

# MD NAWGJ STATE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES-FINAL

Location: zoom

Date: 8.3.23

Time: 7:00pm

Facilitator: Jane Flynn

Start Time: 7:02 pm

Roll Call: All Committee Members Present

Jane Flynn (State Judging Director), Carol Boyer (CPE/Hospitality), Cynthia Dunn (Assigner) Beth Bejeck (Financial Assist/Secretary), Tony Eusini (Judges Cup Director), Myra Elfenbein (Level 7 Team and Educational Clinics), Linda Herrell (Assistant Assigner), Alicia Zois (Website/Google), Sara McShane (Mentorship Coordinator), Ricky Stakem (High School Assigner/College Gymnastics Liaison), Luanne McKenna (At large Committee Member-Non Voting), Betsy Johnston (At large Committee Member-Non Voting)

## **Agenda Items**

- 7:00-7:15** Welcome - Introduction of State Committee by SJD- Jane Flynn  
The SJD presides over all board positions.  
USAG New Positions: (These are required by NAWGJ)
1. Assigner
  2. Financial Assistant
- Jane Flynn discussed our mission statement:  
MDNAWGJ is aligning our goals with the NAWGJ mission statement.

**7:15 Assigner Presentation and Discussion** by Cynthia Dunn

Presentation: Requesting Officials

What's New?

1. Updates Governing documents (USAG and NAWGJ)
2. Expanded MDNAWGJ State Committee Positions

### 3. Gymjas Standardized process to request officials

Meet Directors will now have the responsibility of electronically requesting officials for their meets through a standardized process. Gymjas training was provided to Meet Directors/Coaches on how to request judges by creating a new Meet Request Form, which complies with USAG.

The Assigner is the Project Manager. Assigns judges/events for each meet. Communication and paperwork 2 weeks in advance.

Meet Directors may request specific judges by name or ratings.

Meet Directors- Minimum of 14 days notice required for amendments/cancellation of officials. (2 hour honorarium)

**Bonnie Synol (NAWGJ, Region7, Regional Judging Director)** Joined meeting to welcome all committee members.

**7:30 -8:00** Marcy Blitz, PA Judge, created and donated a new Logo for website.

Jane Flynn received authorization from RJD to pursue website creator. Two proposals and W9's were received. One bid was for \$12,000, and the other was \$2,757.30. Bid awarded to D2 Strategies. Our 501(3) c requires transparency on a public platform.

Motion: To Reimburse Jane Flynn \$1,378.65 for Deposit on Website (Total Cost is \$2,757.30)

2nd: Carol Boyer

Vote: Passed. Unanimous

Jane Flynn/ Donnie Calderone

Motion: To pay balance of \$1378.65 to D2 Strategies for Website.

2nd: Myra Elfenbein

Vote: Passed. Unanimous

Website Reveal by: Donnie Calderone/ D2 Strategies

All Committee members were delighted with the functionality of the website.

Link to Demo site is: <https://demo-d2s.com/>

Recommended: "The Essentials", a small monthly maintenance plan for website \$79/month through D2 Strategies. (will supply written proposal)

**HOMEWORK:** Committee members requested to send Bio, a few short sentences, to Jane by AUGUST 11.

**8:00 -8:30** Maryland Judges Cup - An Informal vote was taken at NAWGJ National Symposium (recommendation of RJD).

Date: November 11-12, 2023

Location: Thrive Gymnastics (We are not paying a fee for facility)

Theme: 4 Perfect 10's Celebrating 40 Years of the MD Judges Invitational (Judges-red)

Format of meet: Scoring and critique

Scoring: Donated by Sportsworx; as well as logo design.

Concessions: Thrive

50% Door proceeds to split between Thrive and MDNAWGJ

Tony Eusini will provide updates for website. Alicia Zois will be admin person.

LuAnne will work on a draft for Critique Cards. Head Judge will fill out card. Vault- IPAD review on repulsion angle. Other 3 events: 3 corrections, and a positive comment, Footwork/posture/execution.. A 3rd Judge will quickly review comments with gymnast and coach.

Spirit of Athlete Award: come back, something special

Subcommittee Judges Cup Meeting with: Tony/Betsy/Alicia/Jane/LuAnne (Betsy-Awards/Blingy and Leos)

Subcommittee will present ideas (what to give judges/amount we're spending) at next Committee meeting.

ex. NAWGJ Yearly fees paid, how much does judge have to volunteer

Costs: Renting Chairs (maybe \$800?)

Gifts for: Athletes/Coaches/Judges, not exceeding \$13 each? (shoelaces?)

Discussion of Level 7 team

Recommendation to send 3 MD NAWGJ judges to assist at National Judges Cup (SJD , Level 7 team Coordinator, other TBD).

Recommendation to send 2 full teams.

**(This item was not discussed at the Committee Meeting)**

**8:30- 8:45** Clinics , Level 7 /8 practical clinic date and time. Additional clinics  
Myra Efenbein (Zoom Clinic on September 20th)  
September 18th Linda Johnson- Annual Meeting@ Win Win  
(1 hour for 1 CPE credit- Register through USAG)

**8:45-9:00** CPE Update: Carol Boyer  
Annual CPE Accreditation submitted July 30 to: Beth Renwick (State  
Chair), Bonnie Synol (Region 7), and Connie Maloney (USAG National  
Office).

Out of 47 Judges in MD, only 3 left to complete CPEs.

Prior To Adjournment:

1. Create MD NAWGJ State Committee Meeting Calendar.  
September 11th 7pm Zoom Meeting  
October 12th 7pm Zoom Meeting  
November 2nd 7 pm Zoom Meeting  
Provide discussion topics for next meeting to include: General  
Meeting September 18. 2023 7pm  
Committee Members: Arrive at 6:30 pm
2. Meet Referee Responsibilities: (will have checklist, and attend  
coaches meeting)
3. Pay increase \$1.00 all levels (Judges will start practice judging the  
30 minutes before meet begins)
4. USAG Rules and policies compliance
5. Mitigation form NAWGJ
6. Use of material form USAG
7. Mentorship program: Sara McShane
8. High School/College update: Ricky Stakem
9. Financial Review Jane Flynn/Beth Bejeck
10. Approved style of payment reimbursement to membership for  
education expenses. (No Venmo/not approved, either Stripe,  
Square, or pay by check)
11. Website update and How to submit updates to Alicia Zois  
Motion: To purchase a computer for Jane Flynn, Dell Computer,  
Budget not to exceed \$1,500.

2nd: Tony Eusini Vote: Passed. Unanimous

**9:00** Meeting Adjourned

