

SGJA

Southeastern Gymnastics Judges' Association

Chairman:
Shane Cummings

Vice-Chair:
Phillip Pruett

Secretary/Treasurer:
Brian Finnegan

Technical Committee:
FX: Luis Martinez-Lopez
PH: Phillip Pruett
SR: Brian Finnegan
VT: Antonio Juan
PB: Pete Graber
HB: Francisco Rodriguez Lopez

Southeast Gymnastics Judges' Association (SGJA) Annual Meeting Minutes November 5, 2022 via Zoom

Members in Attendance: Dean Dryer, Steve Belmont, Brian Finnegan, Jose Sucart, Noah Pokigo, Josh Bittner, Phil Pruett, Antonio Juan, Ben Bloor, John Hallett, Shane Cummings, Pete Graber, Reid Holbrook, Andrew Reichert, Karl Bishop, Luis Martinez-Lopez, Francisco Rodriguez-Arce, Tracy Jakum, Kit Breakwell, Magali Holbrook

Meeting Called to Order at 7:14 PM by Shane Cummings, Association Chairman

2021 Annual Minutes

The 2020 Minutes were emailed to all members and posted at the SGJA website (<https://www.filmensjudges.com/>). The Minutes were reviewed by members in attendance and accepted as written. Motion: Dryer, 2nd: Bittner. Passed Unanimously.

2021 - 22 Treasurers' Report

Treasurer's Report (P & L and Balance Sheet) reviewed by membership. Reports cover 10/16/2021 to 11/5/2022. Reviewed and accepted as presented. A copy is attached and posted at the SGJA website. Motion: Dryer, 2nd: Martinez-Lopez. Passed Unanimously.

2022 Vice-Chairman's Report

- Francisco spoke about the growth of the Association and congratulated Dean Dryer on being elected to the position of Regional JDP Director. Francisco also talked about the addition of a few FIG Judges who have moved into Florida.

2022 Chairman's Report

- Last year Florida was the site for only 7 Invitationals. One of the Invites used three (3) judges, five (5) Invites used six (6) Judges and one (1) used twelve (12) Judges.
- Last year the Association participated in six (6) exchanges with other Associations.
- We currently have a number of FIG rated Officials in the Association.
- Thanks to Dean Dryer for all of the work he put into this year's course.
- Bid Forms should be completed and emailed to Shane. Every effort will be made to spread the assignments around to as many Judges as possible.

Old Business

- Congratulations to the 2020 Judge of the Year, Luis Martinez-Lopez.
- Last year, SGJA members Francisco Rodriguez-Arce and Adam Hattersley judged the African Championships and Francisco judged the South American Games in Paraguay.
- State Apparatus Leaders will continue in their positions for one more year. FX - Luis Martinez-Lopez, PH – Phillip Pruett, SR – Brian Finnegan, VT – Antonio Juan, PB – Pete Graber, HB – Francisco Rodriguez-Arce
- Dean Dryer reviewed the recent NGJA reorganization where the number of Regions was changed from four (4) to nine (9) that coincide with the USAG JO Regions. Each Region has a Regional Director, an Operations and Education Director and a JDP Director. For our Region the officers are Julio Bernal (RD), Will Fontanez (OED) and Dean Dryer (JDPD).
- We now have a GymACT Program in Florida, the Florida Alliance, Florida Storm.
- Brian Finnegan and Phillip Pruett participated in the NGJA Junior Mentoring Program last year and Dean Dryer is part of the Senior Mentoring group for this year. The Mentors work with other newer Judges to help them develop their skills.

New Business

- The JO and National Exams are available at www.ngja.org. A candidate must complete both exams prior to receiving an assignment to a competition. Exams must be completed before December 15, 2022. Candidates must also have current USAG Pro Membership, Safe Sport, U113 and Background Check.
- NGJA is working with USAG to compile a list of Certified Judges beginning this year. This list will be used to insure that Judges are updated on their membership requirements.
- 2023 Judge of the Year
 - Nominations due by early February, voted by late February and awarded at State Meet. Nominations will come from SGJA Members and voted upon by SGJA members and additional votes – one per club.
- Assignments for this season will be a little tight. The number of competitions has dropped, and Shane will work to make sure everyone gets an assignment. On the exchange front, a couple have already been arranged. The number of exchanges will be limited so more SGJA officials get assignments to Florida competitions.
- Judges must complete the Google Doc SGJA Bid Form and return to Shane.
- With the increased membership and fewer, and smaller, competitions this year, there will be fewer possible assignments. Judges are encouraged to attend the Judges Cup if they are interested in being assigned to competitions this year.
- The issue of “Shadow Judging” came up. Can new Judges participate at a competition and shadow the assigned judges? The Board will discuss this and look at setting up a small stipend for Shadow Judges. Meet Directors will be asked to provide hospitality for the Shadow Judges.
- The 40 athlete minimum per session was discussed. A motion was made by Pete Graber and seconded by Antonio Juan.

- Motion: The SGJA will keep the 40 athlete minimum per session for the upcoming season. Judges fees will increase, for all levels by \$0.10 per athlete.

The motion passed unanimously.

- There was discussion of whether we should set a rate for Gym ACT Judges. This was set aside with the rate being set by either Gym ACT, or NCAA.
- The question was asked whether SGJA could set up PayPal or Venmo to accept payments and donations. The Board will explore the option.
- Election of Officers
- Secretary/Treasurer
 - Nominations were Karl Bishop and Brian Finnegan. Bishop deferred and Brian Finnegan was elected unanimously.
- Vice-Chairman
 - Nominations were Luis Martinez-Lopez, Francisco Rodriguez-Arce and Phillip Pruett. Lopez deferred, a vote was taken and Phillip Pruett was elected.
- Chairman
 - Shane Cummings was elected unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion to Adjourn at 8:15 PM. Motion: Jacob, 2nd Dryer.

Submitted by Karl Bishop, SGJA Secretary/Treasurer November 6, 2022