

**Southeast Gymnastics Judges' Association (SGJA)**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**October 21, 2023**

**Members in Attendance:** Brian Finnegan, Shane Cummings, Dean Dryer, Francisco Rodriguez, Antonio Juan, Adam Hattersley, Phil Pruett, John Hallett, Luis Martinez, Tacy Jakum, Steve Belmont, Pete Graber, Jose Sucart, Marco Braga, Noah Pokigo, Andrew Reichert, Josh Bittner.

**2022 Annual Minutes**

The 2022 Minutes were emailed to all members and posted at the SGJA website (<https://www.flmensjudges.com/>). The Minutes were reviewed by members in attendance and accepted as written.

**2022 - 2023 Treasurers' Report**

Treasurer's Report (current bank balance \$11,517.15 as of 10/20/23 and expenses paid out of \$7,163.94) 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.

**2023 Vice-Chairman's Report**

No new business noted. Congratulations to Phil. He and his wife are expecting their first child!

**2023 Chairman's Report**

- In 2023, we had: Judges Cup, Five Invitationals, and State Meet.
  - Out of the five invitationals:
    - Single Judge Panel: 3
    - Two-Judge Panels: 2
  - State Meet was a two-judge panel
- Exchanges: 3 Exchanges
- FIG Judges: 9 that I know of
- Thank ACE & Dean for the course
- Thank SAL's for leading virtual practice sessions

**Old Business**

- 2023 Judge of the Year: Brian Finnegan
- International Assignments
  - Francisco
  - Jim
  - Jose
- Board remains the same for 2023-24 season
  - Chairman: Shane
  - Vice Chairman: Phil
  - Secretary/Treasurer: Brian
  - Reminder: I do not plan to continue as Chairman after this season.
- Anything else?

**New Business**

- Course Fees: \$40/\$20 (audit only). Brian will be collecting.
- The association will be providing pizza for lunch on Sunday so that we can skip a lunch break and complete the course earlier on day two.

- Hybrid course feedback
  - Event rules were good
  - Could do from home
  - Barely practice judged (HB was the most but others were limited)
  - Some of the events were unorganized in their presentation
  - Practice judge on own
  - Not conducive for newer judges
  - Return to virtual format?
  - Send in feedback
- NGJA/USAG Reorganization: after the 2023-2024 season the regions will be realigning - adding the state of Virginia to our regions and being renumbered as REGION 6.
- Championship Certification. The NGJA has created a new certification for judges who are interested in judging senior and NCAA, or would like to be a head judge at Junior Developmental / Junior Olympic National Championships.
- The region no longer has assigned Regional Apparatus Leaders.
  - The SGJA will continue to have State Apparatus Leaders.
- Nationals, Easterns, Regionals Judge Assignments
- Exchanges - set up a few, but not many, thoughts?
- Practical exam will be sent out on Monday - must be completed by Friday, 10/27. The national and junior exams are available and must be completed by November 5m 2023.
- NCAA challenge - sign up with a team leader or junior team. We encourage all members to participate.
- 3 NCAA opportunities this season. 1 GymAct session at Daytona Beach, and 2 out of EVO (Friday night and Sam Mikulak competition).
- 2024 Judge of the year - nominations due in February.
- Limited judging opportunities due to lack of competitions. Practice judging available if you have a competition you are interested in judging without being assigned.
- Judges cup is the first weekend of Dec at EVO.
- Fee structure. Athlete minimum at 40 athletes. Should we continue? Motion to keep the minimum for the season and revisit next season. **Motion: Adam Hattersly. Seconded by Brian Finnegan.**
- Pay was increased by \$0.10 per evaluation last season.
- Noah motions for adjusting the meal per diem amounts to \$15 / \$15 / \$25 for breakfast, lunch, dinner. **Motion: Noah Pokigo. Seconded by Josh Bittner. Passed Unanimously.**
- We will continue to use the IRS rate for mileage.
- Judging uniform: White shirt, navy blue pants, and navy blue blazer requirement is in effect this season.
- Dinner Plans

## Adjourn

- Motion to Adjourn Motion to Adjourn at 5:40 PM. Motion: Phil, 2nd Dryer

Submitted by Brian Finnegan, SGJA Secretary/Treasurer on 10/21/23.