

2024 GAT Notes
August 30th, 2024
Began at 5:20pm

Brief President's address – Sean Sims

Congrats to state champions

Social media- Positive messages out in the community

Community outreach, example toy drives, food drives, anything that puts your name out there in a positive light

Nationals Reports: Brandon Cooke (Boys) and Bethany Valenga (Girls)

Treasurer Report: Moved to the end of the meeting

2024 VOTING ITEMS:

1. For the State Championships only, limit the number of competitors to 5 per event per team.
 - a. This is being brought up as a way to shorten the competition.

Discussion: No Discussion

Vote: FAILED (5-17)

2. For the women's portion of the state championships, only have two flights, with two byes in each flight

Discussion:

- How does it save time... less rotations in and out of the gym
- The idea was to spread out the IQ'S and not group them all in one flight, dispersing the IQ's evenly

Girls Coaches ONLY- Vote: FAILED (1-18)

3. Charge the regional meet host and the state meet host a meet tax in order to help with the cost of awards.
 - a. Regional meet host-\$100 (medals only provided by THSGCA)
 - b. State meet host- \$600 (medals and trophies provided by THSGCA)

Discussion: No Discussion

Vote: PASSED (25-2)

4. ~~Update the state medals to include color like the regional medals. They will still be different sizes. Also, imbed a large medal into the state meet trophies.~~
5. Eliminate the Athlete Commitment Form.

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- Fewer athletes in club gymnastics now versus when this form came about. It is penalizing more than it is doing good.
- We are not like other sports, there are multiple club gymnast out there. Club gymnast that will compete the Regional Meet, team advances to state, but doesn't hit the score at State meet. Then you have the possibility of a team that stayed home who could've been at the state meet.
- The form only hurts the ones who are honest.
- The form is forcing the athlete to make a tough negative decision.

Vote: PASSED (26-0)

6. **Total random draw for state meet starting event. The draw will be conducted at GAT. We will know which teams from each region will start where.**
- a. This is mainly being brought to help eliminate "judging bias" with the flights. It will also help with the excitement level in the different flights, at least on day 1.
 - b. If this pass:
 - i. If a region does not have 3 qualifying teams, the at-large team will fill the vacated spot.
 - ii. If there are multiple at-large/invited teams, the at-large/invited team with the highest Regional Championship score will be placed in the highest seeded vacancy, the second highest scoring team in the 2nd highest seeded vacancy, etc. (with the top seed being the first event in the last rotation, the lowest seed being the last event in the first rotation)

Discussion:

- Changing our mindset on what we are doing and try to build up excitement, doing the drawing on Facebook live.
- State Championships picture posted, 10,000 views
- Facebook Live drawing will drive attraction to THSGCA
- Can the Men's side stay the same? And Women's side do the random draw?
- Random draw being after the Regional meets, the State meet host could do a big thing with the drawing on Social Media
- This is to take out a biased judging, judges assume whoever is in Flight C or second flight are the best teams
- San Angelo has chosen to be in the lower flight before, it did not affect anything. They still won the State meet.
- Doing this Facebook live will get it out to more than the THSGCA community
- Social Media matters, we need to do anything we can to get our name out there
- You earn your seeding by winning the Regional Meet
- It doesn't have to be a random draw to have the State picks on social media

Straw Vote: Men's Coaches: (10-5) Women's Coaches:(14-2)

Amendment: Split Item #6. Item 1: Total random draw for state meet starting event. Item 2: If passes, vote on if it is at GAT. If this fails, it will be voted on after Regionals before State.

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VOTE: AMENDMENT- PASSED- (26-0)

Men's Vote for 1ST Part: FAILED- (11-4)

Women's Vote for 1ST Part: PASSED- (14 for it)

Women's Vote for 2nd Part: FAILED

****For women's side only, they will have a random draw for your starting event at State. The draw will be after the last Regional Meet has been completed. ****

7. Change the Assistant Executive Director position to an elected position.

a. Discussion: No Discussion

VOTE: PASSED- 26-0

New Item: Term for the Assistant Executive Director for 2 years

VOTE: PASSED- 27-0

8. Judges' pay raise stemming from UIL officials' pay increase. -This is from Todd. He is going to get us more information.

- i. \$10 Dollar Raise to the Base Fee -Going from \$75 to \$85 (Includes Regionals and State)
- ii. If the judge is required to judge the competition be themselves they will receive 150% of the fee
- iii. A judge required to officiate 2 events while others are required only 1, shall receive 150%
- iv. Increase Rider fee
- v. Session over 2 hours- currently at \$10 for every 30 minutes, change to \$10 every 15 minutes over 2 hours.

b. Discussion:

i. No Discussion

VOTE: PASSED- 24-0

~~9. State Championships at Birdville ISD, date TBD.~~

Discussion:

- a. Various reasons Birdville will not be able to host state meet.
- b. May 2nd and 3rd is the dates being discussed

****New Business Update: Voting on the state meet place and date will take place via Zoom before September 30th. Further details will be shared soon. ****

10. Accept Changes submitted by Women's Rules Committee

VOTE: PASSED

11. Accept Changes submitted by Men's Rules Committee

VOTE: PASSED

12. Accept to continue using Meet Center

VOTE: PASSED (26-0)

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13. Officers up for election: (PASSED 28-0) – Amendment to pass all voting positions within 1 vote. (Passed)

President:
Sean Sims

VP for men:
Cameron Sweny

Webmaster:
Jared Whiles

Executive Director:
Todd Vesely

14. Treasurer Report:

- a. **Bank Account Beginning of 2023:** 51,700 – **End of 2024:** \$47,500
- b. Chris Muenz has a spreadsheet of all expenses that were spent in school year 2023-2024

New Business:

- **Southside Showdown:** Help from the Club teams. Spread the word. The referral fee will be given to you. Cash given to coaches for referring to the meet.
- **AAI Contract**
 - Not a final say about the AAI contract
 - The contract reads they will provide up to 25,000 for Regionals and State
- **Idea:** New time and place for the THSGCA meeting, not at GAT- GAT travel is getting expensive.
- **Increasing required meets from 1 to 3**
 - Board will discuss and we will vote on this prior to September 30th
- **Update the state medals to include color like the regional medals.** They will still be different sizes. Also, imbed a large medal into the state meet trophies
- **Meet Etiquette:** Please do not leave the competition early, wait until all athletes are finished competing. Be respectful and honor all athletes.