



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday November 21 2024

TIME: 6:30pm

LOCATION: High Prairie Art Complex –
1810 Schaffer St Bismarck, ND 58501

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00pm

Vision: To be a first-class gymnastics academy that fosters a stable yet dynamic program through dedicated coaches, parents, and passionate gymnasts.

Mission: To provide a progressive gymnastics training program which enhances the strength, agility, flexibility, balance, coordination, and self-esteem of the participants.

Attendance

- **Board Members:** Jade DeSmidt, Dave Spickler, Gina Sondeland, Robyn Zeltinger
- **Absent:** Trisha Dietz, Germain Krueger
- **Staff:** Brenna, Kenzie, Christa, Rachel **BPRD Representative:** None, **and Membership:** Nate, Joshua, Tina, Ryan

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** Dave Spickler, 2nd: Gina Sondeland

Germain Krueger submitted her resignation from the Board of Directors. Resignation letter read by Dave Spickler.

Officer Reports:

Secretary

- Next meeting to be held on **Tuesday December 17 2024 at 6:30pm**
- Location: **High Prairie Art Complex 1810 Schaffer St Bismarck, ND 58501**

Treasurer

November 2024 Treasurer's Report:

October Financials – After Income and expenses were calculated for the month of October 2024 & the fiscal year-end, we ended the month as follows: Total Income = \$60,226 Total Expenses = \$69,477 Net Deficit= \$9,251 YTD Net Surplus \$53,455

October Income Recap:



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- Fundraising Income - \$37,576
- General Income - \$1,035
- Program income - \$21,615

October Expenses Recap:

- Fundraising Expenses - \$9,162
- General Expenses - \$3,122
- Program Expenses - \$24,542
- Operational Expenses - \$32,651

Year-to-Date Net Charitable Gaming \$90,952.60

Our 2023 tax return was filed this month. A copy is available on Teams.

Approval of October Financials

- **Motion: Dave Spickler, 2nd Robyn Zeltinger**

Vice Chair

- Will need to transfer our Microsoft 365 admin from Germain to Brenna

Chair

- Gave update at Bismarck Park Board meeting earlier today about BGA, answered questions, and highlighted that space remains our biggest challenge

Business/Program Reports:

November 2024 Board report:

Office

We are so Excited to share Bismarck Gymnastics Academy was selected as the number one best rated gymnastics academy in 2024 according to Quality business awards! With our quality score being 95% or greater.

We welcome Garrett and Amanda to our team as evening supervisors we are excited to have them here to help our members with questions or needs they may have in those later hours!

Fundraising/Business and Community

Pro Shop: We are continuing our consignment with Destira.



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Charitable Gaming: BGA is continuing with our charitable gaming effort with Buffalo Wild wings South. We are in contact with the management team to get dates for our next Poker tournament.

Community Outreach: BGA will continue to be present Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC events and maintain current relationships. We will also continue with our BNI group to gain exposure and build relationships to potentially gain sponsorships. We are actively seeking additional annual sponsors along with making new relationships within the community.

Safety Champion: Brenna continues to monitor Safety Champion information and will update staff and membership on any changes or best practices.

Cookie Dough: Our cookie dough fundraiser was a huge success ending with a final grand total of \$21,413.40

Competitive Program Report

Spirit leotards, backpacks, and warm-up jackets have arrived, and the backpacks and jackets are currently being screen printed. The Turkey Tumble Mini Meet will take place on November 17th at BGA, giving Level 3 and Xcel Silver athletes a chance to experience a competition environment, with Level 4+ and Xcel Gold+ athletes assisting as judges. Our first major meet is approaching on December 7-8 in Dickinson, and all teams have been focused on perfecting their routines and competition skills in preparation. Registration for the Ziegler meet closed on November 8th, with a fantastic turnout of 498 athletes from 17 clubs. We expect to release the Ziegler schedule soon.

High School

High school season has officially started with 21 gymnasts, they will have their first meet December 2nd.

Recreational

We are two weeks away from our registration period. We will continue with the staggered process of opening classes for registration. There will be 86 classes offered this session which is a huge jump in comparison to the 65 classes offered during our Winter session the previous year. We have planned out the remainder of sessions for 2025 as well as started brainstorming ideas for Summer Camps.

Show Team

Show Team is nearing the end of their pre-performance season and transitioning into performance season. All teams are on track with their regular routines, and we are making progress on their Christmas routines as well. We will have our first show on January 5th, which is the Christmas Showcase! Coach Katelyn has kindly stepped up to help spearhead fundraising and organize a parent committee to have a group of individuals that will be leads in coming up with fundraising ideas as well



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as coordinating set up once fundraising is approved by Brenna. We currently have 8 shows scheduled for our teams, 6 at halftime shows and 2 in the gym.

Committee Reports

- **Expansion Committee**
 - Nate provided update – met last week, LLC is forming (in advance of the non-profit to be formed). Currently working with 2 options, ideally will have renderings and fundraising packages prepared by Jan. 1
- **Capital Campaign Committee**
 - Continued holding pattern until forward movement on the overall expansion discussion.

Old Business

- **Record Boards**
 - No report – will reassign at January's meeting
- **PPM Review**
 - No report – will reassign at January's meeting

New Business

- **Adopted the following statement regarding a post on the high school team Stack account: BGA and its Board of Directors apologize that one of its Board members, Germain Krueger, acting on her own, chose to make regrettable statements about an unnamed BGA Board candidate, which statements were made via the Stack App for the Bismarck High School Gymnastics team on October 4, 2024. BGA and its Board of Directors do not share the views expressed by Ms. Krueger in her comments on October 4, 2024**
 - **Motion: Dave Spickler, 2nd Gina Sondeland**

Member Presentations

- **Christa Wiederholt**
 - Requested that the gym move toward a lower ratio of gymnasts to coaches in the gym. Maximum is 10:1 based on insurance. USAG recommends 8:1 for school age children and 6:1 for younger children. Kenzie shared that the Rec program is currently set to an 8:1 ratio. Staff continues to balance group size, space, and recruiting and retaining highly effective coaches. Christa also requested transparency and respect among various BGA programs and BGA Board of Directors.

Adjourn

Executive Session