

**RHYTHMIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE**  
**August 17-18, 2007**

Roll Call:

Athlete Representative	Jessica Howard
Judges Representative	Nadine Davies
Vice President-Program	Andrea Schmid-Shapiro
Coach Representative	Lucy Kerznerman
JOPC Representative	Suzie DiTullio
Non-voting	
Membership Director	Ivanka Kirov
Membership Director	Michelle Larson

Rhythmic Program Director	Caroline Hunt (non-voting)
Vice President	Kathy Kelly (non-voting)

Welcome:

A. Schmid proclaims the congress, the championships both wonderful and well attended along with a strong showing, at the HOF luncheon, with 30+ attending the presentation. Our recent medal winning performance at the Pan Am games a proud moment and great accomplishment for the program. The excellent performance of the Group and their continued improvement shows great commitment. Our new program director has tackled her task with passion and moves the program steadily toward its Olympic goal.

1. Procedural Changes

- a) Formal procedures for approving minutes/conference calls in a timely manner
  1. Send draft, allowing one week for comments
  2. Send revised minutes
  3. Allow one week for approval
- b) Posting of all elections results on the rhythmic webpage
  1. coaches representative
  2. region chairs

MM/Schmid-Shapiro  
Sec/Howard  
Passed

2. IEC Ad Hoc Committee

- a) Reinstate for another year-2008
- b) Increase the communication with the RPC
- c) Formalize the committee responsibilities
- d) Add the committee to the R&P Flow Chart

MM/Kerznerman  
Sec/DiTullio  
Passed

3. Approve the JOPC minutes and revisions
  - a) Meet Referee list for JO Programs
  - b) New Championship Structure
    1. Jr. Olympic Compulsory Championships
    2. Jr. Olympic Optional Championships

MM/Davies  
Sec/DiTullio  
Passed

4. Level 9 Championships
  - a) Assign Davies/DiTullio to revise the L9 qualification to Nationals
  - b) Level 9 Regional Teams for the JO Optional Championships
    1. Each region will be eligible to field two teams
      - a) a junior team of four athletes (top 4 rank order)
      - b) a senior team of four athletes (top 4 rank order)
    2. Team Awards
      - a) Top 3 Junior and 3 Senior teams will be awarded

MM/DiTullio  
Sec/Howard  
Passed

5. Future Stars Testing and Team  
Approved:
  - a. Make testing available following the JO Compulsory Championships  
TABLED
  - b. Eliminate the team wild card positions

Adjourned Friday August 17<sup>th</sup> 4:20pm  
Reconvene: Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm

Open discussion regarding the autonomy of all committees and the RPC role in overseeing the development of the program. K. Kelly explained the RPC position as the umbrella for all programs IEC, Future Stars and Youth Elite Squad.

6. The Challenge/Visa Championships will keep the two day event format in "08
  - a. Add alternates to the finals list of athletes are prepared in case of injury

MM/Kerznerman  
Sec/Howard  
Passed

7. The RTC will continue its review and comparison of the results of the three events: Challenge, JO, and Visa Championship for evaluation of the judges in 2007
8. The judging format at the WC will be reviewed before changing the Visa Championship seating arrangements
9. Judges restriction rule will be revised
  - a. Routine evaluation by an official is only restricted to the two weeks prior to the Visa Championships

MM/Davies  
Sec/Kerznerman

Passed

10. The East/West Qualifiers are condensed to one National Qualifier event.

MM/Howard

Sec/Davies

Passed

11. Group procedures for qualifying to National need to be added to R&P
  - a. Group Championships will include an Invitational
  - b. South American groups for junior and below will be invited
  - c. A Gala event will be included

MM/DiTullio

Sec/Kerznerman

Passed

12. Operating Code – K.Kelly asks the committee to review and update the current code for the next year.
13. Athlete/coach Funding for the remainder of '07 has been spent on athlete training

New Business

1. Make the JO Program more accessible by publishing the Coaches and Judges Handbook on the rhythmic webpage.

MM/Davies

Sec/DiTullio

Passed

Adjourned 6:45pm

Submitted by S. DiTullio