



## **USASF BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 3, 2014**

### **PRESENT:**

Brian Elza, Colleen Little, Dan Kessler, Happy Hooper, Jeff Fowlkes, Jim Chadwick, John Newby, Justin Carrier, Kathy Penree, Mack Hirshberg, Mike Burgess, Morton Bergue, Steve Peterson, Tara Harris

### **ABSENT:**

Kristen Rosario, John Nichols

### **GUESTS:**

Joelle Antico, Roger Schonder, Shawn Smith, Amy Clark, Les Stella, Lynn Singer

### **AGENDA:**

#### **Feedback from Regional Meetings and Convention Week**

Board members who attended Regional Meetings and the USASF Convention Week expressed positive support for the structure and content presented and were encouraged by another year of increased participation at every location. Suggestions were made to allow additional time for rules discussion and debate during Cheer Rule voting years. Level 6 Credentialing, offered for the first time this summer, was recognized as a successful new program.

#### **All Star Prep - Mike Burgess and Steve Peterson**

The topic of limiting All Star Prep performances to one performance at two day events was discussed at the Cheer Sanctioning Committee Meeting in Chicago. Some Event Producers in attendance asked if the rule could be reviewed for the 2014-15 season to allow All Star Prep teams to compete twice at two day events. The question has now been discussed by the Cheer Sanctioning Committee and the Cheer Rules Committee.

The Sanctioning Committee is in favor of allowing two performances in the 2014-15 season, with the second performance being exhibition only.

The Rules Committee (comprised of coaches, event producers and judge representatives) felt overwhelmingly that Prep teams should only perform once, and if the decision was to let them perform twice, the rule adjustment should take place beginning with the 2015-16 season. It was noted that no one submitted this idea as a rules change proposal during the process that ended on June 1, and that if this change were allowed, it would fall outside of the rules change process.

It was discussed that some event producers allowed two performances during the 2013-14 season and need to be reminded of the rule. It was also discussed that the intent of the rule was to maintain a differentiation between Prep and All Star.

A recommendation was made to bring the question to the Tier 2, 3 and 4 event producers for input and consideration during the regular rules change proposal process for the 2015-17 seasons. It was also recommended to communicate to the event producers that the current rule in place is to allow All Star Prep teams to perform once at two day events, and allowing teams to perform twice is in non-compliance of the event producer member agreement. Mike and Steve will put the communication together for event producers.

#### **Professional Membership - Amy Clark**

Amy reviewed a plan proposed by the National Advisory Board that would require Professional Membership and Coach Credentialing for coaches to be admitted to the warm up room at all sanctioned events by the 2016-17 competition season. The plan was reviewed and approved by the Sanctioning Committee and the Tier 2, 3 and 4 event producers during Convention Week.



Steve Peterson motioned that the Board approve the plan as presented. Mike Burgess seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with one member abstaining having not been on the call for discussion of this topic. Amy will move forward with implementation of the plan.

#### **Cheer Rules vote preliminary summary and update – Mike Burgess**

Mike reviewed the process to date for this year's cheer rules change proposals. Approximately 80 proposals were submitted by the June 1 deadline. The Rules Committee and NACCC reviewed the proposals and put together the final slate. The slate was discussed and debated at each Regional Meeting, at several committee meetings during Convention Week and at the NACCC Annual Congress Meeting. Voting was open for one week and the results are now available. Next steps are for the NACCC Board and USASF Rules Committee to review the results and present final rules recommendations to the Board to review. The goal is to post the rules for 2015-17 sometime in March, 2015.

#### **2017 Worlds venue options – Steve Peterson**

As discussed in previous Board meetings, the USASF must let Disney know prior to the 2015 Worlds if we are going to stay at Disney for the 2017 Worlds. Steve has been talking to and visiting various cities, sport commissions and CVBs and will have some information available for the Board to discuss and consider at the November meeting.

#### **USASF Transition Update – Jim Chadwick**

Jim provided an update of the progress in the transition of the USASF:

1. Steve is working with a realtor to find office space out of the Varsity offices.
2. Jim has requested to receive balance sheets monthly.
3. A job description is being developed for a person to manage USASF financial affairs.
4. We are looking for legal representation that is separate from Varsity's representation.

#### **Welcome**

Welcome Morton Berge, officially, as the new NACCC chairperson. Morton now moves to fill the NACCC seat on the USASF Board. Welcome also to Joelle Antico and Roger Schonder who have been nominated to fill Morton's coach seat on the USASF Board. Further discussion about Board seats will take place at the November Board meeting.

#### **Meeting Adjourned.**

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Conference Call: October 1, 2014

In Person Meeting: November 11-12, Atlanta, GA

