

**NAWGJ Annual Meeting  
July 30, 2017  
Peak Athletics Plus in conjunction with Tom Koll clinic**

The meeting was called to order by Nichole Otterson 12:15pm

General Membership in attendance

Board Members in attendance

Laurie Balerud, Stacie Beckwith, Dana Himmelman, Chelsey Hume, Eric Pung, and Linda Weekes

Nichole thanked outgoing Board members;

Kathi Blazek, she started the website way back when, got us on the tech path

Annette Carlson, she was a rockstar assigner

Jen Ditmer, who has since moved to AZ

Linda, Chelsey, Laurie (all remaining on the board)

Retaining 3 people, have 3 new people

New board members: Eric Pung (website, opt assigning), Chelsey (history, secretary, opt assigning team), Laurie (assigning coord), Stacie (Judge of the Year, policy/ethics, treasurer, compulsory assignor), Dana (judge mentor, compulsory assignor), and Linda Weekes (education, CPE, Xcel assignor)

Exam yesterday (July 29), we had 15 people take the test!

Must have in order to judge; current with NAWGJ membership, USAG, background & safety, need to be CPE compliant, right now safe sport is NOT required, but will be required very soon, please just take it right now while it is free (on USOC website, USAG will connect you once you log in) once completed takes 24-78 hours to show up on your profile.

**Nichole NEEDS NAWGJ Information Sheet & copy of USAG card. If sending in an e-mail it must be in a PDF format.**

If anything changes (address, etc) 3 HOT SPOTS : USAG, NAWGJ National, Gym Jas

GymJas; EDIT your availability ESPECIALLY if you decline a meet so that we know and don't have to email you a bunch of times for future meets

Assigning for fall completed yesterday (July 29), assignments going out tomorrow (You get 10 days with one friendly reminder, after that the contract will just go away)

Assigning in CO – number of slots available and then number of judges, each person gets same number of potential slots, sometimes when people are more available they will have more

If you need a replacement, email Laurie to find out who is available, and then it is your responsibility to email those people and find a replacement.

Most cases you are replacing the seat, not dependent on what your rating is.

It was discussed how State and Regional assignments are done by the State and Regional Committees.

**Protocol at meets:**

Coaches; do not be overly friendly and overly huggy, talking for 15 minutes, etc; portray the professionalism view, could be laughing about something and parents thought or coaches thought something else

Judges; do not be overly dramatic or emotive, parents eyes are on you, stay professional, verbal table talk, if you are judging there should be NO talking, if you are out of range then you can talk, in you are in range, you go

Independent scoring (NEW per R & P) – must independently y score their own routine, tabs are fine, two iPads are fine, head judge with an iPad entering both is not ok, has to be two tabs if only one iPad

HAS TO BE A HEAT SHEET, just average, if 2 iPads then there has to tabs for both scores; has to be a written record of scores

Please make sure that when you are judging an event, you need to have respect for the head judge seat, understand that when you are sitting with someone, you need to respect that chief judge, you don't question the timer protocol, you don't question anything else. Chief judge calls conference, chief judge can ask a question, acting judge does not take over anything at all.

If a coach has a question, the Chief judge ANSWERS that question, if CJ is in the restroom you tell them that CJ has to answer when they get back., if CJ asks AJ for input that is fine, not for AJ to answer unless asked

**Respect each other; make judging your priority when you are in the judges seat**

Payment increase: as of August 1, 2.5% increase in hourly rate, in new R&P

No carpooling, no reference to anything about carpooling

For faraway meets; please still drive together if possible, make best effort possible to help out the Meet Directors in good faith.

NO MORE 30 MILES!!!!!!

\*\*We still START getting paid at the report time, not the march in time, if you are more than 5 minutes late you lose that entire 30 minutes and you get paid from

march in, still same thing ½ hour break then you have to be back on site after that ½ hour break

**\*\*Every judge is to remain on the floor so that MR can get the correct time for break**

**Intrasquad/mock meet vs. Sanction** – tell Nichole about mock meets so you get the ‘blanket’ insurance, if you get a contract its automatic  
If it is a sanctioned meet, you **HAVE TO** receive a contract from NAWGJ

**Judges Cup 2017 – Beach Party – September 30 – October 1**

Judges get certain things for volunteering – still about the same for USAG, NAWGJ, other incentives TBD.

National Judges Cup is in Portland, Oregon – January 5-7, 2018

Coordination will always go through Nichole, please try to read entire emails as there is always pertinent information.

CO NAWGJ Judges Login – that login is password protected, please do not share it with anyone, only judges - If you are new or you are not sure of the current password, please contact Eric.

CPE due on May 31, 2018, will go to Board Member Linda Weekes

**Upcoming dates –**

Tentative next Judges Exam is October 22 (Sunday) – Nichole to send an email

Optional Clinic – January 7 @ DU

CO 9/10 Regionals @ DU - April 13-15, possibly also April 12, we will need lots of volunteers and helpers on the floor!

Region 3 Congress – June 15–17 2018 in Dallas, Texas

**Exams NEXT YEAR if you hold Optional rating – EVERYONE has to retest. Current Brevet or National, you must go to Dallas for Region 3 Congress Other times are available but they are later in the summer (National Congress in Providence, RI)**

National Congress in Providence, RI – August 16-19, 2018

**If you are not eligible for the National/Brevet course and want to retest your Optional rating – the first time you will be able to test is at NATIONAL CONGRESS**

Nichole's goal is 2 weeks later (Labor Day weekend) will be giving the exam in Colorado, 2018

**Materials for 10, 9, 7/8 available in June – Books should be ready in June**

**All National/Brevet course material will be online.**

Judge of the Year –  
Stacie Beckwith – Compulsory Judge of the Year  
Cindy Miyake – Optional Judge of the Year

Nichole has our quarterly financial report through April and our current working budget if anyone wants to see it

New Rules and Policies  
(Out now, link below)  
[https://usagym.org/pages/women/pages/rules\\_policies.html](https://usagym.org/pages/women/pages/rules_policies.html)

*Minutes submitted by CO NAWGJ Secretary, Chelsey Hume.*