

North Zone Minutes

Convention, San Diego

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Morning Meeting: Myrna Hagedorn gave a progress report on the 2004 North Zone Clinic. Three areas have expressed interest in hosting: Elmbrook, Wisconsin; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Noon Meeting: All the candidates for election at this Convention visited and asked for our votes.

Lisa Mooney presented and distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report.

Becky Trombley-Domegan presented information about the 2002 Coaches College, indicating that the summaries from all the sessions were available on the Coaches Web Page for free download. All North Zone coaches were invited to join the Web Page. Becky also said that the North Zone rep to the College, Alice Seipelt, still had about \$300.00 of her grant money left – she would be glad to use this money to travel to other areas in the Zone to present information about the College if this was desired.

MS – DNP – Direct a \$500.00 donation from the North Zone General Fund to the annual expense of running National Team 2, which has no funding available in the budget. Before an amount is pledged, the North Zone athletes will meet to decide whether and how much they want to donate from the North Zone Athlete Fund. The athletes will draft a proposal and Linda Loehndorf will present to the Zone at the Friday morning meeting.

There was a discussion about a memorial for Marian Kretschmer. The following was suggested:

1. The memorial award would go to the athlete accumulating the highest number of points at the North Zone Championships
2. A permanent trophy would be in the care of the Awards Chair and placed on display at North Zone Championships and at Convention
3. A plaque would be presented to the award recipient at the North Zone Championships
4. The initial trophy would be purchased with North Zone funds that are directed to that purpose, and the memorial would be funded thereafter as necessary with donations solicited on the meet invitation for the North Zone Championships

As a permanent memorial award, Joan McCord offered to donate a silver tray that would be suitable for engraving, and Re Calcaterra offered to donate a trophy as well. This will be decided by the end of this Convention.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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Shari Darst gave an update about the 2004 North Zone Championships to be held at the Epic Pool at the Olympic Training Center, Fort Collins, Colorado on March 11 – 13, 2004. The figure group drawn was Group2: Flamingo Bent Knee and Aurora.

Joan McCord presented a draft of her updated North Zone By-Laws. **MSP** – Amendments were made (mostly housekeeping). Joan will incorporate the amendments and present the final form to the North Zone membership at the Annual Meeting in March 2004. Once they are approved in final form, they will be mailed or emailed to the membership according to the By-Laws.

The North Zone approved Joan McCord's donation of a silver tray as a permanent memorial trophy in Marian Kretschmer's name. **MSP** – The Awards Committee will discuss appropriate wording to engrave the tray. This is a traveling award, to be in the care of the Awards Committee. It will be taken and displayed at the North Zone Championships and at Convention each year.

MSP – The second portion of this award will be a plaque to be presented to an athlete at the North Zone Championships. The Awards Committee will discuss criteria and wording for this plaque. The criteria for this award will be added as appendix to the North Zone By-Laws.

Shari Darst presented her Officials Report, indicating that there were 186 judges from Level 1 thru Level 8 in the North Zone. She encouraged all judges to work on expanding their ratings.

Lisa Mooney, Treasurer, reported a bookkeeping error in the North Zone bank account. The entire \$2.00 portion of the North Zone Championship entry fee designated as the Athlete Representative Travel Fund had been mistakenly allocated to the Athlete Fund when, according to our By-Laws, it should have been divided evenly between the Athlete Fund and the General Fund. This will be corrected.

Lisa Mooney also reported that South Dakota Association had not paid their North Zone Convention Suite fee as outlined in the By-Laws. Scotti Nichols with work with Lisa to draft a collection letter.

MSP – The North Zone will donate at least \$1,000 to support National Team 2 (\$500 from the General Fund and \$500 from the Athletes' Fund). Joyce Lindeman will solicit individual donations.

Nan Zack, Awards Chair, distributed a copy of the criteria (and a list of past recipients) for the North Zone Awards. She reminded everyone of the January 10, 2004 deadline for nominations.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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Saturday, September 13, 2003

Myrna Hagedorn, Education Chair, reported that the North Zone Clinic was awarded to Ann Arbor, Michigan. Gail Emery and Charlotte Davis would conduct the clinic. Host Alice Seipelt will check on whether her pool at Pioneer High School is available on the preferred weekend (Oct. 31 – Nov. 2, 2003). A portion of the proceeds of this clinic will be donated to support National Team 2.

Becky Trombley said that all the educational materials from the 2002 Coaches College were available for a \$25 fee (plus \$3 for mailing). She also reminded everyone that there is a Coaches Web-based Bulletin Board where you can download the materials for free and for exchanging information. She encouraged everyone to join the Board and offered to send an email invitation to anyone interested in joining.

There are Foundation grants available for the December 5-7, 2003 Coaches College. Important dates are as follows:

1. Week of September 14, 2003 – Scotti Nichols will email or mail the grant application along with the 2003 Convention minutes to the North Zone address list
2. October 1, 2003 – deadline for Myrna Hagedorn to receive completed grant applications
3. October 6, 2003 – final decision due on grant applications
4. October 27, 2003 – reservation due to Coaches College

Shari Darst, Officials Chair, announced that the Judges Training Manual is available on CD-ROM. She will distribute one copy to each Association Officials Chair.

Reminder: North Zone Section 1 (Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio) will host the Zone Championships in 2005. As bids were not received at Convention this year, Joan McCord, Tech Chair, will work with Scotti Nichols, North Zone Secretary, to send notification to the Section 1 Associations so that a proper venue for the meet can be found.

Denise Shively requested that the North Zone consider the inclusion of Free Combo Routines in some of their meets, if not in the Zone Championships.

MSP – The North Zone Athletes pledged an initial \$250 from the Athletes Fund to the Marian Kretschmer Memorial Award. They will also pledge \$50 per year to help keep the Award funded.

Respectfully submitted,

Scotti Nichols
North Zone Secretary