

**Minutes from the Georgia NAWGJ Board Meeting,
February 28th, 2007, at Gwyned Bius' home.**

Present: Gwyned Bius, Gretchen Connell, Cynthia Davis, Jean DeArmon, Sharon Doyle, Marian Dykes, Stacey Harris (arrived later), Chris Jackson, and Dana Kling. Absent: Sheila Ragle.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

Several items were brought up for general discussion.

Carpooling - The board discussed a need to establish a "latest possible arrival home time" from a meet before a motel room would be provided by the meet director. The board was hesitant to come up with a definitive time but many judges have full time jobs or other commitments and choose to return home immediately after a meet, as often as it is safely possible. Dana will address this within the context of the handbook in the Lodging and Carpooling sections, with the following text: *In the event that the meet lasts late into the evening on the final day, the host gym may be required to provide an additional night of accommodation. It is up to the meet referee to negotiate with the meet director beforehand for an additional night's lodging. Meet Referees: please be cognizant of your carpools in cases like this. People with responsibilities to their gainful employment trump other considerations. Ultimately, carpools are to cooperate in this regard. It may have been a long day, but getting home safely and ready for the next day are also important.*

Ethics - We decided we do not need an ethics chairperson on the board and Jean will continue to handle any problems individually.

Scholarships - We decided we should not establish a scholarship for a senior for NCAA reasons and that it would be too difficult to single out a new judge for a scholarship.

Senior gifts - We would like to do this again with a gift similar to last year (CD and stationary.)

Renaming the Judges 500. We have called this meet by the same name for many years and it is time to purchase new decorations and medals so now would be the time to change.

We will have a contest for the members of Ga NAWGJ to suggest a new name for the Judges 500 meet in September, with the winner to receive payment for their USAG membership dues.

Motion: Stacey 2nd: Chris. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Contest entries should be sent to Stacey, and the winner will be determined by the board. See further info in the newsletter.

We also discussed the following suggestion from the judging community: State Availability Forms and In-gym cards should be sent to both the SJD and to someone else in case they get lost in the mail, etc.

State availability forms and in-gym cards should be sent to both the SJD and the Membership Chair, with the same due date to each party.

Motion: Marian. 2nd: Stacey. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Jean will revise the forms to indicate that they need to be sent to both the SJD and the Membership Chair, in case of a loss of either copy. We also discussed the possibility of getting event assignments out early for the optional state meets, but decided that it was important that the national and regional events be assigned before our state meets are assigned. We discussed that it is permissible for judges to change events over the course of meet weekends, provided team results would not be affected. This is being done at some meets, at the discretion of the meet referee. Meet referees need to be reminded that event assignments must be done by the Friday before the week of the meet (i.e. 8 days before the meet) and sent to Chris for publication on the website. Judges need to be reminded that any communication with the meet director needs to be through the meet referee. Judges are NOT to contact gyms directly unless they are the meet referee.

Committee Reports:

Memberships and CPE Coordinator : Marian let us know that judges have been audited at random this year, so it is important that everyone keep their documents available. She is going to look into how long we must keep them.

Newsletter: I am currently working on a newsletter, and if you are reading this, I actually completed it. Go me.

Fundraising: Judges 500 (with a new name and theme) will once again be held at Roswell the first weekend after Labor Day, and Stacey will ask Cumming if they wish to be the site of the *Up, Up and Away* AAU meet in December, since they did such a great job with it this past year.

Judges Training: Dana discussed the state clinic, which will be held at Roswell June 2-3, and will be followed by Region 8 Congress here in Atlanta two weeks later. Chris has put the clinic info on the website as well.

Contracts and Booking: We discussed *hard to book* meets in some detail, and decided that the system is working well and there is not enough reason for us to change it at this time. Gwyned will make sure gyms with meets she considers to be *hard to book* know that they do not have to have their meet designated as such unless they wish to. Everyone is expected to judge the *hard to book* meet that they accept a contract for, unless they judge another meet that is on the *hard to book* list. Jean will handle exemptions (due to personal emergencies, etc.) on a case by case basis.

At 8:40 pm the meeting adjourned.

