

**Region 5 Committee Meeting  
July 9, 2013; 10:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.  
Indianapolis, IN**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Bobbi Montanari, at 10:00 A.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

*Present*

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)  
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)  
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)  
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)  
Linda Barclay, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)  
Vicki Smith, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)  
Tami Jacobs, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)  
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)  
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)  
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

*Vicki Smith's E-mail has been updated to [vicki.smith@bardstown.kyschools.us](mailto:vicki.smith@bardstown.kyschools.us).*

**III. WELCOME**

Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Bobbi Montanari welcomed Kittia Carpenter, Tami Jacobs and Nancy Gibson to the committee. As the newly elected Regional Xcel Committee Chairman, Nancy's position is a voting position. Sandy Sabo was also welcomed into the appointed position of Regional Training Camp Coordinator.

Gratitude was expressed to the Regional Administrative Committee, John Geddert, Kristin Moore, and Dave Rawles for the many years of service to Region 5.

**IV. ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Bobbi reminded Committee Members that all communication during the meeting is to be kept confidential. The USA Gymnastics Policy Confidentiality Forms, Ethical Obligations of USA Gymnastics Employees, Officers, Directors and Committee Members, and Conflict of Interest Questionnaire will be distributed for the Committees signatures following the Chairman's Workshop that will be held following the National Congress.

**V. MINUTES**

Deadlines for the distribution of the minutes were set. Following approval, the minutes will be posted on the Regional website and distributed to the Professional Membership via e-mail and newsletters.

## **VI. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The General Account has a balance of \$85,088.97. The Apparel Fund has a balance of \$15,522.34. This money will be used for the All-Star Trip. Training camp money and funds from the Regional Congress auction will also go into this account.

State financial reports are to be placed on the state websites.

## **VII. STATE OVERVIEWS 2012-2013**

Ohio (Nina Dent)

Every year Ohio runs a compulsory camp. This camp will be held next weekend. A judging session will be included.

The entire Ohio Administrative Committee went to the Orlando Compulsory Workshop. A 16 passenger van was rented to carry 13 people to the workshop. It was fun and they were able to bond outside of the committee.

Ohio had an optional camp with a golf outing and a banquet.

Kentucky (Vicki Smith)

A two day clinic was held to learn the compulsory routines. The featured clinician was Marvin Sharp assisted by Ilena Earl and Pat Warren on floor and beam. It was very successful with 150 participants.

Indiana (Linda Barclay)

The weekend of July 13-14, 2013 is the Indiana State Meeting, Congress and Banquet. The Indiana Hall of Fame induction is held in conjunction with the state banquet. Three new members will be inducted; Betty Heppner, Greta Treiber, and Dick Albershardt. Indiana will also host a compulsory workshop with Cheryl Jarrett in early August, the Hope- Love Gymnastics Camp for gymnasts, coaches, and judges at the end of August, an optional training camp in October, and a regional qualifier camp at the end of March. Indiana is proud to offer free educational opportunities for current Indiana professional members.

Illinois (Norbert Bendixen)

Illinois held their compulsory workshop the week after the Reno Workshop. Anyone who went to a National workshop could be a clinician. They had a northern Illinois and a southern Illinois clinic.

This year's banquet supported all the all-around gymnasts, elite gymnasts and others that were honored. They also gave out a life time achievement award.

The Illinois state series will begin March 8, 2014 weekend.

Illinois' Xcel numbers are way up from last year. They had 135 gymnasts in the Xcel program. They expect the numbers to go up again this season.

Illinois will be changing their election procedures to have a three member election commission. One member will not be a USAG member.

Illinois lost two members during the past season; Leonard Palmer and Mary Krause. They also welcomed Leonard Isaac back to Illinois.

Michigan (Tami Jacobs)

Michigan's banquet will be held July 17, 2013. The following weekend will be the state compulsory workshop. There are 150 people registered to attend. Judges will receive one day of CPE credit. Michigan does not do an optional workshop.

Michigan is working on encouraging new judges. Two of Michigan's higher rated judges retired at the end of the 2012-2013 season; Brenda Burman and Georgette Dupke. Colleges will be contacted to recruit new judges.

## **VIII. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2013-2014**

Ohio (Nina Dent)

Ohio is working on hosting all state meets on two weekends in 2015. There will be three sites each weekend. The State Committee would secure the equipment.

The state is appointing a college gymnast to be a non-voting member of the Ohio Administrative Committee. This will allow a gymnast's voice to be heard on the Committee.

Kentucky (Vicki Smith)

Kentucky's goal is to continue education for their membership.

Michigan (Tami Jacobs)

Michigan's goal is to improve communication. Only 41 people voted in the Michigan Administrative Committee elections. The communications position has been strengthened.

## **IX. COMMUNICATION**

- A. Debra Warhol is Region 5's new webmaster.
- B. All information for the Regional website should be sent to the Regional Administrative Committee Chairman who will send it to the webmaster.
- C. State websites need to post the following items as they pertain to their state:
  - State specific Rules & Policies
  - Judges Selection Process
  - Minutes from all meetings
- D. The Region 5 Administrative Committee should continue copying E-mails to RACC.

## **X. REGIONAL TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN REPORT (Char Christensen)**

Char congratulated the Region for their success at the JO Championships and the Level 9 Eastern Nationals. The Level 9's were the overall winner coming in second on vault and floor and first on bars and beam. The Level 10's came in 2<sup>nd</sup> with our Junior C team placing 1<sup>st</sup>.

- A. Professional Involvement Forms (PIF) will be on the websites by August 1, 2013. Professional Involvement Forms are to be used to assist in the selection of recommended judges for State and Regional assignments. The PIF form and the Judges Training Camp Volunteer Form will be under Judges on the Region 5 website.

There was discussion concerning the deadline date for the Professional Involvement Forms. It was suggested that the Regional Administrative Committee should use the state generated ranking of the judges to be a part of the criteria to assist with the selection of regional and national assignments. In order to do this the PIF deadline must be early enough so that the states can determine their rankings prior to the RAC meeting following the Regional Congress.

**The motion was made to change the deadline date for the PIF forms to September 1<sup>st</sup> so that the states can use the forms to determine the rank order of the judges and the Regional Administrative Committee can use the state lists as one of the criteria for judges assignments.**

**Motion: Linda Barclay**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Vicki Smith**

**Passed: Unanimous**

- B. Each State Chairman must submit a rank order list of 12-14 judges to Char prior to the next RAC meeting. Affiliation of each judge must also be documented. There is a goal to have judges know their event assignments for the Level 9 and 10 Regional Meet and have it available on the website by December 15, 2013.
- C. There were approximately 85 petitions for Level 8, 9, and 10 Regional Championships. A huge thank you is extended to Hilary Carlson for her hard work on our petition process.
- D. The judge's volunteer form for Regional Training Camps should have been on the regional website since June 1, 2013. In order to volunteer in a leadership role, judges need to complete this form electronically by August 1, 2013. State Chairmen are asked to send a second reminder e-mail to judges in July.
- E. Please include Kittia, Char and the new RACC on all newsletters and with important web updates.
- F. Char thanked the states for sending hard copies of the Level 8, 9 and 10 state meet results to her at the end of the optional season.
- G. The criteria used to select judges for state meet assignments should be on the state websites or in newsletters by October 1, 2013. State Chairmen are asked to send this information to Char and Kittia by October 1, 2013.
- H. Please remember that all clinics sponsored by USA Gymnastics or NAWGJ must be registered with USA Gymnastics for CPE credits to be valid. Judges must

- have their forms signed at the end of each session. Judges are reminded that it is their responsibility to print their CPE forms from the USA Gymnastics website.
- I. Petition and inquiry forms should be included in each state handbook.
  - J. USA Gymnastics members are reminded that Rules and Policies meet formats are the only ones that can be used. If there is a violation of this or any sanction violation, it should be noted on the newly revised sanction form by the meet referee and/or meet director.
  - K. The table below lists the percentage of athletes that qualified for their regional meet from their state meet in 2012 and 2013.

	Level 8	Level 9	Level 10
MI	89% / 91%	99% / 91%	100% / 100%
OH	74% / 81%	99% / 89%	97% / 94%
IN	78% / 54%	75% / 81%	100% / 99.9%
IL	88% / 70%	81% / 80%	99% / 93%
KY	99% / 57%	100% / 91%	76% / 100%

- L. Coaches are reminded that a score of 9.0 is required at their State Meet for an event specialist to qualify to the Regional Championships. Qualifying criteria into the state meets should be on the state websites by October 1, 2013.
- M. To be recommended to be assigned to a national meet, judges are reminded that they must judge at the Level 9/10 Regional Meet or have judged at a Level 9/10 State Meet and coached at the Level 9/10 Regional Championship in the recommended year.
- N. Judges assigned to the Regional and National Championships will be on the state and Regional websites by December 15, 2013.
- O. Sanction violations need to be put in the comment section of the sanction form by meet directors and meet referees. Violations such as finishing past 10:00pm, over the number of gymnasts allowed for the competitive format, etc. must be documented. For the falsification of memberships and dates, there is a \$500 fine for the first offense and \$1000 fine for the second offense.

## **XI. REGIONAL MEET OVERVIEW**

The regional meets were able to be completed within the time frame allowed but the judges break time was spent on preparing for the next session particularly by the vault judges. It was recommended that there be preprinted judges score slips. Score Master and Pro Score are capable of doing this.

**The motion was made that meet directors of the Regional meets provide preprinted individual judges slips in competition order.**

**Motion: Norbert Bendixen**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Nina Dent**

**Passed: Unanimous**

*The Regional Administrative Committee will look at the number of gymnast in the 2014 Level 9 and 10 Regional Meet to determine if a Thursday night session will be needed in 2014. In 2013 there were 359 Level 9's and 209 Level 10's.*

## **XII . REGIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAIRMAN REPORT (Kittia Carpenter)**

### Training Camps

- A. Kittia has received information from coaches that feel the Super Camp has become an elitist camp since Level 7's cannot enter unless they have scored 37.00. Also, some coaches think that Level 8-10 gymnasts are not qualified unless they score a 37.00. The correct qualification is ALL level 8-10 gymnasts are eligible. Level 7 gymnasts that have scored 37.00 or higher may also register. This will be reviewed at the next Regional Administrative Committee meeting.
- B. Kittia is gathering information for changes to the camps to make improvements. A two day vs. three day camp is being considered. She is also working on a coach's incentive.
- C. To promote the NCAA Showcase, which is being implemented for the first time this year, a flyer was handed out to all the college coaches at JO Nationals.
- D. Shannon Hunt of Hunt's Gymnastics is assisting in securing the hotels for JO Nationals.
- E. Stephanie Malas, a parent from Buckeye Gymnastics is doing the apparel. Kittia showed the Committee ideas for the Region 5 store. The theme for congress will be "Where Pride Meets Passion".

### All Star Team

- A. The All Star Team participants would like a training opportunity on the trip. This may be difficult due to Belgium's equipment not being standard. Everyone in that area of the world will be focused on the World Championships.
- B. The team will leave on September 28<sup>th</sup> to fly into London, England. The host club will meet the team at the airport and take a train into London. The team will train in London and do some sightseeing. They will then go into Antwerp, Belgium to possibly see the first round of qualifications at the World Championships. They will see the finals on October 4<sup>th</sup> and then fly back to the United States.
- C. Hilary Carlson will be asked to notify judges of the opportunity to travel with the All Star Team.
- D. Lori Koch has been asked to be the delegation leader for this trip. Bobbi has recommended that compensation be considered for the delegation leader.
- E. Parents must make their own arrangements if they wish to travel with the team.
- F. The qualification for the All Star Team needs to be more transparent. The scores used to determine the average and the meets where the scores were received should be put on the Region 5 website.
- G. The qualification procedures need to be reviewed. Discussion on this topic was tabled until the next Regional Administrative Committee meeting.
- H. The 2013 All Star Team members are:
  - 1. Bailey Gardner, Twistars – 38.569
  - 2. Lindsey Lemke, R Athletics – 38.388
  - 3. Paige Azaiski, Hunts – 38.319
  - 4. Alyssa Shermetaro, Olympia – 38.256
  - 5. Brehanna Showers, R Athletics – 38.238
  - 6. Rachel Cutler, Twistars – 37.938

7. Karen Howell, Olympia – 37.869
  8. Shea Murphy, Legacy – 37.818
- I. All Star Team Alternates
1. Sydney Waltz, Gold Medal – 37.813
  2. Isabell Hutchins, Splitz – 37.8
  3. Sydney McGlone, Universal – 37.731
  4. Nicole Gendusa, IGI – 37.719
  5. Megan Schwehofer, Hunts – 37.563
  6. Emma McClean, Stars and Stripes – 37.544
  7. Lexi Funk, IGI – 37.519
  8. Eileen Malecki, IGI – 37.5
  9. Lauren Bancroft, Twistars USA – 37.481
  10. Annie Juarez, DeVeaus – 37.438

### **XIII. HALL OF FAME (Augusta Lipsey)**

- A. The biographies of all nominees were sent to the Regional Administrative Committee prior to this meeting. A ballot listing all current Region 5 Hall of Fame nominees was distributed to all of the Regional Administrative Committee members. Each Regional Administrative Committee voting member listed their choice for the top six nominees. The top ranked nominee would receive six points; the second ranked nominee would receive five points, etc. The five nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be presented to the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee. A conference call will be set up with the Selection Committee to determine the 2013 inductees into the Region 5 USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

### **XIV. REGIONAL XCEL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT (Nancy Gibson)**

- A. The National Xcel Committee met for three days following the compulsory workshop. Region 3, 4, 5 and parts of Region 6 used a modification of the National Xcel program last season. The Committee tweaked the program and is in the process of writing a manual. The Xcel program has divisions instead of levels. There are some areas within the program that are states' rights such as awards. These rights have been sent to the State Chairmen to be included in their State Committee agendas.
- B. The Regional Administrative Committee is responsible for deciding if an Xcel Regional meet will be held. It was determined that a Regional meet would not be held if Level 7's do not have a Regional meet. Michigan has held a regional invitational the past two years. If a Regional Invitation is held in 2014 the words regional and championship cannot be used.
- C. The recommended hours of practice have been eliminated from the Xcel recommendations.

### **XV. REGIONAL CONGRESS**

#### **Congress Fundraiser**

Columbus, Ohio has a casino company that will send information to Linda Barclay. If their bid is reasonable the Region would like to have a casino night.

Columbus also has a company that will set up an Amazing Race. Nina Dent has a contact and is checking on this for the Committee. Nina also has a friend that has a bar near the Congress site that will run specials that weekend.

#### **XVI. REGIONAL MEETS**

A. The Level 9 and 10 Regional Meet financial report has not been received yet. It will be available for the next Regional Administrative Committee meeting. The Level 8 Regional Meet financial report showed a profit of \$4329.00.

B. Qualifying Scores

Qualifying scores for the 2014 Regional Championships will remain the same.

Level 8:	34.00
Level 9:	34.00 (established by USA Gymnastics)
Level 10:	34.00 (established by USA Gymnastics)

C. Entry Fees

Entry fees for the 2014 Regional Championships will remain the same.

Level 8:	\$90.00
Level 9:	\$90.00
Level 10:	\$90.00

D. Judging Panels

The Judging Panels for the 2014 Regional Championships will remain the same.

Level 8:	2 judge panels
Level 9:	4 judge panels
Level 10:	4 judge panels

#### **XVII. CALENDAR**

- **National Congress;** August 14 - 17, 2013
- **Region 5 Congress;** September 13 - 15, 2013; Hilton Columbus Downtown, Ohio
- **Level 9 & 10 Regionals;** April 11 - 13, 2014
- **Level 8 Regionals;** April 25 - 27, 2014
- **Level 9 Easterns;** May 1 - 4, 2014, Bradenton, FL – Host: Tampa Bay Turners
- **JO Nationals;** May 8 - 10, 2014, Jackson, MS – Host: Meet Control and MS-USAG
- **NIT;** May 11, 2014
- **Region 5 Congress;** September 12 - 14, 2014; Hilton Columbus Downtown, Ohio

#### **XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM

*Respectfully Submitted 7/15/13*

*Augusta A. Lipsey*

*Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary*