

MINUTES OF MEETING
NATIONAL GYMNASTICS JUDGES ASSOCIATION

August 15, 1970

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the NGJA was held in Napierville, Illinois, on the 15th day of August.

Present were:

Frank Cumiskey	Rick Field
Ted Muzyczko	Bill Roetzheim

Absent were:

Ron Barak
Grady Matthews
Jerry Wright

Present as an observer, and acting as secretary, was Laszlo Sasvary.

The first item considered was the selection of judges for the World Games Championships, to be held in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia in October, 1970. By an earlier letter to Ron Barak, the USGF advised the NGJA that the USGF will be entitled to name two judges and that it would like the NGJA to make these selections. The AAU will similarly name two judges, but they do not intend to involve the NGJA in their selections. Ron Barak advised this meeting by written memorandum of the USGF's request and his personal nomination of Frank Cumiskey and Ted Muzyczko. After considerable discussion, upon motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was resolved that Frank Cumiskey and Ted Muzyczko be named as the two judges to be appointed by the USGF for the World Games Championships. Ron Barak will so inform Frank Barak.

The next item discussed was the failure of certain judges assigned to the World Games Trials to carry out their assignment. After considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that all judges accepting an NGJA assignment will make every effort to complete that assignment and, where a judge is simply unable to do so, he will notify the organization hosting the event which will contact the NGJA member association in its area for assistance in obtaining another judge.

The next subject discussed was the position which the NGJA should take with respect to conduct on the part of its member associations, or the individual members thereof, inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws or the standards, rules and regulations enacted by the Board of Directors. Section 2.02 of the Bylaws requires an absence of any such inconsistency in order to qualify for NGJA membership and Section 2.12 of the Bylaws provides that any such inconsistency may result in suspension or expulsion from the NGJA.

Concern was expressed at this time for two kinds of activity felt to be inconsistent with the principles underlying the NGJA:

1. The acceptance by a member judge of a member association of the NGJA of a national or international assignment to a competition to which the NGJA is assigning some or all of the participating judges.

2. The representation by any member association, or any individual member thereof, that it or he or anyone other than the NGJA, has the authority to conduct any kind of national judges certification course or program and/or the conduct or attempted conduct of such a course or program.

After considerable discussion, upon motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was resolved that either of the foregoing two kinds of activity are in direct violation of the principles of the NGJA. It was further resolved that a letter of warning should be sent to the SGJA advising them of this and making specific reference to the participation of Jon Culbertson and Tom Maloney at the World Games Trials and to the recent conduct of a supposed national judges certification course by Tom Maloney in North Carolina. This letter will be prepared by Ron Barak and approved by Bill Roetzheim.

The next item considered was the representation of the NGJA at various meetings and functions, held in or out of the country. After considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the NGJA shall be represented by at least two delegates at any such events, one of whom shall be primarily concerned with executive matters and the other of whom shall be primarily concerned with technical matters. Applying this approach to the National Coaches Congress, to be held in Kansas City, Missouri on November 14-15, 1970, at least Bill Roetzheim and Ted Muzyczko shall represent the NGJA. Bill will

be primarily responsible for executive matters and Ted will be primarily responsible for technical matters. Neither Bill nor Ted will receive any economic assistance from the NGJA in travelling to or from the Congress.

NGJA fund raising was the next matter considered. The following possibilities were discussed:

1. A quarterly NGJA newsletter.
2. Preparation and rental of a package of films, each covering a single event, covering A, B, C moves, combination requirements, examples of deductions and a variety of low level, intermediate level, and advanced level exercises.
3. Obtaining the exclusive rights to market the FIG Code of Points in the United States.
4. Copyrighting an NGJA emblem-patch to be marketed throughout the United States.
5. Preparation and marketing of plastic cards describing event characteristics and requirements.
6. Hosting annual or more frequent national or regional invitational competition.

The next subject discussed was the method of authorizing and approving NGJA expenditures. After considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that any such expenditures must be approved in advance by the Executive Committee. This will not apply retroactively to the reimbursement of the SCGJA for the \$19.80 which it advanced on behalf of the NGJA in presenting joint NGJA-USGF gifts to Ivan Ivancevic and George

Gulack in connection with the FIG Judges Course recently held in Southern California.

Further elaboration of the NGJA national judges certification program was then considered. The Minutes of the April 25, 1970 Executive Committee state:

"After further discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that national cards would be issued for the lesser of a four-year period or until a new FIG Code was issued; that annual refresher cards would be required each year; that the NGJA would charge \$5.00 for the issuance of the four-year card and an additional \$2.00 each for the issuance of a refresher card; and that the Technical Committee would undertake consideration of the requirements for issuance of these cards, as authorized by the Board of Directors at its April 4, 1970 meeting."

After considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the minimum requirements for a certified refresher course would include at least two hours of lecture, one hour of free discussion and a written examination approved by the Technical Committee. It was further moved, seconded and unanimously carried that refresher courses would serve only to extend, on a yearly basis, a judges national certification derived through completion of the full national course and that completion of the refresher courses only, without also completing the full national course, would not entitle a judge to participate in national or international assignments. There is no limitation, however, as to the number of times an area may conduct a full

national course or as to the number of places to which a judge may travel in attempting to successfully complete a full national course.

In connection with the resignation of Chris Weber from the Board of Directors due to his return to Germany, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that no decision as to his replacement would be considered until after the National Coaches Congress in November, 1970.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

By

Ron Barak

(Prepared from notes taken
by Laszlo Sasvary)