2018 TGC Annual Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 31, 2018

**\*Voting items are delineated in bold**

1. Katie Thompson called meeting to order
2. Meeting Agenda
3. 2017 Meeting Minutes – Approved
4. Roll Call
   1. Attending Clubs: Baylor University, Texas A&M University, Texas State University, Texas Tech University, University of Houston, University of Oklahoma, University of Texas, University of Texas @ Arlington, University of Texas @ Dallas
   2. Other Attendees: 2017-2018 TGC board members Jade Darrow (Director), Andrew Hutcheson (Vice President), Sydney Riegel (Treasurer/Secretary), James Sergeant (Executive Director), and Katie Thompson (President); Adult/Alumni member Danelle Pecht; NAIGC Director Morgan Moore
5. Andrew Hutcheson gave a brief history of TGC
6. Katie Thompson explained TGC Current Objectives
   1. Education
   2. Outreach
   3. Facilitating Competitions
   4. Operations
7. TGC Fall Clinic
   1. October 20-21 confirmed
   2. Approx. $10 per person
   3. Schedule
      1. Part 1 – Clinic (Saturday midday)
      2. Part 2 – TGC Social (Saturday Evening)
      3. Part 3 – Workout (Sunday mid-morning)
   4. Almost all attending clubs said they had members who would be interested in attending. The Board will send out further information via email.
8. Andrew Hutcheson presented Growth and Outreach Strategy
9. 2018-2019 Meet Schedule Discussion
   1. Anyone to Men’s USAG – Potentially OU, their club recently changed coaches so a lot is still pending.
   2. AGC will no longer be competing in TGC meets as of this year. Adrian is still open to hosting TGC events and supporting college club gymnastics.
   3. Spring breaks are fairly evenly split this year between March 11-15 and March 18-22. This will make it hard to have a highly attended meet on March 9, 16, or 23.
   4. Member Club thoughts on 2018 competition season? (Multi-session meets, Competitor restrictions, Meet registration)
      1. TAMU: Great job Tech, likes when all teams (women’s Level 8 & 9 teams and men’s team) can attend the same meet, thought HNI was a good opportunity for men but not so much for women
      2. Baylor: Likes capital cup format
      3. TTU: Likes capital cup format, enjoyed hosting Conference Championship, would like to host again
      4. TSU: Happy with last year
      5. UT: Plan to limit the amount of competitors at their meet again next year, but they wanted to know how the other schools felt about that since there was some discontent when they decided to limit competitors in 2018. Overall, the teams want more notice if there are going to be competitor restrictions. So, from now on the hosting school will let the other clubs know if they plan to impose a competitor restriction when they bid to host a competition at the annual meeting. Then they will notify the other TGC clubs about the specific restriction four weeks prior to the competition.
      6. UH: Happy with last year, hosting a meet separate from HNI this year. Still shopping around to see which gym in the area they can use to host the competition
      7. OU: Happy with last year
      8. UTA: Happy with last year
      9. UTD: Happy with last year
   5. Fall Meet Attendance Survey helped plan meets. TGC will send out a similar survey this year.
   6. Online registration had good response
      1. Sydney brought up that the online registration and invoicing system is not necessarily a good setup for alumni/open athletes who aren’t subscribed to the TGC club officer listserv and therefore don’t receive the same information regarding meet details, registration, and invoicing. So, we need to come up with a better way to handle alumni registration and invoicing.
      2. Problem with walk-ups – While the clubs realize that one or two walk-ups doesn’t disrupt the flow of the competition, it sets a bad precedent. Also, walk ups are not tracked and invoiced through the TGC online registration system, so often they do not end up paying the host schools/TGC the appropriate fees.
      3. Potential Solutions: Sydney and Katie will work together to figure out a better system to handle alumni registration. First the website needs to clearly delineate the registration process. Second there probably need to be a couple of designated alumni representatives who handle registration and invoicing. Those representatives would need to be subscribed to the TGC listserv and distribute relevant information to the alumni/open competitors.
   7. Interest in Fall meets?
      1. U of H proposed hosting a meet in December, but the other schools would likely not attend due to finals. Several schools were open to the idea of a fall meet in November. However, U of H’s only open date was in December.
      2. Suggestion - dual meets in the fall organized between interested schools instead of full TGC meets
   8. Should it matter whether a club fills out the potential meet host survey, puts potential dates on the calendar, and actually attends the annual meeting, when it comes to a conflict between two schools wanting to host a meet on the same weekend – **Member clubs voted yes, those factors should be considered.**
   9. Should the TGC decide on the competition schedule at the annual meeting, or should we have an online vote to decide on a final schedule sometime later in the fall? (Argument for deciding at the annual meeting – everyone is together in person, helps competitors who also coach coordinate their competing and coaching schedules; Argument for deciding later in the fall – some schools, like Baylor, will never know which weekends their gym will allow them to host a competition until later in the fall.) – **Member clubs voted to finalize the schedule at the annual meetings. After the annual meeting, competitions can still be added to the TGC schedule on weekends that do not already have a scheduled TGC meet.**
   10. Conference Championships on March 30th, deciding between UTSA and TTU - **Unanimous vote for TTU to host March 30**
   11. Proposed Meet Bidding process for the 2020 season: Potential meet hosts must submit survey and proposed dates one week prior to the annual meeting. Clubs present at the annual meeting will vote to resolve schedule conflicts. (Note: Hosts planning to impose restrictions on the number of competitors must state that on their survey, no details needed until four weeks prior to the competition) – **Members voted to approve this proposal**
10. Tentative Meet Schedule
    1. University of Texas @ Dallas - ~~February 9~~ January 26
    2. University of Houston - February 2
    3. Texas A&M - ~~January 26~~ February 9
    4. Baylor University – Tentatively February 16 (women only)
    5. University of Oklahoma/Bart Connor Invitational - February 16 (men only)
    6. University of Texas - March 2
    7. Texas Tech hosts TGC Championships - March 30
    8. UTSA – TBD?
11. 2018 - 2019 Budget
    1. There are a lot of overdue meet fees from the 2018 season still outstanding. Additionally, there are a lot of clubs who have overdue fees to the TGC. Proposal: All overdue fees must be paid or the club/person owing fees must contact the party they owe fees to and communicate their extenuating circumstances, or they will be blocked from registering for competitions this season. – **Members voted to approve this proposal.** Katie will send out overdue amount reminders to the appropriate clubs throughout the fall semester.
    2. Jade suggested that TGC set up a Group Me with club presidents and treasurers
    3. Katie went over the TGC budget for the 2018-2019 year

BREAK

1. Katie opened discussion on proposed Rules & Constitutional changes
   1. **Member clubs voted to approve the basis for the new constitution (including the wording that restricts men from competing in the women’s collegiate division and vice versa) – The full proposal is posted in the TGC Club Officers shared drive.**
   2. Vote on meet registration procedure: Host must contact teams 4 weeks prior with meet details (including specific competitor limitations that will be imposed), attendees must submit rosters 2 weeks prior to avoid being charged a late fee, after 2 weeks prior a $5 per competitor late fee will be imposed, one week prior to the meet registration is closed- **APPROVED**
   3. Eliminate team award eligibility clause in section C-1 of current constitution – **APPROVED**
   4. Vote on removal of number of judges requirement for conference championships - **APPROVED**
   5. Vote for men to count 3 scores for team and women to count 4 scores for a level 8 team and 3 scores for a level 9 team - **APPROVED**
   6. Vote to add “name on uniform not required” - **APPROVED**
   7. Vote to uphold designating a maximum of 8 competitors on each event whose scores are eligible to count towards the team score for conference championships - **APPROVED**
   8. Vote preventing a limitation being imposed on the number of competitors at conference championships - **APPROVED**
   9. Vote on tie-breaker procedure - **APPROVED**
      1. Events will be determined by the highest all-around
      2. All-around will be determined by the highest individual event score
      3. Team will be determined by the highest total score on a single event
   10. Vote on cost of competition - **APPROVED**
       1. Regular season $10/person and $10/team
       2. Conference Championships $15/person and $20 per team
   11. Vote on $5/competitor TGC ember fee at conference championships - **APPROVED**
   12. Vote on opportunity to raise meet fee for some new clubs - **APPROVED**
       1. Potential meet host must propose a raise in competitor fees at TGC annual meeting and describe the circumstances that warrant a raise in fees
       2. Must have majority vote approval by member clubs
       3. The ability to raise meet fees only applies to that particular meet for the specific year in question
       4. Board can vote to approve or deny a change in the amount of the raise after the annual meeting, if needed
   13. Vote on $15/competitor fee at the UTSA competition this year - **APPROVED**
   14. Vote to renew current board structure - **APPROVED**
   15. Vote to change “State” Championship to TGC or Conference Championship - **APPROVED**
   16. Vote to approve further constitutional changes via video conference or online poll by majority vote - **APPROVED**
   17. Discuss issue of release form for non-student athletes to after discussion with legal counsel (No vote at this time)
2. Andrew opens discussion on NAIGC rules
   1. Does TGC understand current differences between collegiate and open? - Majority yes, Andrew explained further
   2. TGC disagrees with NAIGC competitor definitions, prefers the TGC constitutional basis proposal that was ratified earlier in the meeting
   3. TGC prefers cross gender competition within open competition only
   4. UT is OK with having shadow awards
   5. Some TGC alumni would prefer the TGC rules with the caveat that students are allowed to elect to compete in the open division
3. **TGC Board Member elections**
   1. **President: Katie Thompson**
   2. **Vice President: Andrew Hutcheson**
   3. **Secretary/Treasurer: Sydney Riegel**
   4. **Director: Chris Kujalowicz**
   5. **Director: Isabel Mlo**
   6. **Executive Director: James Sergeant**
4. T-shirt design discussed - will be voted on at a later date

Meeting Adjourned.