**2017 Meeting Minutes**

Schools Attending: Texas A&M, Texas Tech, University of Texas, University of Houston, Hardin Simmons University, Cisco College, Alumni/Adult, UT Dallas, Baylor, Oklahoma University, UT San Antonio,

Others Attending: Andrew Parker (Scholarship Representative, High School Representative), James Sergeant (2016-2017 Executive Director)

2016 Meeting Minutes - Approved

Current Objectives:

1. Education

a. Alliance with Judging Organizations

b. Clinics / Judging Courses

Goals: Educate TGC members so that they can build stronger routines; Develop judges (shortage currently); provide a workout afterwards possibly that would be a valuable event for members and promote a sense of community between the TGC clubs

Tried to arrange a clinic over the summer, but had to cancel it because attendance was low. What would make it so more members would want to attend/ what would you want to see in an event like this?

Suggestions:  
-Make it a weekend course, rather than a one day course: would allow longer workout time, better use of travel time, and more team bonding

-Some people wouldn’t want to be gone for a whole weekend. So maybe plan the event so that if a team only wanted to come for one day or the other, that would be possible

-Summer isn’t a great time of year, because few people are in town.

-The weekend of GAT could be good because the officers are already in Austin. It would be easy enough to get more members to come as well.

-But October would allow both existing and new members to attend a clinic before season. (Important to a lot of the clubs)

-Could also look at holding the clinic on the same weekend as the judging course in October.

-Education could be really useful, especially for officers and new members.

-The workout at WCC was cool, because it had good equipment and a good facility. Good equipment is an important factor in the workout portion.

-Interest in having people there to help coach during the open practice, even if that is just TGC alumni with coaching experience.

-Suggestion to also utilize TGC alumni to run the clinic

-The original suggested price ~$20 would be acceptable for everyone. Some clubs expressed that they would even be willing to pay a little bit more if it was going to be an all-weekend event.

2. Outreach

a. New Clubs

b. Visibility to JO Clubs & High School Programs

i) JO Meets (TAAF, USAG JO, Xcel) - have people attend and hand out information

ii) Work with judges to spread information

iii) Outreach to high schools, attend high school gymnastics meets and hand out information

iv) Timing: Take advantage of the opportunity we have to promote college club gymnastics this year with Nationals in Fort Worth

c. Marketing and Brand Development

3. Facilitating Competition

a. Streamlining Meet Registration

Plan: Centralize meet registration through the TGC website. Rosters would need to be submitted two weeks prior to the meet, after which time either the registration link would close or a late fee would be applied. Submitting a roster would generate an invoice for the attending team, and all of the rosters would be compiled into a spreadsheet for the hosting team. The plan was approved by the attending teams.

b. Setting the Competition Schedule

Issue #1: Frequent changes to the meet schedule after GAT.

Proposal: Have a more transparent formal bidding process. Basically teams will have a deadline to put the weekends they would host a meet into a shared calendar. That way everyone knows which weekends are open and which weekends have conflicts. The goal will be to leave GAT with a finalized schedule.

Issue #2: Hosting teams are sometimes blind-sided with lower than anticipated attendance. (especially Tech in recent years)

Proposal: We will send out a survey in the fall, so each team can fill out which meets they plan to attend.

Issue #3: Should all meets host Level 8 and Level 9 competitions this year?

Proposal: Overall teams wanted to have opportunities for Level 8 competition all season long, but we decided to leave it up to the hosting team whether they want their competition to be for Level 8, Level 9 or both.

Issue #4: The length of meets is a problem. Should more competitions be split into two sessions?

Proposal: There is interest in more multi-session meets, but we decided to still leave that up to the hosting team. Some teams, like UTD, can only host one session.

Other topics of discussion: A&M would be willing to host a fall meet, but no other teams were interested in attending a fall meet.

c. 2018 Competition Schedule:

January 27 - Texas A&M

February 2-4 - HNI

February 10 - UT Dallas

February 16-18 - Bart Connor Invitational

February 24 – Baylor Invitational? (women only)

March 3 - University of Texas

March 24 – Texas Gymnastics Conference Championships, Texas Tech

March 30-31 - Men's USAG College Championships, Colorado (OU might attend)

April 12-14 – NAIGC Nationals, Fort Worth

4. Operations

a. Non-Profits Status

b. Constitutional Revisions

c. 2017-2018 Budget

$2,361 Current Balance

$1,460 Overdue Fees

Working on payment plans for late 2015 fees. We will handle Texas Tech first. So the teams that attended the Texas Tech in 2015 will be invoiced for their overdue meet fees to Tech, and then Tech will pay their overdue amount to the TGC.

TGC Rules Discussion

Issue: Modified Capital Cup as a proposed standard warm-up.

Proposal: We will continue to let the schools decide for now.

Issue: Constitutional changes/ overhaul needed

Proposal: Will have rules committee meetings for future constitutional overhauls and amendments

Issue: Want to have access to useful information in one centralized location.

Proposal: We will create a Google Drive for TGC club officers

Constitutional Proposals- None

2017 Board Elections:

President: Katie Thompson

Vice President: Andrew Hutcheson

Secretary/Treasurer: Sydney Riegel

Director: Jade Darrow

Director: Elijah Emert

Executive Director: James Sergeant