

Men's Development Program Committee Meeting
Conference Call via Zoom
Wednesday, May 25th, 2022

The session was called to order, Wednesday, May 25th, 2022 @ 12:00 PM EST, by David Klein, Chair, MDPC.

A. Opening Remarks

B. Roll Call

MDPC Chairman: David Klein

Region 1: Adam Lomax

Region 2: Eli Richardson (Interim until 2024)

Region 3: Jerit Pogue

Region 4: Dale Bullivant

Region 5: Kevin Chope (Interim until 2024)

Region 6: Daniel Young (Not present)

Region 7: Rich Pulsfort

Region 8: Kevin White (Not present)

Region 9: Mark Bogoger

Men's Program Manager: Lisa Mendel

VP Men's Gymnastics: Jason Woodnick

Junior National Coaching Staff Representative: Tom Meadows

MPC Representative: Mike Serra

MPC Representative: Sergei Pakanich

NGJA Representative: Peter Wieging

High Performance Director: Brett McClure (Not present)

Development Program High Performance Coordinator: Raj Bhavsar

11 Voting members

C. Approval of Last Minutes

- Feb 1st, 2022: Unanimous Approval
- March 3rd, 2022: Unanimous Approval

D. National Office Reports

1. Eastern/Western Nationals: Successful events in both locations

- Perhaps reevaluate the entry fees for the Eastern/Western Nationals. Be sure to analyze the profit loss statements for these competitions to justify costs.
- Awards should be the same at each championship and mirror MDP Nationals.
- Eastern and Western should be as similar to each other as possible but some flexibility to allow meet hosts to make decisions that make the event as successful as possible.

- Apparel for this event was discussed as compared to MDP Nationals.

a. Eastern/ Western 2023 Locations:

- Westerns – Galveston, TX
- Easterns - Fort Lauderdale, FL

b. Adding a Gym ACT Session to Easterns and Westerns

- The GymACT session at MDP Nationals was successful.
- 14 teams next year mean there will need to be a qualifying process to the Championships.
- Discussion regarding a GymAct session at Eastern/Westerns.

Discussion Points:

- We need to see a more definitive proposal, i.e. number of teams, format, scheduling, judging, director of session. All logistical things need to be planned out ahead of time.
- This is a perfect opportunity to show the Development Program athletes what is available to them in the future.
- The MDPC supports this idea and is requesting a more detailed proposal for implementation into Eastern/Westerns.

c. 2024 Bids for Eastern/Westerns:

- **Eastern:** No bids as of this meeting.
- **Western:** One bid submitted from Galveston.
- We are trying to get bids two years out. USAG made edits to the bid packet and has recirculated for 2024 bids.

2. 2022 Development Nationals Report

- Great event. Beautiful facility.
- The timing and overall presentation of the service awards needs to be reviewed.
- Medical staff was amazing.
- Thank you to Kevin Chope for the amazing work he did. Need to have more floor mangers to ease the burden.
- Adjust the regional training times to reflect the time zone changes that athletes are used to.
- Discussed awards being done off the competition floor to allow sessions to begin/finish earlier.

3. MDPC Fall meeting 2022 weekend:

- This is not a summit. Thursday night arrival. Friday and Saturday meetings. Depart Sunday.
- **[Added after: The official meeting weekend is August 26th & 27th. The meeting will be held on Zoom.]**

- Can this be rescheduled to mid-June in 2023? Might be better to anticipate changes to rules. Is June too soon after MDP Nationals? Could be conflicts with camps in June.
- Live is preferred.
- State and Chairman Summit should also be in June.
- Perhaps have meeting in conjunction with a camp or other event.

4. NGJA Liaison Report

a. Newsletter:

- The purpose is to Inform the community in a consistent way as to rule interpretations. It should also appear in the R&P in some form.
- Have to make a distinction between making rules interpretations and rule changes. The newsletter should be for when there is a discrepancy between the FIG rules and the Junior rules.
- Peter, Raj, Mike, Jerit & Dave can have a discussion regarding interpretations and then post them.
- Rules determinations should go to the MDPC

b. Judge's Fee Template Review:

- This needs to be reviewed every two years. Not all of the templates from the various judging associations are updated.
- The judging fees template is mandated. Every judging association must be using this template.
- The only changes to the template are the figures that can be altered by each judging association.

c. R & P Verbiage Concerning Judging Assignments:

- Who gets to make the final decision as to who determines who can judge a state championships or local event?
- This should be a collaborative effort. The judge's association does not necessarily have the authority to tell a meet host which judge they can use.
- Peter: No local association should dictate to a meet host who the judges should be. The meet host is the one financially responsible. State chairman is not necessarily supposed to be involved.
- The fees template is for the invitationals and local meets. State and regionals can determine their own fees.

Misc.:

- Jr. Technical Director is now the Junior Development Director: elections will be occurring soon
- Can we get all judges on the same page prior to nationals? Taking two panels and combining them for a team awards is an issue if the panels aren't judging consistently. The 18 & 19 years compared to the 16 & 17-year-old panels were not quite the same.

E. Special Orders

1. Frank Cumiskey Award:

- Ben Fox nominated by Jerit Pogue.
- Nominees will be considered at the Fall meeting.

F. New Business

1. National Scholarship Foundation Update: Committee will meet sometime in July. Currently there are 17 applications. \$92,000 collected through February, not including the championship meets. Donation was increased from \$1 - \$3 in 2021. Final amount collected should be close to \$120,000+

2. Dusty Ritter Service Award - Nomination Process:

- The criteria surrounding this award was discussed. Nomination process, voting process and qualification process. The national office will recommend this criterion to the MDPC, defined and put in the R & P.

3. MDPC Athlete Rep Nominations:

- Received only two athlete representatives as of now.
- Must have everyone in place as of September meeting.
- We need 5 athlete representatives.
- Nominations until the end of June.
- The MDPC charter is online so look at the criteria

4. Regional Chairman Election Results

- 3, 4, 7, 8 & 9 had their elections this year with no changes.
- Jeff Crockett stepped down as the Region 2 Chair. Eli Richardson has been named interim Chair.
- 1, 2, 5, 6 are voting in 2024

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Motion to adjourn:

Kevin Chope

Tom Meadows

David A Klein

David A Klein June 29th, 2022
MDPC Chairman

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by Daniel E. Young, Sc.D., MDPC Secretary