

USAG-WI SAC MINUTES  
State Administrative Committee Meeting  
Alliant Energy Center, Madison  
December 3, 2016

- I. Roll Call: Chairman **Randy Anderson** called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Secretary.....**Judy Schalk**  
Meet Assigners.....**Sarah Nelson** & \*Jenny Ullsvik (\*absent)  
Competitive Chair.....**Jane Schrimpf**  
Board Member.....**Ellen Hendrickson**  
Board Member.....**Kathy Nelson**  
Board Member.....**Mikal Ramadan**  
State Education Administrator.....**Justin Slife**

- II. Approval of minutes of March 19, 2016 SAC meeting.

Motion: Jane Schrimpf  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Sarah Nelson  
Passed: Unanimous

Minutes are posted on the state web site (USAG-WI.com). No more USAG-WI newsletters will be published, since they're a duplication of same information found in the SAC minutes.

- III. Jim Melcarek, long time WI-SAC member and club owner of Salto Gymnastics, resigned his position on the SAC and has retired from coaching. Jimbo's lifelong contributions to Wisconsin gymnastics have been enormous and will not be forgotten.

- IV. USAG controls and maintains all state financial records. State financial statements are available upon request.

- V. The SACC, Randy Anderson appointed Justin Slife, (Midwest Twisters-Hartland) to the new SAC position of State Education Administrator. (Appointed positions have non-voting status.) Wisconsin has money available to further educate coaches in program management, etc., but needs input into where interests lie and the specifics of what clinicians and topics to pursue.

- VI. Spring election for SAC members will be conducted online by USAG. All elected positions except State Chair are up for re-election. Positions effective July 1, 2017.

- VII. The USAG-WI requirement to use the same equipment manufacturer for Optional State Meet (Levels 6-10) as that used at JO Nationals and Regionals was discussed and remained unchanged. Xcel is not a JO program and is not subject to this directive.

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VIII. State Meet gate fees was revisited and adjusted to the following fees in response to meet directors' financial concerns.

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Student (age 5-17) &amp; Senior</u>
Off-Site Compulsory Levels 2-5	\$12	\$8
Optional (L6-10) & Xcel	\$15	\$10

Motion: Mikal Ramadan

2<sup>nd</sup>: Kathy Nelson

Passed: Unanimous

IX. Request to add Level 1 to USAG-WI competitions was discussed and denied at this time citing insufficient numbers to warrant adding that level. The issue may be revisited next year.

X. USAG-WI \$2 Head Tax collection has been broadened to include **all** USAG athletes competing in **any** sanctioned Wisconsin meet (*State Meet excluded*). That means, Compulsory gymnasts competing at Optional Invites are now to be included in the count. Reminder, the *ProScore* Meet Summary must accompany the head tax payment to the SACC. The extra funds generated will be used to increase educational opportunities for our state's members.

Motion: Ellen Hendrickson

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mikal Ramadan

Passed: Unanimous

XI. Clarification: Optional and Xcel athletes may qualify to State Meet at competitions held after Aug. 1 during Compulsory season.

XII. State/Regional Meet dates for 2017-2018

Dec. 2-3, 2017	L3-5	Wildcard
Dec. 9-10, 2017	L2	Starz
Mar. 17-18, 2018	Xcel	SAGA
Mar. 24-25, 2018	L6-10	Midwest Twisters
Apr. 13-15, 2018	L8-10	Regionals
Apr. 20-22, 2018	Xcel	Regionals

XIII. Clarification of Age Groups at Compulsory State Meet:

"Approximately equal Age Divisions of 18-24 athletes are calculated for Compulsory State Meets based on *ages*, (e.g., 7-A, 7-B, 7-C)."

XIV. Discussion ensued regarding the viability of continuing to rotate State Meets rather than reverting back to our former open bid system. State Meets are under the jurisdiction of the SAC. All phases must be approved, including but not limited to, age groups, sequence of march-in/warm-up, schedule, and random draw. Extensive annual training of different clubs for each State Meet is cumbersome and likely to result in significant variation in quality of meets. Should a liaison be appointed to assist with State Meet planning? Subject tabled but to be revisited.



SUBMITTED  
12/21/16

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XV. *USAG Meet Reservation System* must be used for State Meets. No 3<sup>rd</sup> party meet payment program is authorized for USAG-WI State Meets.

Motion: Sarah Nelson

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ellen Hendrickson

Passed: Unanimous

XVI. Deadline to request Compulsory meets for 2017 season is **March 1**.

XVII. USAG-WI Xcel Mobility follows Region IV guidelines. Petitions are to be submitted to the SACC.

XVIII. Compulsory Drop Backs were discussed pursuant to USAG's policy to allow Drop Backs and NOT to mandate Move-Ups but also in light of its stated philosophy\*. Concern is that 37.00 AA's are dropping back and "cleaning up" at lower levels which may undermine the program in the longrun.

XIX. Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM

Motion: Kathy Nelson

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jane Schrimpf

Passed: Unanimous

***\*USAG Philosophy of Mobility System***

*In the spirit of good sportsmanship, fairness to all athletes and competitive balance, the mobility system within the National JO Program should be followed in the manner that it was intended.*

- Before moving up a level, every athlete should show proficiency at their current level.*
- Once a high level of proficiency is achieved at the athlete's current level, she should strive to move up to the next level as long as it is done safely.*
- For athletes to repeat a level with the intent to gain an advantage over other competitors or teams IS NOT in the spirit of the JO Program or youth sports in general.*