

## 2023 THSGCA GAT Meeting (9/1/2023)

### A. Brief President's Address-

- a. We paid our first stipend to a program in the 2022-2023 season. We need to continue to go down these paths for finding new schools to bring into the association. We need to start thinking outside the box on how to get new programs involved.
- b. We need to start grooming replacements for future coaches and how to keep our programs going.
- c. Continue to make ourselves look good to our athletic administration. Make yourselves known at your school and in your community.
- d. This will be Sean Sims last year as president. Who can step up?

### B. Financial Report-

- a. Starting of the Year: \$61,400.00
- b. Ending of the Year: \$51,738.00
- c. Income for Team Fees: \$12,000
- d. Scholarships/Donations: \$2,500
- e. There were more expenses this year
  - i. State Meet typically costs the association 7,000-8,000; this year we spent close to 10,000 with increase in judges pay and trophies.
  - ii. Regional Medals were ordered
  - iii. \$3,000 for adding the new school (stipend)
  - iv. Renegotiated Jared Whiles contract, increased a little bit
  - v. Girls Nationals (2,500-3,000) and Boys Nationals (2,500-3,000)
- f. The report will be emailed out.
- g. Scholarships: One has been sent for \$1,000 and the kid from Richland has not contacted Chris Muenz. Four scholarships were given for the club.
- h. We will not have big expenses for the 2023-2024 season.

### C. Girl's Nationals Report- Stephanie Tyson

- a. It went great. We had a lot of fun. It was recommended there be more support from the association. It feels there are only certain

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schools that allow their seniors to go, if more allowed their seniors to go it would be more representation for Texas. Kids love it.

### **D. Boy's Nationals Report- Justin James**

- a. It was a lot of fun. They paired it with NGA, it was a great championship feel. They want Texas back next year. Team Texas did win.

### **E. Voting Items:**

#### **1. Vote on the revised judges pay sheet.**

- a. No "real" changes. Just fixing certain items.

Discussion:

Mileage is roundtrip, tolls were added, extra wording for everyone to understand, added meals, and added the meals for the State Meet.

**Call to Vote: 27-0 PASSED**

#### **2. At the State Championships, teams are not allowed to use large speakers to play their own music in the warm-up area.**

- a. This has become a problem in recent years. Teams using their pump up music to keep them hyped up in the warm-up area, but causing other coaches and teams to be distracted or unable to coach or hear or concentrate.

Discussion:

- Who brought it to the table? And what was the issue?
- Are we really going to vote this into the constitution as a rule? Or let the people who caused the problem rectify the situation?
- Bring it to the meet referee's attention if there is an issue at the meet.
- Be considerate of other teams in the future.

**Call to Vote: 0-14 FAILED**

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~~3. If a high school team does not qualify for TEAM competition at the State Championships, they can have NO MORE than 2 all around competitors:~~

~~a. Recent issues have contributed to the length of the state championships:~~

**3. Was altered by the committee prior to the meeting. It will be the exact rule we have from 10 All-Arounders to 8 All-Arounders. Everything else stays the exact same.**

Discussion:

- This is to help the length of the state competition.

**Called to Vote: 18-2 PASSED**

**4. 2024 THSGCA State Championships to be hosted by El Paso Bel Air HS on May 3 & 4**

Discussion:

- El Paso is looking forward to having everyone and letting El Paso see what Gymnastics is all about.
- Venue is upstairs and downstairs. Has a beautiful view.

**Called to Vote: 25-0 PASSED**

**5. Vote to continue using the MeetCenter scoring and ranking system.**

Discussion:

- Nothing new added to the website but moving it to a new server for better quality.

**Called to Vote: 24-0 PASSED**

**6. Vote to approve changes by the Men's rules committee**

Discussion:

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- Adopted the no 0 vault policy. Every vault will be judged.
- A committee that will rewrite the mens review committee before October 1st
- Pommel Horse dismount will now be accepted.
- Change on Floor Compulsory
- Same committee will vote the mens review committee will vote to add in 2 skills by October 1st

**Called to Vote: 15-0 PASSED**

### **7. Vote to approve changes by the Women's rules committee**

Discussion:

- Level 5 update from USAG. The bar dismount can be changed to the Level 4 dismount with a 9.5 start value.
- Level 8 Vault Start Value Changes
  - Front Handspring Full: 9.5 instead of 9.8
  - ½ On Full Off: 9.4 instead of 9.8

**Called to Vote: 14-0 PASSED**

### **8. Officer Elections**

#### **a. VP for Women**

- Becky Smith
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**Called to Vote: 14-0 PASSED- Becky will remain Womens VP**

#### **b. Secretary**

- Casey Werner
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**Called to Vote: 27-0 PASSED - Casey will remain Secretary**

#### **c. Treasurer**

- Chris Muenz
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**Called to Vote: 25-0 PASSED- Chris Muenz will remain Treasurer**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. The college club scholarship should include one of the qualifications being to become a judge and still receive the scholarship.**

- a. Not requiring this to be a qualification, for it to be an alternative option.

**Called to Vote (To Discuss): 15-0**

Discussion:

- Currently they have to compete in a certain amount of meets to receive the scholarship.
- This opens it up for more athletes to apply and receive scholarship
- Make it even wider: Make it to where they must be involved in Gymnastics. Specifics will need to be added. Making a criteria
- The men's side could get state certified. Women could take the 4-5 USAG test.
- You can have different requirements for men and women for judging.
- Money goes to the financial office. It will still be sent to the school.

**Expand the THSGCA Club Scholarship to include judging and coaching in the qualifications.**

**Called to Vote: 23-0**

**\*\*Executive Board will discuss and have something to vote on September 30th\***

Note: Sherman went down to the UIL in Austin over the summer. He spent a minute explaining our association. Explained we are growing. Asked to be put in the constitution, not as a UIL sport but as an activity (like cheerleading). There was a spark of interest and Mark plans to go back for the October meeting.

**Meeting Ended: 7:30pm**