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## **NACCC Board of Directors and USASF Event Producer Members**

### **Joint Session**

**August 13, 2014**

**Chicago, IL**

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

#### **NACCC Board of Directors**

Cheryl Pasinato, Debbie Love, Elaine Pascale, John Hebert, Kathy Penree, Kristen Rosario, Morton Bergue, Roger Shonder, Victor Rosario

#### **USASF Event Producer Members**

Ann Lehrman, Billy Smith, Brian Elza, Colleen Little, Dan Kessler, Dennis Worley, John Newby, Justin Carrier, Liz Rossetti, Scott Bouchard, Tara Harris

#### **USASF Staff**

Jim Chadwick, Les Stella, Lynn Singer, Amy Clark

### **AGENDA**

#### **FUTURE MEETING FORMAT**

Plans for the formatting of future Joint Sessions will be made after review of this meeting and Convention Week.

#### **UNIVERSAL SCORE SHEET**

John Metz provided a background of the development of the Universal Score Sheet. A committee was formed after the 2012 NACCC meeting in Doral, FL and has been working since then to develop a standard scoring system for All Star Cheer. The score sheet is currently in draft form and is available to event producers to be used and tested this event season. The Universal Score Sheet Committee, comprised of coaches, event producers, judges and specialists will meet in December to make any necessary adjustments based on input from implementation this fall and to prepare it for The Cheerleading Worlds. International implementation is being further discussed.

Les Stella reviewed the Universal Score Sheet.

#### **JUDGES TRAINING**

Discussion was held concerning USASF training for judges on the Universal Score Sheet. A concern was voiced that judge training had not previously been approved by the USASF Board of Directors and Jim noted that a quorum of the BOD was available for voting at this time.

#### **Motion 1:**

*The USASF will provide judges training for the Universal Score sheet in 2014-2015.*

Motion – Debbie Love

Second – Morton Bergue

Vote - Passed Unanimously

#### **Motion 2:**

*Create a committee to develop a judges training program that will be representative and balanced, starting with the Universal Score Sheet Committee, and appointed by John Metz, Kristen Rosario and Les Stella.*

Motion – Debbie Love

Second – Morton Bergue

Vote – Passed Unanimously

The training program for judges will also be made available to coaches.

## **DIVISION II**

Morton Bergue provided a summary of the progress of the Division II proposal. He has been talking to coaches, event producers and program owners to gather input. A survey was taken to measure opinions about Division I and II. Discussion included thoughts about how both larger and smaller programs would react to and apply the new divisions to their best advantage. Also discussed was whether to introduce Divisions I and II at regional and national events before bringing them to Worlds, or to introduce at all events at the same time. One idea was for the USASF to host a separate World Championship for Division II. Also considered was starting by introducing a name change from Small Gym to Division II and re-determining the size and makeup of “small” (Division II) programs. Another key point was the need for business education for member gyms.

### **Motion:**

To put on the rules ballot an “opinion poll” asking whether we should consider a name change and new definition of Small Gym to Division I and II, where the division would occur based on number of athletes in a program and whether prep athletes should be included in the count. And, for clarity, an explanation that the results of this “opinion poll,” along with data collected from the USASF member database, would be reviewed by a joint committee of event producers and coaches and ultimately the USASF Board of Directors.

**Vote:** passed unanimously

## **VOTING**

The next discussion addressed how members get to vote for various proposals. One idea was to reconsider the one program/one vote philosophy and the suggestion was made that votes could be cast proportionately based on the number of athletes in a gym. Specifically, 1 vote per 100 athletes. Another idea was to allow votes by gym size based on the rules that are applicable to each. A comparison was drawn to the recent restructuring of the NCAA Division I model and voting procedures.

Since there were multiple suggestions for how the membership might cast votes in the future, it was recommended that the process be reviewed for the next voting cycle.

## **CHEER-DANCE**

Lynn Singer provided a summary of an idea raised at the Southeast Dance Regional Advisory Board Meeting. The discussion was regarding growing dance, and the idea was to introduce a new dance division for cheer teams to enter and compete prior to competing in the standard dance divisions. The thought was to allow an introductory division for cheer teams to compete before having to compete against established dance teams that would also provide growth for dance. Discussion continued at the Northeast, Southwest and West Dance Regional Advisory Board Meetings before going to both the Cheer and Dance National Advisory Boards. The consensus of both committees was to form a joint subcommittee of cheer and dance event producers and coaches to consider the idea from all sides before making a recommendation for



next steps. Members volunteered for the new subcommittee and will meet in the near future to discuss.

#### **OTHER TOPICS**

**PAC:** Kathy Penree serves as the Chairperson of the Parents Advisory Committee and the liaison from the PAC to the USASF Board of Directors. Ideas were discussed to help parents become more educated about the USASF and its key programs and initiatives. Ideas included providing an information table at events, adding to the document put together by the committee called "Cheer Parents 101," and additional avenues for education through member programs.

**Concerns:** A concern was raised about young athletes being "hired" to teach clinics at gyms and their lack of training and experience to be qualified to teach skills. Another concern is the appearance of cheer programs on reality TV shows and shows that do not represent All Star in a positive light and/or highlight the individual over the team. In both cases, the consensus of the group was that program owners need to be encouraged to be careful how they allow their athletes and programs to be represented in the media.

**Meeting Adjourned**