options:

- **Traditional** ▪ Attend live session ▪ Sit near panel at each event (rotate events) ▪ Discuss with judges as feasible
- **Online practice session** ▪ 2-3 hours per event
- :30 rule review ▪ 1:30 – 2:30 judge ▪ 7 – 11.5 minutes per routine ▪ 13 routines (published on NAWGJ website with scores)
- **Happy hour** – 10 routines ▪ Advanced preparation ▪ Randomly assign attendees to present
- **Education mentor sit in stands** ▪ Paid education mentor in stands ▪ Field questions ▪ Discuss important points ▪ Obtain sign off o Create form ▪ Submit to SJD o Advise assigner ▪ Required before assignment to new level ▪ Effective date? Immediately?

MOTION: To use the 4 available options as practice judging a minimum of 1.5 hours per event for newly tested compulsory judges prior to being assigned to judge.

Motion: Jack Dunlop

2nd: Jennifer Porter

PASSED

National Judges Cup

We are excited to have Team Texas compete on Saturday evening. All judges are encouraged to volunteer at this special event.

Hosted by the Friends of Achievers • Embassy Suites in Denton

Patty J. Shipman Level 7 Team State Challenge

Xcel Xtravaganza: January 13-16 @ Waco Convention Center

Theme: Neon

Venue: Waco Convention Center

Gate fees: \$10 adults & \$5 for kids

Registrations to date (2022-11-14) – deadline 2022-12-23:

DEV and Xcel 2022: 6 teams; 110 athletes GSC still pending registration

2021: 13 teams; 230 athletes

A&T - 2022: 1 team; 41 athletes

-2021: 2 teams; 63 athletes

Volunteer Opportunities:

There are MULTIPLE opportunities to volunteer in Texas and within the region. There are so many ways to earn CPE credit and to help out in a meet or clinic situation.

Elections State Committee composition 2023-2025:

Election:

- 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

2023 National NAWGJ Symposium

July 13-15, 2023 in Grand Rapids Michigan

Hotel rates are currently \$159.00/night

Super Early Bird \$215.25 2023-03-01

MOTION: To adjourn 10:47pm

Motion: Erika Franklin

Motion: 2nd: Stephanie Bell-Turner

PASSED

Submitted by: Jennifer Porter