

**USA Gymnastics Region 3  
Board Meeting  
Fort Worth, May 4, 2018**

**Item 1** Roll Call  
In attendance:  
Patti Conner Regional Chair  
Billie Willis Judges Representative  
Cindy Seerdan South Texas Chair  
Holly Garrington North Texas Chair  
Byron Smith West Texas Chair  
Darcy Rohrbach New Mexico Chair  
Matt Hinds Oklahoma Chair  
Amanda Bailey Athlete Representative Via Phone  
Lisa Gandy Coaches Representative  
Becki Weathers Secretary (None voting position)  
Dmitri Poliaroush Joined the meeting at 8:00 pm, Left at 8:30 pm

**Item 2 Approval of 2017 Minutes**

Reading of minutes from Tulsa Meeting (7/26/2017)  
Motion to approve the minutes as read  
Motion: Holly Garrington  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Darcy Rohrbach  
Motion Passed UNANIMOUSLY

**Item 3 Financial Report**

Patti Conner presented the financial report for 2017 Regional Championships. Discussion was held regarding the increase price for awards since we now giving level 8,9,10 flight awards, hospitality, entry fees less due to region lines, and loss of money based on hotel attrition (possible \$25,000 fine), since we did not fill the Sheraton block. Patti encourage the board to understand the full aspect of our financial needs and the need to be good stewards of our money. Profit loss and Balance sheets were made available to all Board Members. At this time Dimitri was given the floor to speak to board in regards to funding for all athletes that were no longer in Region 3. He asked that we continue funding them for another year in order for them to continue the sport. At this time Dimitri left the meeting.

**Item 4 2019 Regional Championships**

2019 Regional Championships will be held in Lubbock Texas, May 3-5, 2019

**Item 5 2020 Regional Championships and beyond**

The Board determined that hosting this event in Lubbock in the most cost-effective option at this time. The Board was asked to e-mail any suggestions of possible locations other than Fort Worth to Patti

**Item 6 State/Regional Chair Workshop /Congress**

Natalie Joachim of the National office and Patti will be doing the State Chair training at Congress in August. It was suggested that Region 3 pay for travel for all State Directors to go to Congress this year.

An email vote was held the week following the 2018 Region 3 Championships.

Motion to fund the registration fee along with travel and hotel provided state chairs are willing to share a room.

Motion: Holly Garrington

Second: Matt Hinds

Motion passed: UNNIMOUSLY

**Item 7 Board Member Reports**

Each member gave a brief report on their state along with the coaches, athlete and judges representative reports.

**Item 8 Funding, Grants, Scholarships, Funding Request**

LA, KS, AR and CO – Future funding

To ensure full disclosure all board members were presented with a letter of request from Dmitri Poliaroush, along with a report showing all scholarships both academic and travel for all athletes, coaches and judges. The report showed how much each athlete and club had be funded in total since 2003.

Motion: Until Regionals 2019 Region 3 will provide athlete funding for athletes from Louisiana, Kansas, Arkansas and Colorado who are non-funded or partially funded, based on the following:

- 1) Athletes current Region and State must supply initial funding. Once these two entities show a good faith effort to cover the initial cost based on their ability to pay then the Region 3 board will meet and will determine a fair amount based on need and what is being funded to current region 3 athletes.
- 2) Events that are eligible: World Championships, World Age Group Competitions and World Cups
- 3) The Region 3 Board will consider the following when determining the amount to be paid for each request for funding.
  - a) Amount provided by the athlete's state
  - b) Amount provided by the athlete's new region
  - c) Total Amount paid out by the athlete
- 4) Total amount paid may not exceed the total expenditures for entry fees and travel.

All funding is based on a case-by-case basis.

Motion: Amanda Bailey

Second: Holly Garrington

Motion Passed UNANIMOUSLY

Funding for 2018-19 year

Motion to provide the following funding for the 2018-2019 season

National Team Camps:

Non or partially funding coaches and athletes

EDP	\$500.00
Jr National Team	\$500.00
Sr. National Team	\$500.00
Selection Camp	\$500.00

International Competitions for Current Region 3 Athletes/Coaches/Judges

Non or partially funded Athletes

World Cup	½ of the travel package not to exceed \$1500.00
World Age Group	Travel package, not to exceed \$3000.00
World Championships	Travel Package, not to exceed \$3000.00
Other International assigned events	½ of travel package not to exceed \$1500.00

Only international events assigned by the national office/Elite Committee will be funded.

Amount may not exceed the total amount paid by the athlete. State funding will be considered "funding"

Non or partially funded Coaches

World Cup	½ of the travel package not to exceed \$1500.00
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World Age Group	Travel package, not to exceed \$3000.00
World Championships	Travel Package, not to exceed \$3000.00
Other International assigned events	½ of travel package not to exceed \$1500.00

Only international events assigned by the national office/Elite Committee will be funded.

Amount may not exceed the total amount paid by the coach. State funding will be considered “funding”

Limit of one personal coach per team will be funded, unless an additional team coach is named as an official coach for the USA Team Delegation. Personal coaches must accept and fulfill the following in order to receive approved funding.

A personal coach is eligible to receive funding approved by the Region 3 Board of Directors if:

1) They attend to their personal athlete needs and are supportive of the athlete and USA Gymnastics assigned coaches.

2) Help other athletes in the US delegation as needed

3) Make themselves available to the USA Team Manager for a minimum of, but not limited to on

assignment during the duration of the competition. This assignment could include such things as, bed

check, bus assignments, transportation, head count etc.

4) Must attend all scheduled team meetings in order to obtain important information including daily

schedules, volunteer needs etc.

5) Must be present at all competitions where their personal athlete is participating.

All funding is a reimbursement at the completion of the competition and based on the fulfillment of the criteria listed above.

Funding may not exceed the cost of the travel package including any other travel scholarship given by the athlete or coaches respective state.

#### Non or partially funded Judges

Judges who are assigned as part of the USA Delegation or are attending an international invitational with a Region 3 athlete will receive 100% of their documented unfunded travel expenses.

#### Prize Money for Current Region 3 Athletes

##### Finalist Individual Trampoline, Tumbling & Double Mini Trampoline

World Age Group	\$250.00
World Championships	\$1000.00
World Cup with 39 or less in the competitive group	\$350.00
World Cup with 40 or more in the competitive group	\$700.00

##### Medalist Individual Trampoline, Tumbling & Double Mini Trampoline

World Age Group	\$500.00
World Championships	\$2000.00
World Cup with 39 or less in the competitive group	\$600.00
World Cup with 40 or more in the competitive group	\$1200.00

#### Prize Money for Current Region 3 Coaches

##### Finalist Individual Trampoline, Tumbling & Double Mini Trampoline

World Age Group	\$125.00
World Championships	\$500.00
World Cup with 39 or less in the competitive group	\$175.00
World Cup with 40 or more in the competitive group	\$350.00

##### Medalist Individual Trampoline, Tumbling & Double Mini Trampoline

World Age Group	\$250.00
World Championships	\$1000.00
World Cup with 39 or less in the competitive group	\$300.00

World Cup with 40 or more in the competitive group \$600.00  
Prize money is based on the greater of the two amounts and is not cumulative.

Prize Money for Current Region 3 athletes who are a level 8, 9 or 10 gold medalists in Individual Trampoline, Tumbling and Double Mini Trampoline at the 2018 US Gymnastics Championships. \$100.00

Motion: To accept the above funding and prize money

Motion: Lisa Gandy

Second: Billie Willis

Motion Passed: UNANIMOUSLY

### **Academic Scholarships**

**All scholarships are provided with a ½ payment in the Fall semester and the remaining ½ payment in the Spring semester. The athlete must show full time registration.**

Motion to provide the following Academic Scholarships to current Region 3 Athletes

Hope Bravo \$3000.00

Susan Stringfellow \$2000.00

Motion: Billie Willis

Second: Cindy Seerdan

Motion Passed UNANIMOUSLY

This discussion was held regarding athletes who have moved to another region based on the new regional lines. This will be the final year applications will be excepted for those that have moved to another region.

Motion to provide the following Academic Scholarships to previous Region 3 Athletes.

Alexi Shostak \$1000.00

Rachel Thevenot \$1000.00

Sarah Webster \$500.00

These athletes must be actively training and compete at the 2018 US Gymnastics Championships in order to be eligible for scholarships.

Motion: Billie Willis

Second: Darcy Rohrbach

Motion Passes: UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to award the following Prize Money for Youth Olympic Games.

Athlete must be a current Region 3 Athlete

Represent the USA at the Youth Olympic Games \$1500.00

Finalist at Youth Olympic Games \$2500.00

Medalist at Youth Olympic Games \$350.00

Motion: Amanda Bailey

Second: Cindy Seerdan

Motion Passed: UNANIMOUSLY

### **Item 9 New Business**

Because of the current climate in our federation the possible need for D&O Insurance was discussed. Patti will investigate this more at length and will bring any pertinent information to the Board at a later time.

At this time Patti thanked the Board for their service and left the meeting.

### **Item 10 Honorarium**

A motion to award a 17.5% honorarium to the Regional Chair based on the net profit of the 2018 Regional championships.

Motion: Byron Smith

MOTION: DYLON SHINN  
Second: Lisa Gandy  
Motion passed: UNANIMOUSLY

**Item 11**

Motion to Adjourn at 10:35 pm  
Motion: Lisa Gandy  
Second: Billie Willis  
Motion Passed: UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was reconvened at the Fort Worth Convention center Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 10:32 am  
To discuss the following two topics. Academic Scholarships for Non Region 3 athletes and Youth Olympic Games prize money.  
The Board discussed athletes who have moved to another region based on the new regional lines and academic scholarship applications that were received.  
Motion to provide the following Academic Scholarships to previous Region 3 Athletes. This will be the final year applications will be excepted for athletes who no longer reside in Region 3.  
Alexi Shostak \$1000.00  
Rachel Thevenot \$1000.00  
Sarah Webster \$500.00  
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Motion: Billie Willis  
Second: Darcy Rohrbach  
Motion Passes: UNANIMOUSLY

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Second: Cindy Seerdan  
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This meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am