

Rhythmic Program Committee February 18, 2007

I. Roll Call:

Chairman	Andrea Schmidt
Athlete Rep	Caroline Hunt
Judges' Rep	Nadine Davies
Coaches' Rep	Lucy Kerznerman
JO Rep	Suzie DiTullio
Program Director	Jan Exner
Vice President	Kathy Kelly

II. Thank you to Jan Exner

Kathy Kelly thanked Jan Exner for her years of service. The program is appreciative of Jan's dedication and wishes her the very best for the future. Jan will be leaving the position of Program Director at end of February. We have received applications and will be conducting phone interviews next week. Hopefully, the new director can be identified as soon as possible.

III. Office Update

Kathy Kelly apprised the committee about office initiatives. The Coaches Certification Program will begin this fall. The Director of Education will be seeking assistance from each discipline for development of the program.

Background checks will also become mandatory beginning this year.

IV. Pan American Games

The final selection camp for the Pan American Team is scheduled for the first week in June. We need to identify the site and the third member of the selection committee.

V. Donation

The committee thanks the USRGCA (United State Rhythmic Gymnastics Coaches Association) for a donation of \$4,000 to the Rhythmic Program budget.

The committee discussed conducting a Level Nine Championships in conjunction with another event. Suzi DiTullio will look into the possibilities.

VI. Future Stars

The RJOPC requested that a Future Stars testing be conducted following the Level 4&5 Championships on Monday, May 28, 2007. A decision will be made as soon as possible.

VII. East/West, Championships dates and sites

Jan Exner announced the following confirmed meet info.

East Championships	Deerfield, IL - Northshore Gymnastics	July 7-8
West Championships	Newark, CA - Ninos	July 21-22

VIII. Judging Issues

The committee reviewed a proposal for "Judges Rules Judges Behavior". It was decided at this time to table further discussion on the subject. The committee is pleased with the progress that has been made in this area with flashing of all judges' scores and a computer analysis of scores for all elite competitions. The concern at the JO level regarding judging behavior will be addressed at a later date.

IX. Qualification to the National Team

The discussion from the January 30th RPC meeting regarding qualification to the National Team was revisited concerning having a two day all around competition at the 2007 Championships in order to help emphasize consistency.

X. Other

Steve Penny has sent a formal invitation to Mde. Abruzzini to conduct a clinic for our top coaches and judges. The proposal was for this clinic to be held in conjunction with the FIG Meeting to be held in May in Florida.