Men’s Program Committee Meeting – Winter Cup Challenge
February 16, 2018

Mike Serra called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM MST

I. Roll Call

Members Present:
Mike Serra Interim - Chairman MPC
Open Position Junior Coaches’ Representative, MPC Secretary
Steven Legendre USAG Board of Directors Men’s Representative
Sho Nakamori Athletes’ Representative
Randy Jepson Senior Coaches’ Representative
Mark Williams Senior Coaches’ Representative
Sergei Pakanich Junior Coaches’ Representative

Members Not Present:
Mike Juszczyk NGJA Liaison (Voice, no vote)

Present, Not Voting:
Brett McClure High Performance Director
Dennis McIntyre Vice President of Men’s Program
Ron Galimore COO USA Gymnastics

Dennis McIntyre served as MPC Secretary for the meeting.

II. Reports

- Office – Kerry Perry will meet with MPC members, coaches and officials on Saturday to give brief update on USA Gymnastics and answer questions
- High Performance Director - National team and elite athletes had a great first day of competition at Winter Cup. Communication and input from national team members is improving and plans are moving forward for spring events.
- Senior representatives – concerted effort to improve communication with senior coaches and get feedback on program activities
- Jr team program is evolving with efforts on competition preparation and accountability. Current emphasis in increasing start values is showing progress.
- NGJA – good cooperation between NGJA, High Performance Director and community in relation to event preparation, education and review. The move toward simplification of rules in the JO program is much appreciated by the judges.
- Athlete representatives: recently reached out to the national team members as a general check on everyone’s condition and invite feedback on any issues or suggestions. One team athlete submitted some national team program refinements for consideration which were shared with the MPC.

III. Calendar

The men’s program calendar for 2019 and 2020 were reviewed. There are quite a few factors dictated by the international events schedule which will have to be considered for domestic event planning, athlete selection and selection procedure for both years. Of particular concern is the relatively short time between the Pan American Games, the U.S. Championships and World Championships in 2019. The World Cup series events must also be carefully considered given their impact on Olympic Games qualification.
IV. Selection Procedures Overview
As a first step in developing the selection procedures for the 2019 Pan American Games and the 2020 Olympic Games, an overview of both events, along with event format and qualification details was reviewed by the MPC. The overview will be used to compile draft selection procedures for both events for future action by the MPC.

V. 2018 World Championships update
- The 2018 World Championships selection procedures have not yet been approved due to the changes with the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors. An overview of the procedures will be prepared and distributed pending final approval of the selection procedures document.
- The equipment which will be used for the 2018 World Championships has still not been announced by the FIG.
- A possible site visit to Doha for the World Championships venue, hotels, etc. may be included as part of Doha World Cup event in March.

VI. Judges Duties Document
The Judges Duties document adopted by the MPC in 2012 was reviewed. Other than minor edits for consistency and updating of official titles, no changes will be made. The updated document will be distributed to the MPC for final review.

VII. 2018 Winter Cup review
A brief update on the meet after one day of competition along with reminder of MPC meeting following the Winter Cup Finals to finalize the national team roster.

VIII. New Business
A. Election of MPC Chairmen to fill interim vacancy

Motion: To name Mike Serra to the position of MPC Chairmen to fill the interim position.

Motion: Sergei Pakanich
Second: Mark Williams
PASSED: Unanimously

Motion: To name Sho Nakamori to the position of MPC Secretary.

Motion: Randy Jepson
Second: Sergei Pakanich
PASSED: Unanimously

B. Interim position on MPC – USA Gymnastics Board of Directors position
Tabled pending review of potential changes to the position by the interim USA Gymnastics Board of Directors.

C. Athlete Representatives
Some discussion on how to best address the conflict between the Deborah Daniels recommendations and the USOC By-law requirements regarding athlete representation on standing committees, special committees and selection committees in relation to insuring athlete advocacy, communication and wellness. Suggested split of assigned duties within athlete representatives (i.e. advocacy vs. selection committee) will take further consideration by all disciplines and Athlete’s Council.
D. 2021-2024 FIG World Championships/Olympic Games Format
Ron Galimore, who is the President of the FIG Competition Committee reviewed potential format changes to the World Championships and Olympic Games for the 2012 – 2024 quad. Some of the formats being considered are a split of the Individual Event and Team World Championships into two separate events and a move to a 5-man team + 1 at the Olympic Games. Many details and questions must be addressed as the FIG committee moves forward with planning.

Motion: To Adjourn 4:10 PM MST

Motion: Randy Jepson
Second: Sergei Pakanich
PASSED: Unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Dennis McIntyre, Vice President of Men’s Program