

American Gymnastics Parent Organization Meeting Minutes



Date: 12/4/12

Parents present: Ally Miller, Rebecca Willametz, Jen Bryant, Claire Wisti, John Donlon, Tony Di Maria, Patricia Perrotti, Sam Spinelli, James Cox, S Rovella, Traci Masse, Kristen Birmingham, Melinda Meenan, Rick Williams, Ellen Santoro, Diana Dreschler, Mike Hogan, Lou and Ashley Renzi, Julie Russitano, Ken Catlin, Annette Polzella, Mario Castillo, Debbie Crean, Diana Dreschler, Eric Galayda

Thank you to all who attended!

Discussions: The main topic of the December AGPO meeting was the 20th annual Invitational. \$13 tickets will be ordered in advance and will include a ticket to the XL Center hockey game on Saturday 2/2/13. December 31st will most likely be the deadline for ordering tickets. More details to follow but if you have any questions regarding ticket purchase, see Susan. We do not have any details at this time regarding parking, but the XL Center will be discounting parking for us. Again, more details to come as we learn more.

Volunteer Requirements: Although we do not have session times yet, we will be asking parents to volunteer for an entire session (per gymnast), as opposed to a specific number of hours. Sessions may span 2 hr or less or 4 hr or more, depending on the level and number of gymnasts in that session. Again, at this time, we do not have any specific times as to who will be competing when. As we find out important information we will get it out to parents asap. Volunteer jobs will include: Runners (age 10+), Setup and Breakdown (adults only), Flashers (age 14+), Timers (adults only), Lineups (board members only), Wheel of Fortune fundraiser (adults only), Leotard and t-shirt sales for AGPO (adults only), 50/50 raffle, Ticket checkers. There will be plenty of little jobs for gymnasts that want to participate, although many of those little jobs will not count towards the volunteer requirements.

Main fundraising: Since we are not allowed to bring concessions in to the XL center for a concession stand we will raise money through our 50/50 raffle, the Wheel of Fortune (a large wheel with many prizes attached; \$2 a spin, \$5 for 3 spins (or something equivalent)), and percentage-of-sales from our vendors, as well as donations for the Wheel.

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Donations: We will begin accepting donations at any time. Ideally, we'd like donations in by January 15th, but of course we will still accept them after that deadline. Donations can be in the form of the following: cash for the Wheel or for purchasing prizes for the Wheel, gift cards in any way, shape or form, and actual prize items for the Wheel. If you have connections with a business, store or restaurant, please ask if they would like to contribute in any way to our Invitational. Please grab a Donation letter from the gym to present to the donator. ***If a family brings in a donation with a \$300 value they will not have to complete their volunteer requirements! This is a great incentive because we would love to have some big ticket items for the Wheel.**

Vendors: There will be vendors at the XL Center selling their goods. Vendors do contribute a percentage of their sales back to AGPO. If you know of any vendor that might be interested in participating in the Invitational please see Susan for more details.

Invitational gift for all gymnasts: AGPO would like to purchase cinch backpacks as their contribution to the gymnasts' gift. These cost \$1.69 each so we will be spending approximately \$1200 to purchase them. American Gymnastics will be contributing something included inside the backpack, such as a towel or blanket.

Sponsorship: In previous years businesses have donated money to be an Invitational Sponsor. These funds go to American Gymnastics. Susan will send out details regarding levels of sponsorship.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$3927 in the AGPO account.

Important Dates: Invitational tickets should be ordered by December 31st (or around that time); next parent meeting Jan 8th, donations requested by January 15th; Mandatory fundraiser fee of \$75 due by end of January, 20th Annual Invitational at the XL Center Feb 2nd and Feb 3rd.

Peace,

Jane Tu, Secretary