USAG MPC Meeting Minutes
Las Vegas, NV
February 21, 2020

Mike Serra called the meeting to order at 11:10am pst.

Members Present:
Sergei Pakanich – Jr Coaches Representative
Mike Serra – Jr Coaches Representative
Kip Simons – Sr Coaches Representative
Randy Jepson – Sr Coaches Representative
Joseph Hagerty – Athlete Representative
Justin Spring – Board of Directors Representative – voice, no vote
Dusty Ritter – Jr Olympic Program Director – voice, no vote
Raj Bhavsar – Jr Olympic Program Assistant – voice, no vote
Brett McClure – High Performance Director – voice, no vote
Jason Woodnick – VP Mens Program – voice, no vote
Mike Juszczynk – NJGA Representative – voice, no vote

Non-members present:
Lisa Mendel – Mens program manager
Kevin White – Advisory council Board of Directors
Mike Burns – Head coach Minnesota, CGA president
Stefanie Korepin – Chief Programs Officer USAG (present for small portion of the meeting)

Members not present:
Athlete Representation: Open

Motion: Approve USA Gymnastics MPC January meeting notes

Motion: Randy Jepson
Second: Sergei Pakanich
Passed: Unanimously

Motion: To appoint Joey Hagerty as MPC secretary

Motion: Mike Serra
Second: Randy Jepson
Passed: Unanimously

Discussion: New Jr Olympic Program Assistant role and Raj’s job description and responsibilities.
Main objective to help Dusty while attending as many camps, Jr and Sr, as possible. Also, to help streamline national program objectives throughout Sr and Jr programs.
Discussion: Sergei Pakanich proposes USA uniforms for all competitors in Day 2 Winter Cup finals. Promote total team unity and atmosphere.

Discussion: Questions regarding use of Spieth equipment at the Olympic trials. Was confirmed that feedback was requested from national team and coaches for the use of the Floor exercise, Parallel Bars and Vault table and that it will be used at Olympic Trials.

Discussion: Randy Jepson proposed addition items for MPC consideration

1) Regional qualification events for Winter Cup Challenge be limited to 1 per program/athlete creating equal opportunity for all.
2) Continue to work with self-funded opportunities as a program
3) Foster better communication on distribution of MPC minutes. For example, start an email list or subscription to expedite the distribution.

Discussion: Kip Simons solicited feedback from the Sr coaches community and brought discussion items to the table

1) USAG funding for World University Games
2) Add another World Cup event in the US
3) Selection committee for the Olympic committee established and process
4) Increase size of National Team
5) Changing the competitive calendar

Dusty Ritter: Jr program report

1) Overview of first Jr World Championships and target deficiencies within the program
   a. Low start values
   b. Low execution
   c. Increase in these focus areas above at national team camps
2) 8 Camps is always the goal of the Jr program and focus on changed focus
   a. Increased by almost 2 points average start value of each national team member
   b. Inclusive process with coaches on Jr team selection, event assignments and accountability with program objectives i.e. start values

Sergei Pakanich: Program report
Discussion on Start Value bonus for inclusion on national team to balance the increase in execution deductions at domestic events.

Mike Juszczyk: Judges Report
Same panels for Winter Cup, US Championships and Olympic Trials

International event update:
1) 2020 Pacific Rim Championships
   a. Sending 6 Jrs for the 3 Sr and 3 Jr spots on the team. FIG senior age eligible junior national team members to occupy Sr spots. Nominative registrations have been approved by the JNCS and final selection after Winter Cup results.
2) 2020 Senior Pan American Championships Team
   a. Objective to earn a +1 spot to the Olympic Games
   b. Focus on AA results from Winter Cup results and relevant petitions
   c. Naming a Pan American Championships Team Squad with final selection closer to the event
3) Melbourne IE World Cup – Nedoroscik qualifies to finals
4) American Cup – Sam confirmed and Wild Card spot will be discussed and confirmed following the Day 2 results of Winter Cup
5) Baku IE World Cup – pending results from day 2 Winter Cup
6) DTB Team Challenge Cup and Stuttgart World Cup – Team confirmed and AA pending Winter Cup results
7) Doha IE World Cup – pending day 2 Winter Cup results
8) Japan World Cup – Sam confirmed following Day 1 results
9) Jurassic Classic – Recommendations have been reviewed by the JNCS and need to be approved by the MPC
10) Junior Berlin Cup – Recommendations have been reviewed by the JNCS and need to be approved by the MPC

Motion: Approve the following athletes and coaches recommendations for:

Jurassic Classic:
   Jr roster
   Landon Blixt
   Arun Chhetri
   Fredrick Richard
   Kai Uemura
   Caden Clinton
   Colin Flores – non-traveling alternate
   Sr roster
   Garrett Braunton
   Taylor Burkhart
   Fuzzy Benas
   Nick Kuebler
   Isaiah Drake – non-traveling alternate

Coaches
   Sasha Artmev, Levan Karakhanyan

Team Leader: Igor Vernyi

Jr Berlin Cup:
Roster
   Danila Leykin
   Jaden Bottarini
   Vahe Petrosyan
Jeremy Bischoff
Coaches
Sergei Pakanich, Pavel Sargsyan
Team Leader
Raj Bhavsar

Motion: Randy Jepson
Second: Kip Simons
Passed: Unanimously

Discussion: Amendment to the Olympic Selection Document. Removed 2017-2019 from literature in petition criteria

Discussion: Finalize Olympic Selection Committee. Two main points of focus included new committee members for perspective versus previous committee members for experience and consistency. Discussion and decision moved for further evaluation.

Discussion: Review of 2020 US Championships qualification. Confirmed 6 additional athletes will come from NCAA Championships outside of prequalified (28 from day 2), up to the 12th place finish AA (could be less than 6). No national qualifier this year and are we capturing enough of our athletes competitive with the field? Still petitions to consider moving forward.

Motion: Allow the two reserve athletes from Sr session and 1 Jr athlete to compete in Day 2 of Winter Cup based on extenuating circumstances

Motion: Randy Jepson
Second: Kip Simons
Passed: Unanimously
Abstained: Sergei Pakanich

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:19 pm

Motion: Randy Jepson
Second: Sergei Pakanich
Passed: Unanimously