Men’s Program Committee Meeting Minutes  
Kansas City, MO  

August 9, 2019  
Mike Serra called the meeting to order at 1:06pm EST  

Roll Call:  

Members Present:  
Mike Serra –Chairman/Junior Coaches Representatives  
Sho Nakamori – Athlete Representative/MPC Secretary  
Sergei Pakanich – Junior Coaches Representative  
Randy Jepson – Senior Coaches Representative  
Karl Ziehn – Senior Coaches Representative  

Members Not Present:  
Steve Legendre – Athlete Representative  
* Special Note: Steve submitted his resignation from the MPC to Mike Serra and Dennis McIntyre July 17. The athlete council/men’s national team members will be tasked with replacing his position on the MPC.  

Present, Not Voting:  
Dennis McIntyre – Vice President, Men’s Program  
Brett McClure – High Performance Director  
Dusty Ritter – Men’s JO Program Coordinator  
Mike Juszczyk – NGJA Representative (Voice, no vote)  

I. VP report  
   a. 2019-2020 event calendar for the Men’s Program is now posted on the USAG website  
   b. Members of the 2019 Pan American Games team will be in consideration for World and National Team selection as outlined in the selection procedures. The first set of routines of the Pan American Games members were judged by the same panels at USAs following the first day of competition. The same will be done following the second day. Dennis inputted the scores into a spreadsheet and will be used as one of the selection criteria.  
   c. National Team Members will be wearing Team USA/Nike apparel at upcoming international events  
   d. Senoh Olympic Games equipment has been ordered and will arrive in late October or early November in preparation for the Olympic Games. In addition, the plan is to supply each program which places an athlete on the Olympic team with a set of pommel horse handles and a vault board to be used at personal gyms in preparation for the Olympic Games
II. High Performance Director report
   a. Brett gave an overview of the National Team’s trip to Japan. The camp proved to be extremely successful. Minimum of 2 days were scheduled for routines. Physiology expert came on the trip as well and ran various tests to see how athletes respond to travel. Valuable data were collected which will be extremely helpful in preparing the athletes for the Olympic Games.
   b. Pan American Games team performed well. Second to Brazil’s A-team was a great accomplishment.

III. JO Program Director Report
   a. Dusty gave an in-depth review of the Junior World Championship. The city of Gyor did a tremendous job in hosting the first ever Jr Worlds. Dusty believes it was an incredible upgrade to the global junior program as a whole. The event was a great learning experience for the American athletes. The FIG is planning on hosting Junior Worlds every 2 years.
   b. Dusty explained his philosophy of the new format at Junior National Team Camps. Foundation and basic building will be the emphasis of the first day of every camp in order to aid with future skill development for the athletes.
   c. There are currently 4-5 international meets scheduled per year. Dusty wants to utilize these meets more strategically to better develop the junior national team members for future success.

IV. Junior Coaches Report
   a. Mike Serra mentioned that the collaborative work that Dusty and Brett are doing has been helping in terms of streamlining the system, and the development of athletes at the grassroots level.

V. Calendar
   a. Discussion regarding calendar until the Olympics
   b. There are no Olympic implications at the 2020 Pacific Rim Championships
   c. 2020 Winter Cup Challenge to possibly have a podium for the competition

VI. Discussion to replace the 2020 Winter Cup Challenge Junior Division session with the 2020 Elite Team Cup. This would be a 2020 only solution to address that the 2020 Elite Team Cup cannot be held at the 2020 American Cup due to the change of the American Cup format necessary to address Olympic Games event qualification requirements.

Motion: The MPC authorizes the JOPC to make the final decision of whether or not to replace the Winter Cup Junior Division session with the Elite Team Cup Competition in 2020.

Motion: Randy Jepson
Second: Sergei Pakanich
Passed: Unanimously
VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 3:02pm
Motion: Sergei Pakanich
Second: Randy Jepson
Passed: Unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Sho Nakamori, Athlete Representative/MPC Secretary