

## USA GYMNASTICS NEW MEXICO OPEN BOARD MEETING

September 10, 2011

Esther Jones, USA Gymnastics New Mexico Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome to all members in attendance. She then recognized Louise Janecky from Los Alamos School of Gymnastics for her recent participation in the new USA Gymnastics program for coaches where she passed her Level 3 Testing with flying colors. She is the first coach from New Mexico to complete the program.

Tom Koll USA Gymnastics National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman then presented Esther Jones with her 5 year recognition for being the New Mexico Chairman for 5 years.

Esther then informed the membership of the death of Kimela Bertholomey this summer as a result of an accident. Information with regard to Kimela's program was given and also plans to keep her dream alive. More will be discussed later in the meeting.

Discussion was held on what we should do with the date of Kimela's Meet - November 19<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that Rio Gymnastics would move to that date as their meet is currently scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup>. Many people had expressed that their gymnasts would not be able to attend that meet as it is after some schools will be dismissed for the holiday.

Amy Eggleston motioned for approval  
Erin Morales seconded  
Passed Unanimously

Esther continued with discussion of new items that are currently listed in the new Rules and Policies and also the July and August issues of TECHNIQUE. All members are expected to be up to date on new issues by the first meet! Some of the issues discussed were NO CELL PHONES ON THE FLOOR DURING A MEET. Sanction violations were also discussed and out of this discussion, Esther asked that all gyms have both coaches and judges sign in for every meet. You must be up to date on Safety Certification, Background Check and dues. **YOU MAY NOT BE ON THE COMPETITIVE FLOOR WITH OUT YOUR PROOF OF ALL OF THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE.** It was also mentioned that if you are the cause of a Sanction Violation, you will be fined. This is in the new Rules and Policies.

Gym liability was also discussed. She asked that gyms please check their bleachers, walkways, parking lots, etc. and make sure your gym is safe for not only the participants but for the audience also.

Gyms were also warned not to create situations where you as a coach are left vulnerable for any liability with regard to being alone teaching with your gymnasts. Private lessons can sometimes create a vulnerable situation.

There are many more new changes so please read the new Rules and Policies for 2011-2012.

The Chairman handed out the newest addition of the New Mexico Directory. It is also on the website. The following items were addressed and are also listed in detail in the directory:

1. Drop Back dates
2. Rules for Coaches
3. Meet Schedule (on Website)

4. Age determination
5. State Meet Qualifiers
6. Judges
7. Level Mobility
8. Meet Sanctions

Esther also told of her recent experience with the City Fire Marshall. She did this to make people aware of keeping up to date with the newest rules and regulations with regard to fire issues.

Under Other Business, Dana Martinez asked if anyone was interested in a CPR Class in the near future. Please contact Dana if you are interested.

The following Bids for State Meets and NAWGJ Meets were received for the coming season:

Level 3/4 State Meet - Zia Gymnastics – declined

Level 5/6 State Meet – Precision Gymnastics

Level 7/8/9/10 State Meet – Precision Gymnastics

NAWGJ Compulsory Meet – Ruidoso Gymnastics

NAWGJ Optional Meet – Precision

Since Zia Gymnastics declined Michelle Gaudette motioned to move this item to the Board Meeting that will follow this meeting for further discussion. Erin Morales seconded the motion. Passed Unanimously

Michelle Gaudette wanted to make sure that we remember Kimela and all that she did for our state in her short time with us. Michelle's parent organization has helped make ribbons for the gymnastic community to wear. She displayed them and asked that people wear them this year. Please see Michelle for the ribbons. A small donation would be appreciated.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm