



DRAFT MINUTES, ACRO MEETING

April 14, 2019

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

AGF Office, Conference Call

Calgary

Call in Information: # 1-888-289-4573. Access Code #5491186

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Attendance:

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| Jayson Johnson | Acro Chairperson |
| Erin Basisty | CCGC |
| Michelle Johnson | Edmonton Acro |
| Kevin Quon | Program Coordinator- AGF |
| Robert Knight | Pegasus Gymnastics and ATA Coaching Coordinator |
| Peter Van Thiel | Acrobatic Studio |
| Chelsea Fenn | Salto Gymnastics |
| Leanne Cameron | Fort Gymnastics |
| Kelsey Garez | ATA Judge Coordinator |
| Rebecca Zutz | Pegasus |
| Cassie Allen | CCGC |

Regrets:

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| Norm Lewis | Calgary Acro |
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1. Call to Order

- 1.1 Official welcomes and introductions 8:39AM
- 1.2 Approval of Agenda

CCGC/Fort Gymnastics

MOTION: “To approve the agenda”
ACCEPTED

- 1.3 Approval of last meeting minutes, March 11, 2019

Fort Gymnastics/CCGC

MOTION: “Minutes from last meeting
accepted”
ACCEPTED

J. Johnson and K. Quon clarified that the last discussion regarding Canadians planning was intended to be a planning session and was not convened as a formal ATA meeting. Minutes from that meeting will be recorded as notes and appended to these minutes. As a discussion meeting only, motions from that discussion are not valid, however, it is important to note the wishes of those present for that session. Motions will be reviewed during today's meeting and specific applicable ones will be re-presented in this official meeting for approval.

K. Quon and J. Johnson have been directed by S. Hayes to control and stop any discussion where unrealistic or unreasonable motions are being presented or conversations are inappropriately being presented.

It was also noted that all Selection events are sanctioned events. Which in turn, it was appropriate to discuss and review SGC.

2. Chairperson Reports

2.1 AGF Board Meeting Update (J. Johnson)

- AGF Open House
 - o AGF membership presented that the board should Examine in detail possibly cutting or extensively reducing Athlete enhancement funding, Awards Gala, and/or Team Excel to help offset the deficit AGF is seeing.
 - o Insurance is constantly being looked into further. Trampoline
 - o Operational staff are putting together budget and strat. plan and will look at these and other options to present to the Board for approval.
 - o SafeSport policies and procedures
 - o AGF Membership fees – fees staying the same this year, but insurance portion will be going up. TBD. Estimated to be at least. 50% increase.

2.2 Judging Coordinator Report (K. Garez)

- Workshop review with Holly went well
- K Garez has created a Master list of judges and experience that we can keep adding to every year.
- Record keeping in Google Docs as an idea.
ACTION: J. Johnson and K. Quon to look into a better system for judges to use.
- CCGC recommended possible change by next season to Judging Committee vs Judging Coordinator- one from north one from south help K. Garez out.
- AGF needs better records of Criminal Checks and PIPA's as they had to be submitted multiple times for some judges. Need to look at other ways to manage this at AGF across all disciplines and events

ACTION: K. Quon to discuss with AGF staff what can be done to better manage Criminal Checks and PIPAs across events

2.3 Coach Coordinator Report (R. Knight)

- Discussion points will be discussed in new business

3. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

3.1 Business arising from previous meeting on March 11, 2018

ACTION: J. Johnson to request taking \$300 coach mentorship to send coaches to judging clinic

- Pending further discussion. Possibly use that for acro companion.
- Stop having judging courses until they actually have tests.

ACTION: M. Johnson will have more to discuss for next meeting (Enhancement Funding)

- Meeting was cancelled so defer till next meeting

ACTION: J. Johnson to discuss the fee increase for Acro at Provincials formally with S. Hayes. Also, unable to lock down judges with a Friday/Sunday split, would like 2 judges

- In progress
- Unable to lock down judges with the Friday/Sunday split

ACTION: Tasking the Team Selection Criteria Working group to figure out a way to include other competitions as scores for team selection.

- Finish and send out after vegas

ACTION: K. Quon to find out how many \$300 can buy and distribute to all clubs accordingly.

ACTION: Whoever is coming K. Quon to see if they would be interested in doing a quick refresher with the group Saturday.

ACTION: K. Quon to check to see what is required for Team Travel for Canadians.

ACTION: J. Johnson to look into the team travel document update.

Calgary Acro/Pegasus

MOTION: “Subject on the AGF policies, for Canadians, AGF takes responsibility for the athletes for the hours of the competition, while each club is responsible for getting their athletes there. Clubs are also eligible to go under team AB, subject to AGF policy.”

ACCEPTED

ACTION: K. Quon to set a meeting to discuss Canadians further with all clubs once he finds out the official travel policies for Canadians.

ACTION: Discuss adding a north and south selection event for the future.

4. New Business

4.1 Canadians

- Update from Working group – Team Selection Document (C. Fenn, M. Johnson, R. Knight) – Removed team coaches and team manager and allocate funds based only on athletes accepting position on Team Alberta and going to Canadians, not based on highest medals.
- Update from last meeting motions. What is allowed and what isn't under authority of ATA
- Judging at Canadians

Key Discussion Points:

- Motion that was worded to “strike the bylaws for accommodations” this is not allowed from a technical Assembly.
- New motion to be presented

Acrobatic Studio/CCGC

MOTION: “Request That the AGF Travel and accommodations (15.3, 15.4, 15.5) portion of the policies and procedures September 2018 document be exempted for the 2019 Canadian Championships because it needs to be reviewed by the board to reflect current needs and sporting requirements specific to acrobatic gymnastics.”

CARRIED

- Documents will need to be signed by parents and clubs to verify that they are liable for what they have accepted, but are still under AGF. Document TBD by S. Hayes
- Rule of 2 must be adhered by all parents and clubs for the duration of the event, including travel to and from if travelling or staying with children that are not their own.
- Training Leo's are mandatory as Canadians is a Provincial Team event that is also includes funding from AGF
- Chef or a portion thereof will be taken from the \$10k budget item.

- Per travel policy exception request, no funded managers required – funding for manager removed from Team Alberta criteria
- Discussion around having 2 outside judges vs 1 at Provincials
 - o Process used to select outside judges for provincials needs addressing
 - o E. Basisty from CCGC concerned about GCG recommended judges – were not any higher qualifications than our current Alberta Judges and bringing in a second judge reduced funding available to send our judges to Canadians. GCG is recommending 5 per Province
 - o Final choice was partly the Result of limited time and flight booking

ACTION: J. Johnson and K. Quon to look into the budget to help fund judges to Canadians this year.

Note: M.Johnson had to leave meeting due to coaching responsibilities.

- 7 days after provincials the athletes must confirm if they will be going to Canadians
- Tuesday April 23 will be the date all clubs must verify which athletes are confirmed to go to Canadians.
- There will be athlete specific amounts (eg Teamwear, registration, Sanctioning), plus cost shared for all athletes. (eg. Chef, Judges) Clubs will need to figure their own additional cost shares within their clubs as applicable (coach, travel, etc)

ACTION: K. Quon to provide estimates of athlete specific costs and AGF cost share to clubs by Thursday, April 18

- 4.2 Acro Companion province purchase
- 85 sheets were purchased 12 distributed to each club.

ACTION: K. Quon to send list of emails the sheets are allocated to. Coaches to respond if they need the allocation email adjusted.

- 4.3 Unit of the year Criteria/process (M. Johnson, K. Garez, R. Knight)

- 4.4 Enhancement Funding Update (M. Johnson)
J. Johnson update in lieu of M Johnson: Working group meeting took place on April 2.

Key Discussion Points:

- Conflict amongst disciplines on whether to use “Performance” (first round) funding on any scale for Age Groups in disciplines that have them. (Acro and Double Mini). “Core” funding can be allocated based on specific discipline requirements, but needs to be similarly aligned between them. Work being done to align definitions of levels for Acro vs WAG vs, Trampoline vs MAG vs Double Mini to ensure equitable funding accessibility. More meetings to come. Next is planned for April 23.
- Note: there was a recommendation from the community at the Open House to drop or significantly reduce the entire Enhancement Funding program in light of economic restraints. Operational staff planning budget will make appropriate recommendations to the board for review if applicable.

- 4.5 Team Travel Update (R. Knight)

- 4.6 Additions

- Provincials so far.
 - Sound system was terrible, but they bought new speaker for next day
 - WAG starting loud warmup with one unit left was disrespectful.
 - Good to have 2 days. But don't like how it was during a lunch break.

5. Adjournment

ACTION: To set the next meeting: date and place.

- Doodle poll before May long weekend 13-17

5. Adjournment

Pegasus/Fort Gymnastics

MOTION: "To adjourn the meeting"
ACCEPTED