

INTERNATIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE
November 21, 2009
National Team Training Center

Chairman	Steve Rybacki
Coach Representatives	Valeri Liukin Marvin Sharp (absent – email approval) Mihai Brestyan
National Team Coordinator	Martha Karolyi
Athlete Representative	Kim Zmeskal (absent – email approval)
Vice President Program	Kathy Kelly
Women’s Program Dir.	Gary Warren

I. Athlete Funding

The committee discussed funding of the former national team members who were unable to compete at 2009 Visa Championships.

Recommendation to award support funds to Mattie Larsen and Olivia Courtney at \$500.00 per month for the first quarter – thru March 2010.

Motion V. Liukin

Second M. Brestyan

PASSED

II. Youth Olympic Games Selection Committee

The committee amended the Selection Committee at the request of the President and made the following recommendation.

Recommendation to accept the procedures as amended.

Motion M. Brestyan

Second V. Liukin

PASSED

III. Staff

Kathy updated the committee on the staff contracts and obligations. Contracts will be extended after budget approval by the Board of Directors.

IV. Training Camp

The committee discussed the length of the training camps. A recommendation for increasing the number of days at training camp came from staff members at the Developmental Level and from some national team coaches. Some other national team coaches have requested that the national team camps be of shorter duration. The committee feels that the current schedule is the minimum number of days and that the success of the system has proven itself. At this time there will be no change. Selection Camps will be conducted for specific Teams and those camps will be one day shorter. When modified verification is conducted at the Developmental camps it will be done in one session by the national staff.

The Elite Calendar was reviewed and additional activities were added. The updated Calendar will be emailed to the elite community.

V. Technical Packet

Committee discussed the rules that should be applied at Visa Championships. The office was requested to draft new language for the Technical Packet and submit it for approval in January.

VI. National Team Training Squad

Kathy presented a proposal to create A National Team Training Squad which would be determined by the Selection Committee from among those athletes who competed at the Visa Championships and those athletes invited to Camps. These athletes will be invited to attend either National Team or Developmental Camps and receive a leotard and Warm-up.

Recommendation to accept the proposal as presented.

Motion M. Brestyan

Second V. Liukin

PASED

VII. Training Plan

Martha discussed the challenges of the upcoming season with the committee. Martha will be speaking with personal coaches and will present the training plan to the National Team Coaches in January.

VIII. Athlete Equipment Assistant

This program is again in effect for the National Team Members Clubs. The award and procedures to use the funds will be presented in January.

IX. Qualification Score

A national team coach requested that the committee review the two event qualification score for Junior age group. The committee did not make any change to the current system strongly believing that young athletes should be working all events and that the Junior Qualification score is quite attainable.