

First State Gymnastics Athletic Association

Meeting Minutes

April 27th, 2009

Attendance: Maria Lash, Renee DiFrancesco, Jennifer Enslin, Caron Radecki, Candy Brown, Brittany Green, Denise Smith, Karen Carter, Judy Seelig, Becky Marshall, Theresa Muschiatti, Karen Robinson, Sharon Struthers, Michelle Dusseau and Teresa Ellis.

Congratulations to Mia DiFrancesco and Haley Jones for qualifying for level 9 nationals and to Alyssa DiFrancesco for making 1st alternate for nationals, and to Lauren Swankowski for making level 10 nationals. Good Luck girls!

A Great Big Thank You goes out to everyone for helping make the state meet a success!

First State Invitational: We will host the invitational again this year. It is scheduled for Dec 5th and 6th. Please keep these dates free as well as Dec 4th for set up. We will need everyone to work the meet.

Elections: Next meeting will be May 18th and we will have elections for the open positions. They are president, secretary, communications chair and member at large.

June Members Meeting: This meeting will be after the move up letters have come out from Slava. It will be a mandatory meeting in conjunction with the gym. The athletic association will go over its policies and fees, and Slava will go over the gym's policies and fees. You will also have to sign a contract with both the FSGAA and FSG. The orders for competition leos will be placed at that meeting so attendance is extremely important. If you do not attend, your daughter will not have a leo to compete in. Last year the letters went out in the middle of May and the new practice schedule began at the end of June.

Finance: We were under budget on coaches expenses this year and we made money from the invitational and the state meet. This will go towards next years budget and hopefully lower assessments for next year.

Fund Raising: We made a little money off of the sale of team pictures which will go to the FSGAA. We will have a used leo sale during the team picnic. Please have each leo in a baggie with the size, price and name on it. We are currently working on putting together a beef and beer for over the summer some time. Please volunteer to help out with running a fundraiser or helping run one.

Team Picnic: Will be held June 20th at the U of D pool from 6-9pm with fireworks following the picnic. Everyone attending needs to bring a dish to the picnic. We also need a count of who is attending and how many. Families are encouraged to attend. An e-mail will be sent out with your child's name and high scores for each event and her highest all around score. Please make sure this is the way your daughter's name is spelled and the scores are correct. This is the way it will appear on the plaque.

Hershey Park Tickets: will be available soon, this will also be open to the boy's team. A date will be chosen to go as a team, but it is not mandatory to go that date. You can use the tickets any time you like.

Message from Slava: It may be a possibility that the team will have off on Saturdays and Sundays this summer. Kim is leaving as coach to go back to nursing full time and Cleo Washington will be taking over her position. Slava and Cleo will be working closely together to make the team as strong as it can be. They have similar coaching styles and Cleo was a gymnast under Slava at Diamond. She went to the University of North Carolina and has a bachelor's degree in psychology. She can coach all events and has no problems with spotting the girls. Cleo will take over the tops girls. Lindsey will not be working with the compulsories any more.

Level letters will come out the 2nd week of May.

The position of state chair for gymnastics is now open.

There will be new leos for both the compulsories and optional levels. The optional leos will be fancier than the leos from this year. This will also cost more, we are looking at probably \$220.00, but we will keep them for 2 years. The compulsory leo will not cost as much as the optional but also not as fancy.

A new team booklet and contract will be coming from the gym.

A new level 3 team will need at least 4 members or will not be formed.

There will be more effort into routine presentations, positioning of hands, arms, toes etc. When competing, girls should smile like they are enjoying themselves. It gives better scores.

Still looking for ballet next year and for someone to choreograph routines.

Secretary,
Teresa Ellis