

First State Gymnastics Athletic Association
October 25th, 2007
Budget & By-Laws Meeting

Called to Order: 6:07

Attendance: Maria Lash, Liz Callahan, Cheryl Santmyer, Melba Saxton, Beth Thomas, Bill Lang, Candy Brown, Patty Swanson, Barbara Sidoriak, Dianna Smith, Karen Pride, Melissa Liott, Jennifer Sadler, Judy Seelig, Joan Pierson and Teresa Ellis.

Notes from Joan: Thank you to all! Our first bill from the City of Newark came and the total charge was \$1,000,000.00. This was obviously a mistake. The parent observation room can be used to watch sport games on the weekends just ask for the remote at the desk to change the channel.

The cheer counter is going to be moved to where the soda machine used to be to give them and us more room.

To let you all know, all the class and team coaches have had background checks made and sent for safety certification classes

A question of if parents are allowed to view from upstairs was asked. It is encouraged to just bring your daughter to practice drop her off and then come back to pick her up at the end of her scheduled time. There is wireless connection that can be used if you need to do some work and if you have another child with you that needs to do homework while waiting, you may go upstairs. The rules are that you remain quiet, stay at the tables and away from the sides. It is very distracting to the girls especially your own daughter if there are people up there watching and trying to help the girls. No small children will be allowed upstairs. That area will be used for the state meet.

Tops Team: This is only for ages 7-11. It is a group that will focus on strength and conditioning. You must be tested to become part of Tops. On the USAG website are the specific requirements to be eligible. This is the first step to having an elite team. They will have separate practices above and beyond the regular team practice, there is an additional fee, it is by invitation only, and will be starting in November.

Hopes Program: This is the next step after Tops and will be looking into it. Testing begins at age 12.

Finance Committee: Has created a new committee to create a sponsorship program. This would be for soliciting donations from corporations. They will decide what benefits a company would receive based on the amount they donated. They will also draft letters to be sent out. Patty Swanson has agreed to chair this committee with Jen & Missy assisting.

There are concerns regarding reimbursements of the coaches travel and food for away meets. This will be discussed with Slava.

Web Page: The meet schedule is updated with links to the host gym. Check these links often to find the schedules for the meets. Remember that when they first appear, they are tentative and could change.

Level reps need to send Beth Thomas the scores of all the girls on your level after the meet to be posted on the web-site.

Fundraising: Cheesecake pick up has been changed to Nov 19th from 6-8pm.

Leos: All have been distributed and everyone except the 3 new level 4's have received one. Soak the leo in cold water to remove any excess dye from the fabric. The bags are ordered and should be here soon.

Don't forget to turn in the Yerchenko release forms!

Teresa Ellis