

GENERAL MEETING  
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GYMNASTIC JUDGES

NOVEMBER 17, 1972

The Annual Winter meeting was held at the Denver Hilton Hotel in Denver, Colorado. The meeting was called to order by the President, Frank Cumiskey, at 8 p.m.

Roll was called of the Board Members. Present were: Frank Cumiskey; Bob Fisher, Jerry Wright, Ted Muzyczko; Bob Stout, and Jerry Todd.

Frank Cumiskey gave a brief resume of the background of the organization and some of its accomplishments.

The minutes were read by Secretary Jerry Todd. Accepted as read.

A treasurers report was given by Jerry Wright. Several areas have not paid their dues. Accepted as read.

Technical Chairman Ted Mucyczko gave his report:

1. We have a new set of interpretations for 1973.
2. We held instructional courses and International course.
3. We held college credit courses and a graduate course.
4. We prepared standardized judging sheets for compulsories.
5. Interpretations handbook for 1972 (a yearly thing) and one is to be dispersed for 1973.
  - a. Inclusion of NCAA Rules
  - b. Inclusion of regions and their technical chairman with addresses

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. Establishment of a "hot line" to answer any technical problems on an emergency basis.
2. Jon Culbertson will handle an Audio Cassette on various judging aspects.
3. Starting of a Judging book. It should be ready by the end of the year.
4. Work started on judging cards for hints and reminders of latest changes.
5. Rewritten certification procedures. (A judge must be able to judge compulsories.)

Bob Stout stated that to conduct a National Course you must contact the regional technical chairman. Now all people must take the full 16 hour course, because of the new Compliment. The course must be taken every 4 years.

Don Tonry told of the course he ran in Connecticut, using small groups of people with an expert with each group. They would move from event to event - talking over the score reached and why.

Bob Stout said he used this method. Jerry Wright said his area used a compromise of the format written and the small group method.

Richard Criley stated that the U.S.G.F. was forming state gymnastic competition on a "Grass Roots" level and wanted to know if there will be judges trained to judge this level of competition. Ted Mucyczko said that some states are presenting the local organization with judging classes for the high school and age level judging. Jerry Todd mentioned that California is doing the same thing by combining high school judges with the National Judges Association group. Judging is also being opened up to the gymnasts as well as judges.

#### THINGS THAT WILL BE OF HELP

1. A book on how to judge.
2. Clinics with experts sent from another area.
3. Cassettes.
4. Judging cards.

Bob Stout said that with all of the new technical men per state it will be much more feasible to send someone close to give their expertise.

Jerry Wright said public relations are very important and we can improve them by sending people to help teach judging procedures for a minimum cost. It is then up to the area to keep the judges going with clinics, etc. We service many areas that are not within a certain region. You can combine a meet with a course to help defray the costs.

Frank Cumiskey said he would make a list available of instructors qualified for teaching these beginning courses. Don Tonry mentioned a states coaches gathering to be the ideal time to pull toward this goal.

Ted Mucycako stated that our judging is even more vital as a team must score 300 points to go to the NCAA.

Les Sasvary commented on judging at the Olympic Games. He told about his experiences from the beginning of his selection to his trip and the judging of the Games. He felt that our N.G.J.A. has contributed to the caliber of our judging internationally as well as nationally. He thanked all people concerned for his appointment.

Frank Cumiskey reviewed the criteria for qualifying for judging the Olympics. He stated that the NCAA did not like our rotation system because we dipped too low. He also told of the study Les Sasvary did on the judging of the Olympic Trials and how interesting it was.

Don Tonry spoke on the making of an emblem for the association. Don Robinson had said he would make the emblem design but it had not been forwarded. Don said that he will see that we get one by the end of next month. He also said he would

work on the book on judging as soon as he knows what the technical committee wants included.

Frank Cumiskey talked about registration lists and how incomplete they are. He feels that all organizations should be functional - not just paper organizations. He felt that the Southeast organization should get itself straightened out.

Jerry Todd spoke on the Hall of Fame award and the area judges of the year. A presentation was to be made at the Banquet November 18, to Les Sasvary, Bob Fisher, Ted Mucycako and Frank Cumiskey for area judges of the year, and Frank Cumiskey for the Hall of Fame award. Jerry Wright reported on the Canadian Olympic Trials. He, Bob Fisher and Bill Roetzheim attended the meet as the three out-of-country judges. The NGJA paid the difference between what the Canadians offered and the actual cost of the plane fare. The Canadians did not score well and sent only a partial team to the Olympics.

Bob Stout spoke on an attempt to standardize the waer of the judges. It was recommended that a navy blue coat and gray pants be worn at all championship meets. Don Tondry moved, seconded by Jerry Todd. Passed.

Bob Fisher moved that the meeting be closed. Seconded by Les Sasvary. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Frank Cumiskey at 9:58 p.m. Next meeting to be held at the University of Oregon, April 7 and 8, 1973.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Todd  
Secretary