

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
September 15, 2019;
12:05 a.m. – 4:50 p.m.
Grand Rapids, MI

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:05am 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)
Robert Neat, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Brian Blewitt, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Becky Burden, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Patrick Jordan, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. CONGRESS REVIEW

Cheryl Jarrett thanked the Regional Administrative Committee for a great Congress. The banquet also went well. She has received texts saying that this Congress has been one of the best Congresses they have been to. Attendees liked having new and different presenters.

Cheryl asked the committee if we were interested in having a committee meeting, a banquet and/or selling apparel at the 2020 National Congress in St. Louis, MO. We will need to let her know what we need for the National Congress. The National office is investigating the Westin Hotel in Lombard, IL for the 2021 Regional Congress. There is a possibility that a compulsory workshop could be held in conjunction with the Regional Congress. She will need dates for the 2022 Regional Congress. The Congress may need to be worked around the US Classics.

Additional Congress Review:

1. The Regional Congress had 40 on-site registrations the first day. The total attendance was between 525 and 550.
2. Signage needs to improve. The sessions should be listed outside each room.
3. 50 minutes was not enough time to present all the information. There was not enough time to ask questions. David Stiles will ask the National office to return to hour long sessions.
4. Some sessions were geared more toward the elite athlete. The information was not useable for the average coach.

5. Mary Lee Tracy's sessions were for the lower levels through the elite level. She was amazing.
6. Some attendees stated that there were not enough pre-school/recreational sessions. Committee members state that there were sessions available but they were not labeled well. It was suggested that the National office label the sessions.
7. The site and time for our banquet needs to be correct in all the information. There was nowhere in print that the correct times of the banquet were listed.
8. Tom Koll and Char Christensen were exceptional explaining the thought processes and how the WTC would like us to apply the information.
9. It would be helpful to notate in the Congress program what sessions are CPE acceptable.
10. Sessions that need demonstrators should be scheduled on Saturday or Sunday so that gymnasts do not have to miss school.

Awards Banquet

1. The meal was exceptional.
2. There were 130 tickets sold.
3. The format of the banquet is good but if a person is not involved, they do not attend.
4. Registration for the banquet should be separate from the Congress registration form. It was difficult to find the link to purchase the tickets.
5. To increase attendance each state and the NAWGJ could purchase a table as has been done in the past.
6. Since there will not be a Regional Congress scheduled in 2020, the Awards Banquet will need to be held in conjunction with another Regional event. Having the banquet during the College Showcase is being considered.

IV. STATE REVIEWS

Illinois – Norbert Bendixen

Illinois held five state meets in 2019. All were successful. The profits from each state meet were split with the state. The state will continue to have dialogue with the state NAWGJ. Last season was the first time the IL-USAG and the IL-NAWGJ held a joint meeting. Hopefully the joint meeting this season will be less spirited and vocal.

Indiana – Bob Neat

The Indiana-USAG and the IN-NAWGJ will be hosting the Judges Cup jointly the first weekend in December. The profits will be split. On October 5, 2019, the IN-USAG will be having a judge's education at JPAC to watch high level gymnastics. Coaches will not attend so that the judges will feel comfortable asking questions.

630 people attended the Indiana Awards Banquet. Some came without registering which caused problems.

Kentucky – Brian Blewitt

About two thirds of the gymnasts have registered for this season. Two state meets will be held in 2020. A workshop will be held during the summer of 2020.

Michigan – Beckey Burden

Michigan had very successful state meets. They also had a successful banquet with 500 attendees although there were problems receiving the awards from A-1 Awards.

A survey was sent to all the clubs in Michigan to ask if they would attend the Level 6/Xcel Silver Regional Meet. The majority of clubs will not attend due to the Regional Meet being held the weekend following the Michigan Level 6 State Meet. Those clubs that will be attending will need to enter their gymnasts before they qualify.

Billy Gunnis has been appointed to finish Nicole Bentley's term of office as the Level 6/7/8 Representative.

Ohio – Patrick Jordan

Ohio had a very successful state congress this year. There were over 200 attendees. The sessions were geared toward lower levels. The Congress was held in a gym which helps people see things live instead of on video. Luminita Garcy's, Mary Lee Tracy's and Enrique Trabanino's sessions went over very well.

Ohio held three state meets in 2019. They have received a lot more bids for the 2020 state meets.

The OH-USAG has a great relationship with the OH-NAWGJ. There are dual State Judging Directors; Tina Snyder and Kathleen Edwards. The OH-USAG wants the judges to be a large part of the Ohio Congress next year. They plan to supply good educational opportunities for those that won't make it to the National Congress.

V. JUDGES SELECTION – Char Christensen

Char Christensen thanked everyone for being on time with their judges rank order lists. The Judges assigned to the Eastern National Championships will be considered for the Junior Olympic Championships for 2020. Other considerations are the state and regional rankings, the Region 5 Involvement and Availability Application, and state representation. The goal is to have the best judges selected on the floor for the Junior Olympic Nationals and Eastern Nationals based on the above considerations as determined by the Regional Administrative Committee.

The Judges Selection Procedure should be on the state websites by October 1, 2019.

There was discussion about the use of NCAA experience and years of experience at level 10 or National ranking in the judge's selection process. It was determined that both of these variables can be considered but are not used as part of the numerical rankings for being selected for State, Regional, and National Championships.

When determining judges for Regionals and Nationals, availability is not considered at the time of the rankings as there are often many changes that occur like graduations, wedding, etc. Availability will be checked once the meets have been assigned by the Regional Technical Committee Chairman.

The Judges Selection Committee made up of Kittia Carpenter (RJOCC), Debbie Campbell (RJD) and Char Christensen (RTCC) came up with six judges for JO Nationals although they

had difficulty coming up with judges that had previously judged Level 9 Easterns. Four judges were chosen to be considered for the Level 9 Eastern Championships. Once the four judges are selected for the Junior Olympic Nationals the remaining two judges were added to the list of judges being considered for the Level 9 Eastern Championships.

After some discussion the three members of the RAC that are eligible for placement on Level 9 Easterns or Junior Olympic Nationals were recused from the meeting, the RAC held a blind vote for the selection of the Junior Olympic judges. The four judges with the best score were selected for the Championships. The two that were not selected were added to the list of judges for the Level 9 Championships. The same procedure was used to vote on the judges for the Level 9 Championships. The two judges that were not selected were added to the two judges selected as alternates.

VI. TRAINING CAMP REVIEW

The Hot Shot and Rising Stars Camp was not full. The Nation Staff on bars at the Hot Shot camp showed and explained shaping and drilling which was beneficial for the coaches. We also want to make sure the gymnasts stay active also. Coaches that attended this camp rotated with their gymnasts so that they could benefit from the information that the National Staff gave their gymnasts.

The Forward Momentum Camp held at Gym-Nation Gymnastics in Mason, OH had 223 gymnasts. It was coached by Region 5 coaches plus National Staff for trampoline. The Sunday presentations were foam rolling techniques, nutrition, judging, sports psychology and yoga. The gymnasts love the foam rolling. The judge's sessions were split into two groups.

There was discussion about having camps every three weeks and hosting them earlier in the fall. There was also discussion about having the Forward Momentum Camp in two sites the same weekend. By splitting the Forward Momentum Camp into two sites, more gymnasts would be able to attend and the staff would probably be stronger. The camps are constantly evolving. Tami Schaffsma is the camp director. To help her from burning out, each member of the camp committee is assigned a camp to direct.

To receive the \$500.00 stipend for the club to attend an All Star trip the coach must work a three day Region 5 Training Camp the previous year of the trip.

Motion:	Kittia Carpenter
2nd:	Char Christensen
Passed:	Unanimous

This year the All Star Trip will be to Puerto Rico in October. Kittia Carpenter has planned a number of fun activities, training opportunities and coaches round tables for the trip.

VII. XCEL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS REVISITED

The Regional Xcel Committee suggested that the Gold/Platinum/Diamond Xcel Regional Championship be conducted with four rotations and a bye. The A and B teams at the Gold Regional Championship will consist of nine gymnasts each, and there will be eight gymnasts in

the A and B teams for the Platinum Regional Championships. The Diamond Regional Championships will use the capital cup format with eight gymnasts per team.

A motion was made to keep the team competition in one session. The Gold and Silver Divisions will have nine gymnasts for the A Team and nine gymnasts for the B Team. The Platinum Division will have eight gymnasts for the A Team and eight gymnasts for the B Team.

**Motion: Nancy Gibson
2nd: Beckey Burden
Passed: Unanimous**

Michigan distributed a survey to the Michigan clubs to determine who would be attending the Xcel Silver/Level 6 Regional Championships. The results were not encouraging. Many clubs will not be attending because it would be financially burdensome to the club. Of the Michigan clubs that responded, approximately 120 gymnasts will attend.

VIII. REGIONAL BIDS

- A. The Regional Administrative Committee received one bid for the Level 9 and 10 Regional Championships from Halker's Gold. They will be asked to resubmit their bid with a different layout. The sand pit needs to be covered and four judges' tables should be at each event. A menu for the judges also needs to be provided.

A motion was made after receiving the revisions requested, to accept the Halker's Gold bid for the Level 9 and 10 Regional Championships with the stipulation that the space provided for awards and processing remains the same as the original bid.

**Motion: Norbert Bendixen
2nd: Robert Neat
Passed: Yea – 7 Nay – 0 Abstain – 1**

- B. Two bids were received for the Level 7 and 8 Regional Championships. Bids were received for the same facility from JPAC and DeVeau's Gymnastics. US Sports Production would be hosting the meet with JPAC if chosen. Prior to the vote, Robert Neat recused himself.

A hand vote was held for the Level 7/8 Regional Bid. The results were:

DeVeau's – 3 JPAC – 4

The Level 7 and 8 Regional Championships will be hosted by JPAC.

- C. Five bids were received for the Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond Regional Championship. Bids were received from Grand Rapids Gymnastics, Olympia Gymnastics Academy, Champion USA, Flip Starz Gymnastics Academy and Branch Gymnastics.

After discussing each individual bid, the Regional Administrative Committee narrowed the bids to two. A vote was taken between Champion USA and Branch Gymnastics. The results were:

Champion USA – 7 Branch Gymnastics – 1

The Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond Regional Championships will be hosted by Champion USA.

D. Two bids were received for the Level 6 and Xcel Silver Regional Championships. Bids were received from Gymnastics X-Calibur & Dreams Gymnastics and Gymnastics Etc.

A hand vote was held for the Level 6 and Xcel Silver Regional Bid. The results were:

X-Calibur/Dreams – 1 Gymnastics Etc. – 6 Abstain – 1

The Level 6 and Xcel Silver Regional Championships will be hosted by Gymnastics Etc.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:50pm.

Motion: Nancy Gibson
2nd: Beckey Burden
Passed: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted 9/19/19

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary