

USA Gymnastics
Rhythmic Program Committee
Minutes
August 14, 2009
Dallas, TX

Attendees:

Natasha Klimouk, IEC Chair
Suzi DiTullio, RRAC Chair
Nadine Davies, Judge's Rep
Jessica Howard, Athlete Rep
Caroline Hunt, Program Director (non-voting)

Absent:

Brooke Toohey, USA Gymnastics Board Member

1. Election of Rhythmic Program Committee Chair

Nomination: Nadine Davies

Moved: Suzi DiTullio, Second: Jessica Howard – CARRIED

2. Regional Chair Elections 2009

Action: Stephanie will send nomination ballots to applicable regions

3. Junior Olympic Program

The Junior Olympic Program Handbook for Coaches and Judges has been revised and will be posted by end of August 2009. Revisions included a change to utilize FIG values of difficulties and FIG values for execution.

PROPOSAL: To form a Junior Olympic Technical Committee.

Main purpose: To develop, revise and implement the Junior Olympic program for Rhythmic Gymnastics in the United States. Committee composition: Judge's Rep and Development Coordinator (Future Stars, Youth Elite, International Liason Judge)

Motion: To form the Junior Olympic Technical Committee (JOTC) comprised of the Judge's Rep and Development Coordinators. Specific roles and responsibilities to be written.

Moved: Jessica Howard, Second: Suzi DiTullio – CARRIED

PROPOSAL: To direct the JOTC to create a compulsory set of routines that can be used in the Junior Olympic compulsory program, Level 3-6. Gyms may use the pre-choreographed routines to compete in the current program. This will facilitate more successful grassroots development of rhythmic gymnastics. Project to be completed by August 2010.

Motion: To have the JOTC develop the compulsory program.

Moved by Natasha Klimouk, Second Suzi DiTullio – CARRIED

4. Rhythmic Regional Administrative Committee
Minutes June 2009 – to be approved
5. Rules and Policies
 - a. Judge Regulations: A judge who is assigned to Visa National Championships is not permitted to visit or conduct any video reviews of athletes or clubs who are participating in the Championships for the time between the National Qualifying event and the Championship.
 - b. A Level 10 Jr who moves to the Sr age category will maintain the Level 10 status.
 - c. An athlete who qualifies to the National Championship will gain Level 10 status regardless of whether she participates in the Championships
 - d. A gymnast may not move down a level during a competitive season. However, at the time of annual USAG registration, the athlete is permitted to register in a lower level for the next season.
 - e. Challenge – no petitions will be accepted for the Challenge. The composition of the Challenge competition will be determined by the IEC annually.
6. Youth Elite Squad – report attached
7. Future Stars – report attached
8. National Team
USA Rhythmic has contracted a Ballet instructor for the team. She has been visiting all of the gyms with National team members. Everyone is very grateful for the expertise.
9. Funding
Funding for September 2009 through January 2010 will be as follows:
4 top Sr athletes - \$400/month
3 top JR athletes - \$300/month
10. Thank you to Natasha Klimouk for her work as the IEC Chair for the 2008/2009 season.

Meeting Adjourned: 735pm