

MINUTES OF MEETING
National Gymnastics Judges Association

November 14-15, 1970

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the NGJA was held in Kansas City, Missouri on the 14th and 15th days of November, 1970. Present were:

Ron Barak	Bill Roetzheim
Grady Matthews	Jerry Wright
Ted Muzyczko	

Absent were: Frank Cumiskey and Rick Field.

The first item considered was the Minutes of the meeting of August 15, 1970, which were approved as submitted.

The next matter discussed was the presentation to be made on the floor of the Coaches Congress. It was decided that the presentation should summarize the history, objectives, constitution, accomplishments, future plans and technical interpretations of the NGJA. The technical items to be treated were the new vaulting regulations and the rules concerning repetition as contained in Article 68 of the FIG Code of Points. After considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that any time a move is performed for the third time in an exercise, there shall be a penalty of .1-.2. In addition, there would be no value assigned to the stunt when performed

for the third time, although no deduction would be made for a part of no value; provided, however, that this interpretation shall not apply to the sidehorse event nor to a roundoff, flip-flop performed in floor exercise.

It was then brought to the attention of the Board that Atlas is looking for information to be included in their newsletter and that the NGJA should consider the possibility of submitting its own newsletter to Atlas, as well as to the Modern Gymnast magazine and perhaps even to Nissen. It was pointed out, however, that the Modern Gymnast magazine possibly has a rule to the effect that it will not print anything printed in any other publication.

A lengthy discussion followed concerning the subject of appointing an executive director, including the advantages and disadvantages connected therewith. No action was taken at this time.

The voting structure of the NGJA was next considered. The possibility of each member association having one vote per each national card holder within its own membership was considered as an alternative to the present structure of one vote per member association. As this change would require an amendment to the Bylaws, which can be made only by a vote of the membership, and not by the Board of Directors, the matter was tabled.

After a recess, the meeting was reconvened and the subject of an executive director was again considered. Job description was discussed and included were liaison with other organizations, including the NCAA and the USGF, communication with member associations, public relations, and continuity of operation. The matter was again tabled without action.

At this time it was pointed out that the assignment of Frank Cumiskey to judge the international competition held in Winnipeg, Canada in November, 1970 was improperly made and all present agreed that such errors should not be allowed to reoccur.

The present concept of construing an absence of reply within a fixed number of days to a request for a mail vote as being an affirmative vote was next considered. After considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried to discontinue the present approach in favor of the following alternative. Ten days shall be allowed for responding to a request for a mail vote. The ten days shall begin to run as of the date on which the request is posted. Failure to reply will be construed as an affirmative vote. The person requesting the vote shall include postcards stamped and self-addressed back to the person requesting the vote. Upon determination of the outcome, the person requesting the vote shall make the results known to all members of the

Board of Directors, either directly or through the Secretary. These results indicate the number of affirmative and negative votes, with delineation between affirmative votes communicated and affirmative votes so determined by failure to reply. Notwithstanding the affirmative implication of failure to reply within ten days, a quorum must vote, which means that five votes, including the vote of the person requesting the vote, must be received before the action may be deemed taken.

It was then proposed that the technical committee should be expanded and after considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that Jon Culbertson and Jerry Wright should be invited to accept positions on the technical committee.

With respect to the selection of judges for the NCAA Championships, member associations must submit two names for each judge to be selected and these names must be submitted at least four weeks prior to the date of the meet. Such submission of names should be made to the appropriate member of the NCAA Gymnastics Rules Committee member and it is suggested that he be contacted at the earliest possible date and not just four weeks prior to the competition.

It was then clarified that ordinarily only technical committee members are permitted to conduct national judges courses and that other individuals may be allowed to do so

only upon approval by the technical committee. Going further, after considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that whenever a full sixteen hour course is given a technical committee member, or a nominee of the technical committee, from outside the area in which the course is to be given must be present. Other staff members must be national card holders and approved by the regional technical committee member. In a refresher course, the technical committee member, or the nominee of the technical committee, may be from within or without the area in which the course is to be given.

With respect to NGJA newsletters, after considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the newsletter for the Modern Gymnast magazine would be prepared in draft by Jerry Wright, forwarded for editing to Ron Barak and thereafter for final review as to technical content to Frank Cumiskey. Frank will then forward the material to Frank Bare for printing and forwarding to Glenn Sundby for publication.

After considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Board strongly recommends, but does not require, that judges for national championships wear navy blue blazers and gray trousers. It was further required that the NGJA develop a national

patch which allows for an insert for local member association distinction.

The meeting was adjourned and reconvened on November 15, 1970. The first matter considered was the preparation of a compulsory film and after considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried to make such a film of the 1972 Olympics Games compulsory exercises for public sale. Jerry Wright is to complete this assignment.

The question of an executive director was considered once again and it was decided to postpone the appointment of such an officer and rather to assign out among the Board members the various responsibilities outlined above with respect to the possible appointment of an executive director. After considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the following projects be assigned:

1. The NGJA will produce for public sale at a cost of \$.50 per copy, the new compulsory exercises with point values and stick figures. Ted Muzyczko is to complete the still rings; Jerry Wright is to complete the parallel bars; and Frank Cumiskey is to complete the horizontal bar. Don Tonry has agreed to do the stick figures. All final reports will be sent to Frank Cumiskey

for final approval and then to Ted Muzyczko for reproduction. Upon completion of reproduction, the publications should be forwarded to Grady Matthews for coordination of marketing. Grady will also be responsible for coordination of marketing with respect to the film on compulsory exercises. Glenn Sundby and Frank Bare are to be notified with respect to the assumption of these projects.

2. Jerry Wright will continue the NGJA newsletter on technical matters, as outlined above.

3. Ron Barak will be responsible for maintaining liaison with the USGF and other involved organizations and will also undertake to arrive at an agreement with the USGF on the publication rights to the technical workbook currently being considered by the NGJA.

It was clarified that certification is good for one year from the date of issue although the card will show an expiration date of January 1, in order to allow the remaining months of 1970 for renewals.

After considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the technical committee shall be charged with creating a format for a refresher course to be conducted at national championship meets.

With respect to the cutoff point on dues, after considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously

carried that Grady Matthews will take the necessary steps to clarify this matter by mail.

The next subject considered was the University Games. After considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that Ron Barak contact the president of the United States Collegiate Sports Council with respect to the selection of judges for the University Games.

In connection with Ron Barak's assuming responsibility for maintaining NGJA-USGF relations, after considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that Ron Barak represent the NGJA at the 1970 USGF Council meeting in Tucson, Arizona on December 5-6, 1970 and that the NGJA absorb the cost of the necessary air fare, roundtrip, from Los Angeles to Tucson and back.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Wright, Secretary