

# MD NAWGJ STATE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

(Final)

|              |            |  |
|--------------|------------|--|
| Location:    | zoom       |  |
| Date:        | 05.02.2024 |  |
| Time:        | 7:00pm     |  |
| Facilitator: | Jane Flynn |  |

## Agenda Items

|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Start Time: 7:00</b> | <p><u>Roll Call:</u> <b>Jane Flynn</b> (State Judging Director), <b>Carol Boyer</b> (CPE/Hospitality), <b>Cynthia Dunn</b>(Assigner), <b>Beth Bejeck</b> (Financial Assist/Secretary), <b>Tony Eusini</b> (Judges Cup Director), <b>Myra Elfenbein</b> (Level 7 Team and Educational Clinics), <b>Linda Herrell</b> (Assistant Assigner), <b>Alicia Zois</b> (Website/Google) , <b>Sara McShane</b> (Mentorship Coordinator), <b>Ricky Stakem</b> (High School Assigner/College Gymnastics Liaison), <b>Luanne McKenna</b> (At large Committee Member-Non Voting), <b>Betsy Johnston</b> (At large Committee Member-Non Voting)</p> <p><u>Absent:</u> Betsy Johnston, Luanne McKenna</p> <p><b>Welcome:</b> Jane Flynn</p> <p>Review of Judging Year-</p> <p>Good communication with coaches/athletes</p> <p>Understanding Gymjas</p> <p>Mentorship Program- Sara McShane (Virginia is using our program)</p> <p>Assigning- Overall, big success- Cynthia Dunn</p> <p>Hospitality- Great job- Carol Boyer</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Approval of Last Committee Minutes (11.14.23)</p> <p>Motion: Linda Herrell</p> <p>2nd: Ricky Stakem</p> <p>Vote: Yes.</p> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**Assigning:** Cynthia Dunn/ Jane Flynn

Cynthia presented a document titled “Assigning Update”.

Suggested to have Report Time and End Time on assignment email, especially for State meets. Requested from Meet Director in pre-meet questionnaire when a new meet request is added in Gymjas

Discussion concerning: how many meets to have on a weekend/ historic meets on a weekend/ What is the priority?

Sub Committee was formed:

**Committee to Establish Calendar Guidelines for Requesting Meets**

Jane Flynn

Myra Elfenbein

Tony Eusini

Cynthia Dunn

Alicia Zois

Tentative Meeting Friday May 3rd 8:30 pm

**Seniority:** Jane Flynn (Create Policy/Discussion/Vote)

The term “seniority” is no longer used by USAG or NAWGJ . This is how we assign judges for local USAG meets: The Priority for the assigners after August 1 of each year:

1. Assign properly rated judges
  - a) 1st- those who have completed annual CPE requirements  
(see Rules and Policies p. 34)

MDNAWGJ State committee will follow USAG R&P and NAWGJ Assigning Best Practices. .

We promote: experience, proper rating, communication skills, and handling inquiries, by those actively judging at the appropriate level.

Motion: The Board will publish USAG Rules and Policies Assigning Criteria for Selection of Judges and NAWGJ Assigning Best Practices to local competitions.

Motion: Ricky Stakem

2nd: Myra Elfenbein

Vote: Yes

Discussion to distribute our full membership list at our yearly meeting. Suggested to recognize 10 years of service, and new members.

**Event Assignments:** Cynthia Dunn (Create Policy/Discussion/Vote)

Lots of discussion/options , such as staying on the same event all day and staying on the same panel all day.

Jane mentioned that we received a lot of compliments on our judging consistency from coaches this year.

**Hotel:** Linda Herrell (Create Policy/Discussion/Vote)

Some questions this year regarding when judges can/cannot request a room when judging at a meet.

**Motion:** If a judge has to leave home before 7am, or arrive home at 10pm or later, they can request a hotel room. (mileage and weather will also be considered).

Motion: Carol Boyer

2nd: Tony Eusini

Vote: Yes

**Judges Cup:** Jane Flynn/ Tony Eusini

Review of Judges Cup finances from 2023.

Meet: Nov 9-10 back at Thrive/ same format/ potentially 3 days

Instagram account established for Region\_7\_mdnewgj. Send Instagram account ID to Tony.

Same t-shirt lady: yes, and t-shirts for judges: yes

Discussion on Theme, decided: **Stir Up a 10**

Thrive: Half of door receipts

Flyer out: Soon

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn-Annapolis \$119

Sportsworx- Alicia will put together a proposal

**High School Update:** Ricky Stakem

Good season! Trying to keep league (of 7 schools) in existence. A lot of interest from parents and kids. Tried to get an assigning company to make payment to judges. However, MD-NAWGJ will have to continue to accept payments from the schools, send checks to participating judges, and start sending out year-end 1099s.

**Mentorship Program Update:** Sara McShane

12 Mentors signed up

Thanked everyone for helping new judges; special thanks to Tony Eusini!

Survey: New judges found the Checklist very helpful

Maybe some additional structure next year; including possible monthly meetings with mentor, defined written goals, schedule. Work out mentorship season start/end time and educate on logistics of completed paperwork

**Additional Topics:** Board Members

Myra: Educational Programs

L8 Regionals Super Team- would like to take this up a notch next year, athletes with t-shirts, gear from Maryland etc...

The National Judges Cup is January 3-5, 2025 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Jane: **Testing Update:**

L7/8 Test - October

L9/10 Test- January

**Motion:** To Reimburse Linda Herrell, Assistant Assigner, for 25% of her phone bill.

Motion: Ricky Stakem

2nd: Cynthia Dunn

Vote: Yes

Question on collecting assigning fees, and when is that done? That will be on the back burner for now, need to get other information out first.

**Review of Q1 Financials-** Jane Flynn

**Meeting Adjourned 9:32**

