

**Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting**  
**September 14, 2014**  
**12:49 p.m. – 5:06 p.m.**  
**Columbus, OH**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:49pm by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Dave Stiles.

**II. ROLL CALL**

*Present*

Dave Stiles, 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)  
Hilary Carlson, Regional Judging Director (RJD)  
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator  
Sandy Sabo, Regional Training Camp Coordinator

**III. CONGRESS OVERVIEW**

Congress was very successful with the number of registrants close to 500. The Casino Night, Awards Banquet, and many educational sessions were a highlight. Carolyn Bowers, Jeff Metzger and Jordyn Wieber were honored and inducted into the Region 5 Hall of Fame.

**IV. TRAINING CAMPS (Sandy Sabo)**

Sandy Sabo stated that the Super Camps, Hi Tech and the Showcases were very successful. A Showcase was held on Friday and Saturday. There were 25 college coaches this year compared to 22 coaches last year. The coaches would like to receive gymnasts bios in electronic form.

Both Hot Shot sites at Buckeye Gymnastics and Mid-Michigan Gymnastics are full. All three sites of the Forward Progress Camp are also full. Aspire Gymnastics has offered their facility for an additional Forward Progress site. There are currently 35 gymnasts on the waiting list for a Forward Progress Camp with three and a half weeks remaining before the deadline. If the Aspire Gymnastics site is added there will be two camps in Illinois along with their state Judges Cup Invitational on that weekend. Staffing of the additional site may be a concern.

**A motion was made to add a fourth Forward Progress Camp at Aspire Gymnastics due to the fact that there is a waiting list of 35 gymnasts three and a half weeks before the deadline.**

**Motion: Norbert Bendixen**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Vicki Smith**

**Passed: Yea - 6; Nay - 1; Abstain – 1**

The Regional Administrative Committee will work on a ratio recommendation of coaches to gymnasts for the Training Camps. Input is also being solicited concerning two day Training Camps with longer hours.

To bid to host a Training Camp, clubs must go to the Regional website to fill out a bid form and receive a contract. Nina Dent would like to see the Hi Tech Camp stay in one place for a few years because the process of hosting this camp is very complex. It must be held at a club that can logistically have space for 25 or more college coaches. A social gathering for the coaches to talk with the college coaches should also be arranged.

It is recommended that the judges at all Region 5 Training Camps introduce themselves to the head coach on the event that they are assisting. It is best for the judges to ask the coach what is the best way for them to be used to interact with the athletes and give technical information.

## **V. JUDGES RECOMMENDATIONS**

Char Christensen distributed a list of the judges that could be considered for National Meet assignment based on their leadership role in the region by working at a Region 5 Training Camp in 2014. Judges that did not complete their Training Camp volunteer form by August 1, 2014, were not included. After Hilary Carlson, Char Christensen, Nina Dent, Nancy Gibson, Augusta Lipsey and Vicki Smith were excused from the meeting the remaining Committee Members discussed and voted on the judges to represent Region 5 at the National Championships. Kittia Carpenter removed herself from eligibility for selection as a judge for those meets therefore she took part in the selection process. The following judges were chosen.

### Level 10 Junior Olympic Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Nina Dent
2. Linda McDonald
3. Vicki Smith
4. Donna Trevethan

### Level 9 Eastern Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Jeannie Johnson
2. Sue Kane
3. Bob Neat

### Alternates (listed alphabetically)

1. Hilary Carlson
2. Michael Crowe
3. Ruth Hanna
4. Augusta Lipsey

When the judges returned to the Committee meeting the selection criteria was discussed. A recommendation was made that the training camps during the prior year be considered in the selection of the JO National and Eastern Championship judges. It was felt that the Training Camp obligation should have already been fulfilled prior to the selection of the judges. Additional selection criteria will be discussed in a future meeting.

**Motion:** In 2015, the Regional Administrative Committee will consider judges for the Championship meets who worked a camp in 2014 and completed the 2015 Training Camp Volunteer Form by August 1, 2015. In 2016 and beyond the Committee will consider the judges who have completed the Volunteer Form by August 1<sup>st</sup>, fulfilled their obligation to work a Region 5 Training Camp, and have had a leadership role in Region 5.

**Motion:** Linda Barclay  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Kittia Carpenter  
**Passed:** Unanimous

**Motion:** Proper procedures for sanction reporting must be followed by the Training Camp Director or the training camp site will not receive the facility fee and will be subject to covering all fines assessed by USA Gymnastics.

**Motion:** Char Christensen  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Norbert Bendixen  
**Passed:** Unanimous

## **VI. REGIONAL JUDGES**

The appointment of judges to the Regional Championships was discussed. It was recommended that three judges per state be assigned to each Championship with the additional judge coming from the hosting state.

**Motion:** If the Regional Meet is held in the same state two years in a row, the second year 3 judges from each state will be assigned and the additional judge will come from the hosting state.

**Motion:** Kittia Carpenter  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Linda Barclay  
**Passed:** Unanimous

## **VII. REGIONAL BIDS**

Two bids have been received for the Level 9/10 Regional Championship. The bids were from Olympic Dreams and Halker's Gold. Olympic Dreams has hosted the Level 9/10 Ohio State Meet the last three years.

**Based on past experience and the size of the facility a motion is made to award Olympic Dreams the Level 9/10 Regional Championships.**

**Motion:** Char Christensen  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Nancy Gibson  
**Passed:** Unanimous

Two bids have been received for the Level 8 Regional Championship. The bids were from Wabash Valley in Terre Haute (PowerPoint) and Elite Sports Academy from Mishawaka. A bid from Gymnastics X-Calibur will be considered if the other two bids are not accepted.

**A motion was made to have Wabash Valley submit the official form that was not received previously.**

**Motion:** Vicki Smith  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Norbert Bendixen  
**Passed:** Unanimous

## **VIII. COACHES GIFTS**

Each gym with gymnasts attending the JO National Championships receives a gift if a coach has worked at least one Training Camp. In the past few years a coach from the gym has received a Regional suitcase. There are currently 10 suitcases in stock. Kittia Carpenter is in

the process of finding a smaller carry-on, roll-on suitcase at a reasonable cost. One roll-on suitcase per club will be given per year.

#### **IX. LEVEL 8 REGIONAL**

**A Motion was made via e-mail to award the 2015 Level 8 Regional Championship to Elite Sports Academy of Indiana.**

**Motion: Tami Jacobs**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Kittia Carpenter**

**Passed: Unanimous via e-mail vote on September 21, 2014**

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06pm.

*Respectfully Submitted 9/18/14*

*Augusta A. Lipsey  
Regional Secretary*