



**USASF Board Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2012
Sheraton Grand Hotel, Dallas, TX**

Board Members in Attendance: All members were in attendance including Mike Burgess and Gwen Holtsclaw by phone.

Guests in Attendance:

Karen Wilson – USASF West Regional Director
Les Stella – USASF Executive Director, Rules
Amy Clark (via phone) – USASF National Director of Membership
Lynn Singer – USASF Executive Director, Communications

WELCOME & RECOGNITION

Jim Chadwick, USASF Chairman, opened the meeting and welcomed all participants and guests. Jim recognized Lance Wagers for offering to designate the ACA board seat to a gym owner seat nominated by the NACCC and then presented an appreciation award to Lance for his leadership and contribution to the USASF Board.

THIRD PARTY SURVEY RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Lynn Singer, USASF Executive Director, Communications, presented the results and recommendations from the third party surveys and focus groups held over the summer. Proposals were made to review and, where necessary, revise committee charters and priorities of programs and initiatives to align with member preferences voiced in surveys and focus groups. The process will begin immediately and will be communicated to members as changes are made and at summer Regional Meetings.

USASF FINANCIALS

Jeff Fowlkes, USASF Treasurer, reviewed 2011 financials and 2012 YTD financials. The report was approved by the Board. Financials will be posted on USASF website.

2013-14 MEMBER AGREEMENT

Steve Peterson, USASF Vice President, Events & Corporate Alliances, reviewed changes to the 2013-14 USASF Event Producer Member Agreement. The changes were approved pending final review at the 12/5 meeting of Athlete Membership programs and Event Sanctioning requirements.



NEW BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

In October, Varsity designated its Board seat held by ACA to be assigned to a gym owner nominated by the NACCC.

The following new gym owner Board members were elected unanimously:

Kristen Rosario, Top Gun All Stars (as assigned by ACA, 2 year term)

Kathy Penree, CNY Storm (replacing Jody Melton, 2 year term)

Morton Bergue, Cheergyms.com (1 year rotation)

DISCIPLINARY/COMPLIANCE PROCESS

Karen Wilson, USASF West Regional Director, presented updates to the Professional Responsibility Code and Disciplinary process, which were approved unanimously for the 2013/14 season and for coaches and gym owners participating in the 2013 Worlds.

SAFETY STUDY

The suggestion of conducting a safety study was discussed at the NACCC Coaches Retreat in Doral last summer and presented for Board review during this meeting. The Board consensus was that results from a safety study may not be specific enough to be actionable and that the USASF would better serve its members by helping them be safer in their training practices. To this end, a review of available concussion studies applicable to cheer and dance will be conducted.

RECOGNITION

Jim Chadwick recognized Jody Melton, thanked him for his service, and presented him with an award as his term as Board member ended.

Meeting adjourned.