

Minutes of TSSC meeting September 2, 2016

In Attendance - Jorge, Laura, Patty, Charlotte, Esther, Betty, Victoria, Lina, Lilliane, Rose, Erika, Margo
Regrets - Lourdes

-Margo opened the meeting thanking the committee for all their hard work in Puerto Rico

- discussion regarding the length of the competition (4 days or 5 days)
- agreed that 5 days will be blocked off on the schedule for the competition and will be finalized once entries are known
- proposed a few events could occur on spacing day
- to give some relief to the schedule events with fewer than 12 competitors will hold final events only with only one medal per federation
- agreed not to put out a tentative schedule until preliminary entries are in to better gage the best placement for events and length of competition days
- committee will consider the possibility of only competing 2 figures in each age group to further reduce the time of the competition

UANA Travel items

- UANA would like the TSSC's travel arrangements completed 45 days in advance of travel
- Charlotte brought up the UANA reimbursement policy requesting that UANA make it clear when flight costs will be reimbursed to TSSC members
- Charlotte suggested that UANA reimburse the committee first and obtain the funds from the organizing committee
- Margo will take this up with the executive

Competition Structure

- the committee discussed implementing a change to the recording of figure marks. To flash marks for figures rather than write them down on individual judges chits. This would ensure accuracy for entering purposes and reduce time needed to process results
- Margo suggested to have the Scorer and Assistant Scorer be assigned to each championships from different federations for transparency sake
- more volunteers are needed on deck and with an expanded TSSC a member from the committee could help organize volunteers for the meet
- Margo made the recommendation that UANA needs to brand their events with for dressage on deck. This was approved and recommended by the entire committee
- committee also as a whole proposed that UANA sends a Media Liason to just do media and not have any other duties assigned
- Erika suggested that the .5 penalty for teams less than 8 be waived to encourage federations with teams less than 8 to attend our competition. The committee voted to keep the .5 penalty and not change it at this time
- Erika suggested changing the rule for allowing Junior teams to compete in Senior Tech and Free routines. Committee as a whole agreed to allow Junior teams to compete in the Senior Tech category but not the Senior Free category

Judging Suggestions

- Betty brought up that each Federation needs to send a judge to the competition. Some federations are attending but are not bringing a judge with them
- Suggested that perhaps we implement a surcharge of \$25 per athlete to reduce officials cost which would encourage more officials to attend
- agreed that the Referee should do the final draw as a manual draw. the scorer will print off the necessary sheets to complete the draw. **This will be added to the Competition Manual**

-Betty asked the question who decides what UANA charges for entry fees for our competition and if they should be higher

Development Strategy - how are we going to bring in more boys to the sport? Charlotte mentioned that she has a clinic on how to coach and develop boys if federations are interested

- Lianne and Charlotte are working to develop an online certification program to help develop coaches in the Americas
- Esther brought up that Aruba is hosting a Fine Coaches Development Clinic October 14-19 run by Tammy McGregor from the USA

meeting adjourned at 10:30pm