



USASF BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 5, 2014

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Gwen Holtsclaw, President, Cheer, Ltd., Les Stella, USASF Vice President, Rules, Safety and Judging, Lynn Singer, USASF Executive Director, Communications, Amy Clark, USASF Executive Director, Membership, Tammy Van Vleet, GSSA and Aloha Spirit, Karen Wilson, USASF West Regional Director

AGENDA:

Safety Judging Update – Les Stella

Les reviewed plans being developed and implemented for clarification of safety judge processes and rules explanations:

- Posting clarifications on the website.
- Creating videos that will be on the website permanently.
- Encouraging gyms to assign a rules person within the gym to be knowledgeable and educated about rules.
- A group of core safety judges and rules committee members are determining if the way the rules are presented needs to be reformatted and some possibly rewritten.
- Create a database for safety judges to see things that have been “cleared” by another safety judge.
- Conference calls with senior safety judges.
- Weekly updates posted on rules site.

Annual Report – Lynn Singer

Lynn reviewed the content for the 2013 Annual Report. In addition to the financial statement, it will contain a look back at the positives of 2013 and a look ahead to positive key initiatives for 2014.

OK2B – Karen Wilson

There have been several cases of suicide in All Star in the last couple of years as a result of bullying, and the USASF Mentoring Leaders group felt the USASF has a platform, through event producers and social media, to create a campaign against bullying. As the members of the group discussed bullying, they changed the focus from “anti-bullying” to “full acceptance” and connected to the parents and the gym of a young athlete who had committed suicide. They had created a campaign called “OK2B.” The messaging will continue to be looked at.

Concussion Update – Les Stella

Les presented ideas for training and testing coaches about concussions. Discussion suggested that the USASF create a protocol for how to handle a situation in which a concussion may have occurred and evaluate the skills that may be causing it. It will be looked at and a specific recommendation made to the Board.

Rules Update – Mike Burgess

Mike reviewed that we are in the first of two seasons with the current level rules. The current rules will be in effect through the 2014-15 season. We can review the age grid on annual basis if necessary. Level Rules proposals for the 2016-17 season are due May 1, 2014.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: March 5, 2014