



USASF BOARD CONFERENCE CALL – APRIL 3, 2013

ON THE CALL:

Jim Chadwick
Brian Elza
Catherine Morris
Colleen Little
Dan Kessler
Elaine Pascale
Happy Hooper
Gwen Holtsclaw
Jeff Fowlkes
John Newby
Justin Carrier
Kathy Penree
Kristen Rosario
Mack Hirschberg
Mike Burgess
Morton Bergue
Steve Peterson
Tara Patton Harris

Members absent from the call:

All in attendance

Guests on the call:

Les Stella, USASF Vice President, Rules, Safety and Judging
Lynn Singer, USASF Executive Director, Communications

AGENDA:

WORLDS AFTER PARTY SECURITY PLAN

Steve Peterson reviewed security measures for athlete celebration events following Worlds. Security is being scaled up this year to include an Osceola police department presence throughout the park and at pool areas at all resorts. Athletes and spectators will be dispersed to age appropriate activities at four different parts of the park. Entertainment will include a DJ at three locations and a band at the fourth. Information will be sent to coaches to be given to athletes prior to Worlds in an effort to avert any incidences from occurring at Worlds. Coaches and athletes will also be briefed at orientation.

JUDGING COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

Jim reviewed a proposal discussed by the Executive Committee concerning the establishment of a USASF Judges Committee. After discussion, the Board consensus was that it is premature to form an official USASF committee concerning judging until at this time. Rather, a committee will be created within the NACCC to formalize and bring concerns and recommendations to event producers for consideration within their individual companies until there becomes a need to create a judging committee within the USASF.

GROWCHEER.org RESPONSE:

Gwen Holtsclaw summarized a conference call that took place with representatives from GrowCheer.org. The purpose of the call was to discuss possible agenda items should there be a meeting between the two groups. The agenda items that GrowCheer.org would like to discuss are the items in their proposal.

Jim explained that the next step would be for Happy Hooper, as Secretary/Treasurer of the USASF to respond to GrowCheer.org asking for more information so that the USASF could determine next steps.

Further discussion concerning the USASF increasing transparency to its members and plans for the Board to continue to provide relevant information and answers to member questions.

CHEER RULES UPDATE

Mike Burgess reminded the Board that cheer and dance rules updates will be sent to the membership on Friday, April 5th.

One challenge for the Rules Committee has been the ages for International Level 5 and whether the USASF should adopt the International age rules for that division. After discussion and vote, all are in favor of adopting International Level 5 ages used by non-U.S. teams. Ages will be in effect for one year, during the 2013-14 competition season.

NACCC ANNUAL MEETING

Elaine Pascal invited all USASF Board Members to a “meet and greet” with the NACCC Executive Committee and Board at the NACCC Annual Meeting in Doral in May.