

Cumberland Gymnastics Parents' Association

September 13 6-7pm

I. Welcome and Introductions of Officers

- a. Tom Martin-Pres
- b. Don Sherman-V-P
- c. Holly Wood-Treasurer
- d. Tanya Morret-Secretary

II. Approval of June Minutes.

- a. **Move To Approve: Darren Seconded: Kim Berg**
 - i. **Discussion: None**

III. Financial Reports

- a. Review of Information regarding Invitationals and Assessments
 - i. All invitational money needs to go through the association. We have to pay PINK in full and we have to make deposits for the other meets. It is really important that the quarterly assessments are paid on time because this year, especially, is a tight year and we have many big bills that are due early on in the year.
- b. Budget Review/Adoption
 - i. Terri Moved, Seconded Jeanine Farrell, - Unanimous vote to approve. Holly discussed that the budget this year is especially tight because we are missing one of our best fundraisers – a league meet. We are hoping to make up the difference through the banner fundraiser and the assessments to make up the difference.

IV. Committee Reports- (As part of our by-laws, each gymnast family is asked to serve on one committee. To choose your committee- please sign-up at www.timetosignup.com/cumberland by 9/30. Committee descriptions will accompany the minutes.

- a. **Meet** –Tracie Martin and Kim Berg
 - i. We will have a meeting starting in November to plan for the March meet. Parent's responsibility will be to work at the meet and bring in some sort of donation – we try to determine everything we need (worker slots and donations) so we can ask each family to give equally. The only meet we have this year will be the Leprechaun Classic so we will be working very hard to add some exciting fundraising opportunities.
- b. **Yearbook** – Angela Baker- Shared a sample of a yearbook form year's past.

Part of the CGPA funds go toward creating a lasting momento for our girls. It is the Yearbook committee's job to do just that. We try our best to capture the entire year, so this committee has already begun but can take as many people who are willing to help out. There are many different roles that need to be filled, so even if snapping the perfect shot isn't your thing, you can still play a huge part.

Roles:

- Photographers – we try to assign each photographer a level or levels to ensure we get maximum coverage. We work with Melanie to take some pictures during practices and try to get some during meets too. Honestly, it is a combination of all those that makes a unique yearbook.
- Questionnaires – we gather a little bit of personal information from each girl to customize their page.
- Picture sorter – There is nothing like sorting a thousand or so pictures to get to know all the girls on the team! The photographers will be responsible for loading to a central repository and then we make a folder for each girl. Many hands/eyes lighten this load. Eventually when we get closer to starting pages, we also need help determining the 5 or 6 best shots for each girl.

- Page creators – Our tool of choice has been Photoshop Elements, but really any graphic design package can be used. This role is especially busy in the March – April timeframe.
- Final page review – everyone on the committee has a part to play in making the yearbook perfect.

This year long committee does not meet often, but communicates frequently and offers the chance to create an awesome memory for your daughter, on your own schedule. Please see me (Angela Baker – angela.baker@gl-group.com or 241-6440) if you have additional questions.

- c. **Banquet** – Chairperson Needed-
- d. **Fundraising** – Diane O-Leary-Choose your individual Fundraisers by 9/18 so we can put materials in your daughter’s folders

Individual Opportunities	Gym Opportunities (Buy Out 20.00)
Sheetz – 10 dollar books (4\$ per gymnast) Tanya Morret is POC Now thru 11/25 – Money turned in by then.	*Brewster’s Scooping – guest scooper 13 and up October 3 - 6-8 www.timetosignup.com/cumberland
Spirit Cups – 15\$ set (5\$ per gymnast) Diane O’Leary is POC 9/13 to November 15 (with Money)	*Babysitting Night- Black Friday – logistics to be determined, but we may run two sessions that day/afternoon/evening
It’s My Pan – Assorted -(\$ per gymnast varies) Megan Vaughn is POC Tentatively Nov 1 to Nov. 30.	*Lowe’s/Karns Hot Dog Stand-Date to be determined
Texas Roadhouse – -(10% goes back to gymnast) Money due at time of order, Nora Gulden is POC Now through Dec 10th	Grocery Gift Cards – Terri Kenski is the POC We buy at face value, but the Parents’ Assoc. get ‘s a percentage of that amount. Place check and order form in Erica Kenski’s folder.
Possible: Spring Sandwich Sale	Leo Sale-Coming Soon-bring used Leos to the gym office.
	Possible Spring Options :Silent Auction and Babysitting

- e. **Concessions:** Nora Gulden is willing to stay on but we are in need of an additional chair person.

*Each gymnast’s family is asked to participate in at least one of the gym fundraisers that benefit the gym. Money pays for Team Gym Bags, BRGA meet fees, Yearbooks, Girls meals at Banquets, Gifts for girls and Coaches, Coaches expenses at meets (stipend, lodging, travel), and New Equipment (3,600)

V. Level Reps-POC (Point of Contact in case of questions or emergencies related to Meets)

- Hot Shots-Jeanine Farrel
- Level 4-
- Level 5-Sarah Navarro
- Level 6 -
- Rec Team – Anna Foster
- Prep Op – Laurie Gaughan
- Level 7 – Tina Fluss
- Level s 8 and 9 – Tracie Martin

VI. Communication

- a. Not Getting Emails – tanya.morret22@comcast.net
- b. Website – New one coming soon
- c. Instant Alert – Cell Phone and provider on www.timetosignup.com/cumberland by 9/30

- d. A roster will be distributed with gymnast, parents, phone numbers, and cell phones.

VII. Future Meetings

- a. December 13
- b. March 13
- c. June – To be Announced

VIII. New Business from the Floor

- a. Melanie has asked us to support her on the new compulsory routines (2013/2020). Coaches need to travel to either Florida or Nevada to learn the routines. The league will be giving each team a thousand dollars to off-set the cost. She would like to take three coaches, herself, Paul, and Megan. Megan will be the compulsory head coach and Paul will float between the two levels. No motion was entertained at this time, we will revisit it in December when we have more specific numbers.
- b. Melanie will be putting in some new equipment over Thanksgiving and we may need some strong arms to help with moving items around.
- c. Don Sherman is regretfully stepping down from the executive committee in hopes of encouraging a new parent, maybe of a younger gymnast, to make sure all gymnasts are represented on the executive committee.
- d. Darren Reighard moved to open nominations for VP and it was seconded by Jo Kutulakis, unanimously approved. Angela Baker nominated Nikki Cardin for the post, seconded by Angie Reighard – Nikki accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Jo Kutulakis moved to close the nominations, Darren Reighard seconded it – unanimously approved. Since there was only one nominee, Tanya called for a slate vote and it was unanimously approved. Congratulations Nikki.
- e. Tracie expressed appreciation for all that Don has given to this organization and he was honored with a round of applause.
- f. A question was asked regarding missed practices not being made up. If you have any questions, please ask Melanie. Once meet season starts, and practices are cancelled by Melanie, will they be made up? For those girls not participating in the Bruster's Scoop activity, can they stay at practice until 7:00? Diane will check with Melanie.
- g. The question was asked– where are we with staffing. Current staff includes Melanie, Paul, Bo, Debbie, Jenni, and Megan. Melanie is currently looking for a higher level coach. One parent suggested that if we are helping to fund the travel for the compulsory routines, perhaps we can play a little more role in the hiring of the coaches.
- h. Question was raised about why do we have fewer invitationals made available to the gymnasts this year. What goes into the decision making process regarding which meets we attend?
- i. If you are concerned about your daughter specifically and the coaching she is receiving, please take those concerns to Melanie. The Parents' Association will not be approaching Melanie regarding specific issues.
- j. A question was raised concerning what would it take to attract more coaches to the gym and then bring it to the parents' association so we could see what we could do to help? The hope is that we are always improving the quality of the time the girls spend in the gym.
- k. A concern was raised regarding favoritism or lack of attention paid to some girls, which could become a safety issue. Tom recommended that individual concerns be taken to Melanie directly. A question was asked if there was a way to open up the lines of communication when something like that occurs to help make this situation better?

I. Tax Status – Questions were asked regarding the tax status of our group. We are a not for profit. It was suggested that perhaps we should look into the specifics.

IX. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.