

**Minutes from Georgia NAWGJ Board Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2002  
At Jean DeArmon's home.**

Present: Gwyned Bius, Gretchen Connell, Jean DeArmon, Sharon Doyle, Marian Dykes, Cindy Furman (non-voting), Jeanie Lipsius, Sheila Ragle (non-voting), Kathlyn Skeslock, Lisa Wheaton and Ceal Wutka.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

**Committee Reports:**

**Secretary:** (You mean I'm supposed to be writing this stuff down?) The board asked for a time frame in which to read, change if necessary and approve the minutes. We agreed upon one week for the Secretary to write and send out the minutes, and another week to approve or change them. All board members are asked to respond to the minutes, even if they are not asking for any changes. We also discussed a time frame for publication of the newsletter and decided the next one should be put out before the last two compulsory state meets, provided there is a need, otherwise it will wait until January.

**Technical:** Ceal reminded all meet referees that she needs assignments in a timely manner and asked that all judges and meet referees refer to the web site frequently. Ceal also asked that we attempt to put the newsletter on the web site. Ceal was asked if we could have a classified section on our web site. She agreed that this was possible. This will be used by Georgia judges only and contain no vendor ads.

**Membership:** Marian compiled all the changes for the 2002-2003 competitive season from the various sources into one document which she passed out. Marian indicated that an updated roster will be available at booking.

**Hospitality:** Jeanie went over the menu for Judges 500.

**Judges Training:** Kathlyn had a question about practice judging which Marian said she would look into. Kathlyn is working on an errata sheet for the Handbook which she will give out at 500. It was brought up that USAG will not be sending everyone a R&P. Individual members will need to call USAG if they wish to receive a personal copy. We discussed the possibility of setting up a reimbursement for new judges to help cover some of the initial costs, to be paid after they successfully test and judge three meets. Kathlyn brought up perhaps volunteering to host the 2005 National Symposium, but was not met with a lot of enthusiasm. All future testing registration forms and clinic registrations forms will be available on our website.

**Member-At-Large:** Gretchen is now the bridge between AAU and the judging community. She discussed the idea of having a judging library and we discussed if it would be a store or lending library, and perhaps both.

**Contracts:** Gwyned said contracts are out for invitationals and had some questions about deadlines for out-of-state judges. She said we will not be filling out purple cards at booking (Yeah). If you replace someone at a meet you just need to send in a contract which Ceal said she would put on the website, so you can print one from there. Also, Gwyned will have these contracts available at booking.

**Booking:** Gwyned said there are still eight gyms from which she hasn't received the Request for Judges form. She also suggested that perhaps the form should include the phrase ""uniforms required"" since some gyms don't understand that when they check the ""theme"" box, we think of attire other than our uniform. Also, she will have in-gym cards if anyone needs them.

**Fundraiser:** Lisa said she had 304 entries for Judges 500 but the deadline was not until August 14th. She will order the notebooks when she gets the final number. Gretchen has assumed responsibility for the collection of door prizes for coaches and gymnasts for the meet. AAU: Cindy said that she and Denise Jensen are the new AAU Co-chairs and that it will take some time before the transition is complete. Jean asked Cindy if she feels that meet referees were still advantageous for AAU state meets and Cindy agreed they are necessary.

**A motion was made and unanimously accepted to make a monetary donation towards a thank you gift for Liz for all her years of service to AAU and the gymnastics community.**

**A motion was made and unanimously accepted to approve the budget proposed by Jean for the Judges 500.**

**A motion was made and unanimously accepted to give gifts to the retiring board members, June, Chris and Marilyn. In order to follow Marilyn's own mode of shopping, every effort will be made to use a discount coupon.**

**Other:** We discussed the possibility of sending someone to National Judges Cup in Md. Judges will be given the opportunity to register for consideration at Judges' 500. The board will then select the representative from all interested judges.

We discussed the idea of giving pins for years of service, with a favorable reaction in general. Marian agreed to look into coming up with a process for determining years of service, since some of the judges began judging before written records were kept, and the cave walls cannot be found. Denise Jessen asked if she could have four experienced judges for GA Games and four new judges, and we discussed that meet directors are always allowed to request judges by name, and this would be her option of course.

At 8:43 pm the meeting adjourned.