**Virginia T&T State Meeting**

**Sept 17, 2024 @ 6 pm**

Attendees:

Capital: Bria Rivera, Vitja Padilla

Dulles: Debi Walk, Chelsea Parker, Carla He

Dynamic: Brandon Sloan

Invictus: Paula Shaibani

Ocean Tumbler: Diane Berry, Pam Lovett

Judges: Wolfgang Fanestiel, Laura Ingle

Athletes: Ryan Ponmakha, Ben Glass

1. Gym Introduction/Projection of the number of athletes in VA State for season 2023-2024

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|  | **Compulsory** | **Optional** | **10 & Elites** | **Total** |
| **Capital** | 20 | 4 |  | 24 |
| **Dulles** | 23 | 3 | 2 | 28 |
| **Dynamic** | 12 | 5 | 2 | 19 |
| **Invictus** | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| **OceanTumbler** | 10 | 1 |  | 11 |

1. Going over Finances - VA Finance report
   1. Cumulative Balance as of July 1, is $40,674.91. The balance of last year 2022 is $38,475.
   2. Income of $2,200 which is a lot less than the prior year of $6700.
   3. Last year our earnings and expenses:

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| **Income** |  |  |
| Reg. and volunteer Fee | $ 11,685 | vs. Last year $14,910 ($3225) |
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| **Expenses** |  |  |
| Judges Pay | $ 2,400 |  |
| Rental | $ 4,316 |  |
| Metals and Sanction | $ 1,000 |  |
| Catering & Supplies | $ 900 |  |
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| **Net Income** | **$ 2,200** | **$6,700** |
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Compared to last year income was $4,500 less.  The biggest expenses were renting high school, equipment, medical supplies, and meeting supplies.

1. New Goals for the 2023 – 2024 season

* This year our new goal is to grow the T&T program, support new gym clubs, and support our athletes, judges, and coaches. We will also need to make our best effort to grow a statewide volunteer group.
* 2024 is the end of the quad, and I would still encourage people who are interested in taking judges’ courses and getting their certifications.
* This year, we will try to add tablets for scoring to eliminate the step of score verification. We are also in the process of adding live score-casting on our state website. Update VA State Website, new gym intros, and new photos. VA State social media
* Mental Health initiatives – Presentation by Ryan.
  + Ryan and Ben will be working together on Mental Health and Mental Strength

1. Planned meets this year:

* Oct. 28 - 29 – Spooky Costume, ETA, NJ
* November – TBD – Capital In-House
* November 19 – Astro Meet, Astro Gymnastics, NJ
* December 2-3 - CAVU Spectacular, CAVU, NJ
* December 10 – WSGC, MD
* December 3 – Fairland Open, Fairland, MD
* Dec. 16-17 – ETA Invitational, ETA, NJ
* Dec. 17 – Dulles In-House
* January 14 – Janet Rothenberg, United, PA
* January 26-28 – Atlantic Coast, NC
* January 27-28 – Garden State, NJ
* February 9-11 – Extravaganza, CAVU, NJ
* February 11 – WSGC, MD
* February 17 - 18 - Fairland Classics
* March 8 – 10 – Winter Classic, Oklahoma City, OK
* April 6 - 7 - Maryland, VA State
* April 26 -28 – Region 6 Championship
* May 9-12 – Elite Challenge, Irving, TX
* June 21 - 26 – USA Championship, Minneapolis, MN
* July 19 -21 – Stars and Stripes, Fort Worth, TX

1. VA State:

* VA competing on Saturday same as last season.
* Need a group of volunteers to load up the truck with 15 people went well on Friday night. There should be 15-20 volunteers to help unload the trucks on Saturday would be better.
* West Virginia only has 5 athletes, so we will probably invite them to join us.

1. Qualifications for Nationals
   1. Two qualification meets prior to VA State
   2. All Athletes are required to attend both VA State an
   3. d Regional Championships and gain their qualification score at either meet
2. **Review State funding for Elite athletes**: - No change from last year
   1. All athletes who apply for reimbursement must have 1099 on file.
   2. We raised the amount to $1000 per international assignment with a cap of $3,000 for season 2022-2023.
   3. Regional also provides funding.
   4. Elites are required to volunteer and compete at VA State in order to receive funding.
3. **Review State funding for Coaches with Elites –** No Change from last year

We offered coaches $500 per travel with their athlete per international meet with a $1500 cap.

1. **Review and discuss State awards for Compulsory and Optional athletes**:

National Champions at USA Championships and Stars and Stripes

The proposed change is as below, all voted approve the change.

* The top 3 places will get full refunds from the state.
* Coaches need to email the State Chair with the Athlete's name, meet, and placements in order to receive refunds.

1. **Discussion on judges’ support**

* Judges course reimbursements:
  + Proposed to 2 meets at any state or local meets, all voted approve the change.
* Judges’ memberships reimbursements
  + The proposed change is as below, all voted approve the change.
  + For Independent judges (not athletes, not parents, not coaches)
  + 2 meets
  + Judge VA State Championship
  + Judge Region 6 Championship
* Judges’ travel for CAT 1 Testings – Voted to review and discuss next season meeting

1. **Discussion State funding for volunteers’ background check**

Proposed is listed below and all voted approve.

* VA State offers reimbursement of background checks for all volunteers registered and paid background checks with USAG this season.
* Gym Clubs with over 15 athletes are required to provide 2 registered parent volunteers. The athletes of these two parent volunteers will receive a VA State meet fee reduction of $60.
* Gym Clubs with less than 15 athletes are required to provide 1 registered parent volunteer. The athlete of the parent volunteers will receive a VA State meet fee reduction of $60.

1. Issues to address:

* Mobility compliances
* Lack of meets in VA State – VA head tax was removed last year. In-house meetings are highly encouraged.

1. Judges Courses

Nov. 4 – 5, Lynchburg – CAT 3 only

2 additional sites in MD and NJ

1. Open discussion and Q&A