

**Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting**  
**March 13, 2020; 6:07 p.m. – 8:07 p.m.**  
**Conference Call**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm 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)  
Beckey 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. CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

1. IL – No gymnastics clubs in Illinois have closed their doors at this time due to the coronavirus pandemic. All gymnastics meets have been cancelled through the end of the month. The meet hosts are working on refunding entries but 100% of the entries will not be refunded. There are two State Meets scheduled in April that have not been postponed or cancelled. The State Committee will have an emergency meeting next week.
2. IN – Indiana has not cancelled their state meets but have postponed them at this time.
3. KY – Everything is on hold in Kentucky. No gymnastics clubs have shut down at this time.
4. MI – The Michigan State Committee met last night. The meet hosts of the Level 7 through 10 State Meet (Branch Gymnastics) expects being able to make full refunds to the clubs. The facility was cancelled that Hunts Gymnastics had secured for the Xcel Bronze/Silver/Gold State Meet. Shannon Hunt has been unable to find a different facility. The Level 3-6 State meet is pending in May. Most gymnastics clubs are not closing currently, but a few are. Champion USA will be closing for three weeks and Gym America will be closing for two weeks.
5. OH – The Ohio State Committee will have a meeting tomorrow at 9:30am. The Ohio Compulsory and Optional State Meets have been postponed. They are hoping to be able to reschedule the meets. The State Committee is waiting to determine the status of the Xcel State Meet that is scheduled for the first weekend in April. Gym World, Olympic Dreams and All-Around Gymnastics are closing for a period. Patrick Jordan has not heard of any other gyms closing.

#### **IV. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Bowling Green University, the Level 9/10 Regional Championship meet site, is closed to face-to-face classes therefore the facility is available, but a backup facility is begin investigated in Toledo.

The Level 7/8 Regional Championship facility is secure.

Grand Valley University is not available for the Xcel Gold, Platinum and Diamond Regional Championship.

Gymnastics Etc. says the Xcel Silver and Level 6 Regional Championships are still a go.

The Level 9 and 10 athletes cannot be held in limbo for a long period of time. They need a culminating event even if it is a State Meet. It was determined that it is too soon to decide on the qualification procedure into the Regional Championships. If the National Championships are cancelled, then we can make that decision. We are still five weeks out from the Regional Championships. The situation with the coronavirus is rapidly changing and we hope that changes will be for the better.

The National Championship is still scheduled for Seattle, Washington but alternate sites are being investigated.

#### **V. METHOD FOR QUALIFYING TO REGIONALS IF STATE MEETS ARE CANCELLED**

After much discussion and the estimation of the number of athletes qualified into each state meet it was determined that all State qualified gymnasts that have entered their state meet be allowed to qualify into the Regional Championships.

**A motion was made to allow all Level 9 and 10 athletes with an All Around score of 32.00 or an Individual Event Specialist with a minimum score of 8.50 AND have entered their state meet, will be allowed to compete in the Regional Championship Meet, if held, contingent on the approval of the JOCC and the NTCC.**

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Robert Neat</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	<b>Kittia Carpenter</b>
<b>Passed:</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

**Athletes that need to petition to the Level 9/10 Regional Championships will use the normal petitioning process of 1.00 (33.00) above the qualifying score for all around gymnasts and .25 (8.75) above the qualifying score for Individual Event Specialists, to petition to the Regional Championships**

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Norbert Bendixen</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	<b>Nancy Gibson</b>
<b>Passed:</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

## **VI. METHOD FOR QUALIFYING TO NATIONALS IF REGIONALS ARE CANCELLED**

**Unless there is a better idea that has not been presented the position of the Region 5 Administrative Committee states that if regionals are cancelled and unless there is a fair qualifying procedure for determining national qualifiers, region 5 recommends that Nationals should be cancelled.**

**Motion: Kittia Carpenter**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Char Christensen**  
**Passed: Unanimous**

The qualification into all other Regional Championships will be tabled until decisions about the Level 9 and 10 Regional and National Championships are determined.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.**

**Motion: Kittia Carpenter**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert Neat**  
**Passed: Unanimous**

*Respectfully Submitted 3/14/20*  
*Augusta A. Lipsey*  
*Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary*