

**MINUTES OF  
FLORIDA GOLD AAU GYMNASTICS ANNUAL  
SPORTS CHAIR MEETING 5/15/09**

Pursuant to notice (via email), a meeting of the AAU Florida Gold Coast Gymnastics League was held on 5/15/09 at 10:30am (EST) at the Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL.

**Members Present:**

Randall Sikora (RPS), Sports Chair (Twisters/USA Competitions)  
Sharyn Strickland (Judging Representative & USA Competitions)  
Clayton Kent (Twisters/USA Competitions)  
Marty Kallen (Ft Lauderdale Stars)  
Julie Willmott (Rising Stars)  
Cassandra Lobe (Rising Stars)  
Ginny Lucena (Genie's Gymnastics)  
Mari Lucena (Genies Gymnastics)  
Raul Rojas (Gold Coast Gymnastics)

**Meeting Minutes:**

- I. Roll Call
- II. Welcome and season review
  - a. Great quality of competitions
  - b. Event cancellations due to current economic challenges
  - c. Fall participation – limited numbers. No need for Fall Championship event
  - d. Multiple events on weekends – AAU National now approves sanctions directly. District Chair has little control. Members have control to choose events they wish to support
  - e. Feedback & discussion
- III. Event Hosting
  - a. Hosting agreements & reporting
    - i. Overall Great Hosts!
    - ii. Challenges in timely submission of \$2 per athlete fee payable to FL Gold AAU. Considering current economic challenges, deadline to submit fees has been extended to 30 days post event.
    - iii. Hosts that are non compliant with FL Gold AAU event rules will not be designated as championship qualifying events or included in the FL Gold AAU Handbook the following season
  - b. Judging Panels – We decided to continue to use 2-judge panels for level 4 & up for all AAU competitions next season. Level 2 & 3 will continue to use 1-judge panels.
  - c. Awards congruency between events has been successfully followed by event hosts. The same guidelines will remain in effect. Guidelines will be published in the FL Gold AAU Handbook
  - d. ***NEW award guideline added:***
    - i. FL Gold AAU Championships will award 100% team beginning in 2010
    - ii. Event hosts must now award 100% team at invitational meets

**IV. Calendar of AAU events 2009-2010** *(The following is a list of all events in South Florida to date. The final calendar will exclusively be comprised of events that have signed the AAU Event Host Agreement. Those events will be published in the FL Gold AAU Handbook. Only events included in the handbook will be designated as Championship qualifiers.)*

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| a. Sept 26-27, 2009   | Penguin Invite (Park Ave)                       |
| b. Oct 3-4, 2009      | Celebrate America (Genies)                      |
| c. Oct 10-11, 2009    | Flip City Fall Festival (Flip City)             |
| d. Oct 17-18, 2009    | Gold Rush Invite (Gold Coast)                   |
| e. Oct 24-25, 2009    | Fright Invite (Twisters)                        |
| f. Oct 31-Nov 1, 2009 | Fall Festival (Rising Stars)                    |
| g. Nov 7-8, 2009      | Harvest Challenge (Stuart YMCA)                 |
| h. Jan 1-3, 2010      | New Year's Invite @ Disney (Twisters)           |
| i. Jan 22-24, 2010    | Universal Invite (Universal)                    |
| j. Jan 29-31, 2010    | Sun & Surf Spectacular (Twisters)               |
| k. Feb 6-7, 2010      | Winter Mardi Gras (Stuart YMCA)                 |
| l. Feb 13-14, 2010    | Arabian Nights (Genie's Gymnastics)             |
| m. Feb 19-21, 2010    | Presidential Classic @ Disney (Twisters)        |
| n. Feb 19-21, 2010    | Flip into Spring (Flip City)                    |
| o. Mar 5-7, 2010      | American Twisters/Tim Rand Invite (Twisters)    |
| p. Mar 13-14, 2010    | Spring Spectacular (Rising Stars)               |
| q. Apr 9-11, 2010     | Gold Coast Spring Invite (Gold Coast)           |
| r. April 16-18, 2010  | Rock Superstar Invite (Ft Laud. Stars)          |
| s. May 22-23, 2010    | FL Gold AAU Champs (Twisters – Lynn University) |

**V. AAU National Championships**

- a. National Championships in 2010 will be held at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.
- b. Leotards (2010) –Stephanie Ovdiyenko will once again coordinate FL Gold Leotards for Nationals.

**VI. Coaches Education** –FL Gold AAU will once again subsidize coaches' education this summer. We feel that educating our coaches is the best use of our AAU funds. There are four state sponsored clinics that FL Gold participating clubs may choose from for this benefit. FL Gold will contribute up to a maximum of \$75.00 per club for entry to one of these clinics. The actual cost of each clinic is \$25 per person, to a maximum of \$150.per club. To take advantage of this benefit, send your entry form to Toni Rand, along with your check, minus the amount that FL Gold is contributing (max. \$75). Clearly mark "FL Gold AAU Club" on the form. FL Gold will pay the remaining balance directly to Toni Rand. Qualifying clinics are:

- a. August 2, 2009: Harbor City, Melbourne
- b. August 22, 2009: Ace, Orlando
- c. August 23, 2009: Twisters, Coconut Creek
- d. August 29, 2009: Sun Country, Gainesville

VII. 2009-2010 Season

- a. Event host agreements & Meet info due 7/15/09
- b. FL Gold AAU Handbook emailed to clubs and posted on website 8/15/09

VIII. Discussion

- a. How best to divide athletes into sessions for AAU Championships: strictly by birthdates vs. by teams. Members were asked to bring discussion to other clubs for feedback and input.
- b. Level 4 vault matting: Meet hosts should publish mat setup in pre-meet info (whether using standard level 4 vault mat, or stacked 8" mats).
- c. Randy thanked everyone for their support and looks forward to continued growth and healthy, fun competitions next season.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.