

Men's Program Committee Conference Call Minutes

May 17, 2004

Conference call began at 9:05 PDT by Chair Yoichi Tomita.

I. Roll Call

Members Present:

Yoichi Tomita, MPC Chair & Vice Chair for Men

Steve Butcher, MPC Secretary & Jr. Coaches Rep.

George Beckstead, FIG Rep. (absent)

Kurt Golder, Sr. Coaches Rep.

Miles Avery, Sr. Coaches Rep. (absent)

Bill Foster, Jr. Coaches Rep.

Jay Thornton, Athlete Rep.

John Roethlisberger, Athlete Rep.

II. Non-Citizen Petitions

Two foreign athletes who finished among the athletes that qualified to the U.S. Championships in the Class II Division at J.O. Nationals are requesting to participate in the 2004 U.S. Championships - exhibition only. If approved, they would not displace any U.S. citizen's participation in the competition:

Gregory Ter-Zakhariants – Demaray's

Nikolai Korepanov – Gym Force

Motion: To permit Nikolai Korepanov to participate in the 2004 U.S. Championships in the 14-15 junior division, exhibition only.

Motion: Jay Thornton

2nd: John Roethlisberger

PASSED: Unanimously

Motion: To permit Gregory Ter-Zakhariants to participate in the 2004 U.S. Championships in the 14-15 junior division, exhibition only.

Motion: Jay Thornton

2nd: John Roethlisberger

PASSED: Unanimously

III. Non-Citizen Petitioning Policy

Motion: A non-citizen gymnast must obtain a Permanent Resident Card in order to petition for participation in the Winter Cup Challenge, the Qualifier, or U.S. Championships. If the petition is approved, this athlete can only participate as exhibition only and can not displace a U.S. citizen in any of these competitions. This policy becomes effective after the 2004 U.S. Championships.

Motion: John Roethlisberger
2nd: Kurt Golder
PASSED: Unanimously

IV. New Business

The next meeting of the Men's Program Committee will be on Thursday June 3, at 12:00 p.m. The site is to be announced.

V. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn at 9:35am PDT

Motion: Yoichi Tomita
2nd: Steve Butcher
PASSED: Unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Steve Butcher, MPC Secretary

Approved by: _____
Ron Galimore, Senior Director, USAG Men's Program

Approved by: _____
Bob Colarossi, USAG President