

2014 Women's Program Committee Minutes
August 23, 2014, Pittsburgh, PA

Called to order by Committee Chairperson, Tom Koll – 7:30am

Present:

Claudia Kretschmer

Cori Rizzo

Cheryl Hamilton

Luan Peszek

Terin Humphrey

Mihai Brestyan

Reports:

1. National Technical Committee - Chairperson, Cheryl Hamilton
The committee is primarily working on judges' training videos for Regional and National congresses. In addition, the committee is working to ensure consistency throughout all programs (JO, Xcel) via liaisons. The next Technical Committee meeting will be in October.
2. National Xcel Committee – Chairperson, Claudia Kretschmer
Reporting 19,100 athletes in the Xcel program across the country in the first year. While there is significant growth, some areas are still battling resistance. During the first year, the committee produced the Xcel Code of Points and made some changes/improvements to the rules of the program. The committee is working on improving communicating information about the program through the distribution of educational materials and committee minutes by State and Regional Chairs.
3. International Elite Committee – Chairperson, Mihai Brestyan
The committee meets during training camps and has been working to meet the National Team Coordinator's requests/expectations regarding rules. Improvements to the TOPs program have been implemented and there is increased participation in developmental camps. Constant efforts are made to educate new clubs and their personnel about the Elite Program and how to implement it in their individual club programs. The committee is interested in the JO Program and the Elite Program working together to better both programs.
4. National Administrative Committee – Chairperson, Cori Rizzo
The committee has been working to revise the *Rules and Policies* and has updated the State Chairperson Handbook. There was great attendance at the State Chair Workshop in Pittsburgh, specifically the financial informational meeting that took place.
5. Athlete Council Representative – Terin Humphrey
Reported that the athlete representatives from the different USA Gymnastics disciplines will be staggering terms. Terin will remain the athlete representative for Women's Program through 2019. Alicia Sacramone is the alternate athlete representative for Women's Program and will share responsibilities with Terin between committee meetings, camps, and traveling.
Awards voted on by the senior athletes:

Sportsman of the year – Lexie Priessman
Athlete of the year – Simone Biles

6. National Junior Olympic Committee – Chairperson, Tom Koll
Tom stressed the need to start thinking about the technological and organizational needs, in addition to the curriculum, for the next cycle.
7. USA Gymnastics Office Report – VP of Women’s Program, Luan Peszek
Discussed the upcoming schedule for the US National Team who will travel directly from P&G Championships to Canada for the Pan American Games, followed by World Team selection camp and finally, World Championships in China. Senior numbers are low while Junior numbers are on the rise. USA Gymnastics will host a PAGU Camp November 2-6, 2014 at the National Team Training Center, followed immediately by JO Camp November 6-9, 2014.
8. Motion to accept the following changes to the Operating Code:
 - a. Remove the February 28th date for professional membership in order to be eligible to vote in elections.
 - b. Update the direction to call the office with questions regarding voting eligibility to member services.
 - c. Page 7, G.1. Voted on at the National Xcel meeting to read “Must have been elected and served as a RXCC or NXCC and...”.
 - d. Page 7, G.2. Update to read “is currently working as a coach, judge or administrator in the Xcel program or a current RXCC.”
 - e. Page 33, XXI.B. Add a 2nd circle bullet point “Evaluation of elements” as in the JO section.
 - f. Page 33, XXII.F. Update to say “...distribute agenda to the XC, TC and AC...”
 - g. Page 8, K. Update to read:
 - 1) “1. The RXCC must be presently coaching in the Xcel Program.
 - 2) 2. If a candidate does not meet the above criteria, the RAC may nominate a candidate with demonstrated ability and suitability for the position.”

Motion: Mihai Brestyan
Second: Cheryl Hamilton
Passed unanimously

Motion to adjourn: Claudia Kretschmer
Second: Terin Humphrey
Adjourned 9:10am