

Rhythmic Program Committee Meeting

August 12, 2005

Hyatt Hotel, Mt. Rushmore, 2:45 p.m.

Indianapolis, Ind.

I. Roll Call:

Lucy Kerznerman – Coach Representative
 Vanessa Vanderpluym – Athlete Representative
 Ivanka Kirov – Membership Director (non-voting)
 Suzi DiTullio – JO Chairman
 Nadine Davies – Judge Representative
 Andrea Schmid – Rhythmic Vice Chair
 Efrossina Anguelova – National Team Coordinator (non-voting)
 Jan Exner – Program Director (non-voting)
 Absent: Michelle Larson – Membership Director (non-voting)

II. Program Report

1. An FIG Rhythmic Technical Clinic will be held in Italy. Egle Abruzzini and other prominent judges and coaches will be clinicians. USA Gymnastics will send Jan Exner, Program Director and Efrossina Anguelova, National Team Coordinator to the clinic.
2. USA Gymnastics sent two judges to the Professional Judges' exam in Switzerland. Nadine Davies has achieved the Professional Judge for Artistry and has been invited by the FIG to judge the 2005 World Championships in Baku.
3. The JO Handbook for the new compulsory/optional program was finished on time for the presentation of the new program at congress. Congratulations and many thanks to Brooke Toohey, Nadine Davies, Efrossina Anguelova and Iliana Ivanova for their contributions to the new program for this quadrennium.
4. The committee agrees that articles related to the sport of rhythmic gymnastics are important yet hard to find. We agree to ask coaches and judges to submit articles to the publications department for input in future Techniques.
5. Congratulations to Lucy Kerznerman for her election to the Rhythmic Program Committee as Coaches Representative.

III. Group Development:

The committee agrees to promote and encourage the development of an FIG quality group within our club system with the goal of competing in the World Championships competition prior to the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games.

- The goal of this venture is to advance a high quality group to compete at the highest level at the World Championships and the Olympic Games.
- The selection criteria for an Elite Group to represent the USA will be established by the National Team Coordinator and will be published by January 2006.

Motion to add a National Group Club Championship to the competition schedule.

- **Open Group National Club Competition scheduled for first weekend in December of 2006.**
- **All levels will be included: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and FIG/ Junior & Senior groups.**
- **Removal of the group competition at JO Championships was approved.**
- **Sub-committee was formed to clarify the qualification process for this competition. (S.DiTullio, L.Kerznerman)**
- **The entry and qualification information will be established and published by January 2006.**

Motion: Andrea Schmid
 Second: Vanessa Vanderpluym
 Passed

IV. Schedule Change

Motion to allow at least two weeks between the national qualifying meets (Eastern/Western).

Motion: Vanessa Vanderpluym
 Second: Lucy Kerznerman
 Passed

V. Judging Issues

Recommendation: Any USAG Judging Official scheduled for (Eastern/Western/Nationals) may not evaluate or critique routines for the period beginning two weeks prior to the first qualifying event and ending with the conclusion of the National championships. This includes: club visitations, viewing of DVD or video, phone or email consultations. Violation of this ruling will result in the official's removal from her national judging assignments.

Motion: Andrea Schmid
Second: Suzi DiTullio
Passed

VI. Senior Pan Am Championships

The selection camp for World Championships will also serve as the selection procedure for the Senior Pan Am Championships. The Senior Pan Am Team will be the same as the World Championship Team.

Approved