

MINUTES OF MEETING
NATIONAL GYMNASTICS JUDGES ASSOCIATION

April 4, 1970

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the NGJA was held at the Ben Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 4th day of April, 1970 at 8:00 a.m. Present were:

Ron Barak	Bill Roetzheim
Frank Cumiskey	Chris Weber
Grady Matthews	Jerry Wright
Ted Muzyczko	

Absent was:

Rick Field

Present as observers were:

Bill Ballister	Jerry Todd
Frank Bare (5 minutes)	
Bob Hall	
Anthony Riccardi	

Frank Bare briefly addressed the meeting en route to a meeting of the United States Gymnastics Commission. His position, and that of the USGF was entirely in support of the concept of the NGJA. He offered free space in the Modern Gymnast Magazine through the USGF and further indicated the availability of the USGF printing facilities. He further spoke of the possibilities of the assignment of judges by

the NGJA for national and international competitions.

Ron Barak then presented Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for approval and adoption. The general consensus of opinion was that incorporation should not be undertaken at this time and that the NGJA should operate as an unincorporated association. Further, there was concern on the part of some of the members as to the appropriateness of these documents in their present form and the ability of the NGJA to operate effectively thereunder. After considerable discussion, the following resolutions were moved, seconded and unanimously carried:

RESOLVED, that the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws as presented by Ron Barak are hereby approved and adopted in their present form; provided, however, that a vote to the contrary at the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors on behalf of any one of the Charter Members will require the revision of any part or parts of these documents to which objection is expressed; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any such vote to the contrary must be supported by illustration of the inappropriateness of such part or parts or the inability of the NGJA to operate effectively thereunder.

The election of officers was then considered and the following officers were elected:

1. President - Bill Roetzheim

2. Vice President - Frank Cumiskey
3. Secretary - Jerry Wright
4. Treasurer - Grady Matthews

It was then indicated that it would be appropriate to establish and appoint members to a Executive Committee and a Technical Committee. Ron Barak stated that under the Bylaws these two Committees would have to be chaired by members of the Board of Directors. It was also suggested that a geographical distribution be applied in selecting the remaining members of these Committees. After further discussion, the following appointments were made:

1. Executive Committee.
 - a. Bill Roetzheim, Chairman
 - b. Ron Barak
 - c. Frank Cumiskey
 - d. Grady Matthews
2. Technical Committee.
 - a. Frank Cumiskey, Chairman
 - b. Lou Barretta
 - c. Ted Muzyczko
 - d. Jerry Todd
 - e. Chris Weber

The subject of stationary was then discussed.

Ron Barak presented a sample of the stationary presently used by the SCGJA. It was then suggested that stationary for all of the member associations of the NGJA, as well as stationary for the NGJA itself, should be uniform. After further discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that Ron Barak and Jerry Wright take all steps necessary to order and obtain such stationary for the NGJA and for each of its member associations.

Election of judges for the USGF Championships was then undertaken. The general consensus of opinion was that selection should be restricted to judges in good standing in NGJA member associations in spite of the fact that this would mean overlooking certain qualified judges associations and qualified judges therein. It was further pointed out that while equal geographical distribution is ultimately desired, the funds made available by the USGF are not presently sufficient to accomplish such a distribution. After further discussion, the following judges were assigned:

1. Frank Cumiskey - East
2. Don Ohannes - Mid East
3. Joe Giallombardo - Mid East
4. Chris Weber - Mid West
5. Ryan - Mid West

6. Larry Banner - West

7. Ron Barak - West

8. Karl Byers - West

(The meeting was then adjourned and reconvened at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 4th day of April, at 4:30 p.m. With the exception of Grady Matthews, all members of the Board of Directors who attended the morning meeting were present. No observers attended.)

Discussion then turned to the subject of the admission of new members. It was suggested that any local judges association applying for membership must have a written constitution, a membership which includes national or regional cardholders and must be willing to conduct at least one national certifying clinic each year. With these criteria in mind, and after further discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that Ron Barak would write to all those local judges associations soliciting applications for membership to be acted upon by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

The subject of certification was next considered. It was deemed appropriate that, as originally anticipated pursuant to earlier correspondence between

Ted Muzyczko and the United States Gymnastics Commission, responsibility for certification should be turned over by the United States Gymnastics Commission to the NGJA. Along these lines, it was further decided that the required presence of certain individuals in order to qualify a certification clinic would be retained, but that the current list, as prepared by Ted Muzyczko, would be replaced by the members of the Technical Committee, along with any additional individuals who might be appointed by the Technical Committee to so act on any particular occasion. After further discussion, the following resolutions were moved, seconded and unanimously carried:

RESOLVED, that the present certification program of the United States Gymnastics Commission be hence forth assumed, as originally anticipated, by the NGJA; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that at least one member or nominee of the Technical Committee be in attendance at and direct any instructional and examination program intended to qualify judges for national or regional certification.

The question of modifying or merely adopting "as is" the United States Gymnastics Commission certification program was raised and, after discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried to table this matter

until the separation and submission of a report by the Technical Committee.

The next topic considered was the establishment of relationships with auxiliary members. After considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that Bill Roetzheim, directly or indirectly, would pursue the inception of these relationships. To the extent that this included voice or vote for the NGJA in any of these organizations, when it was deemed appropriate to be represented at any such meetings, the closest member of the Executive Committee, or any other person so designated by the Executive Committee, would attend.

Frank Cumiskey's position on the National Coaches Staff was then considered. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that Frank Cumiskey would make it known to the National Coaches Staff that his presence on that Staff was in his capacity as Technical Chairman of the NGJA and that his position was actually deemed to be that of the NGJA.

Discussion then on ensued the subject of certain Technical Committee functions. In particular, it was felt to be quite important that the Technical

Committee assume responsibility for making available interpretations of the FIG Code wherever needed, bearing in mind that these interpretations would apply only within the United States. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Technical Committee would from time to time prepare and submit to the Board of Directors or to the Executive Committee such interpretations and that, upon approval by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee, these interpretations would then be distributed throughout the country.

The subject of publicity was next discussed. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that Jerry Wright should resume his column in the Modern Gymnast Magazine under the heading "National Gymnastics Judges Association Newsletter." Jerry Wright must first obtain the approval of at least one member of the Executive Committee before including any information in this column.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that a meeting of either the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee be held in Las Vegas, Nevada in conjunction with the USGF Champion-

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ships on April 23-25, 1970 and this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Jerry Wright