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)
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