

Region V Committee Meeting
August 17, 2007; 5:43 – 7:29 p.m.
San Jose, CA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bobbi Montanari, RACC at 5:43 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Assistant Regional JO Committee Chairman
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Ed Gibson, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Cap Caudill, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Sue Kane for Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Hilary Carlson, Region V-NAWGJ Judging Director
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary
Claudia Kretschmer, MI-USAG Prep Optional Representative

Absent

Kathy Shufflin, Past Regional Chairman
Enrique Trabanino for Mary Lee Tracy, Regional Elite Committee Chairman (RECC)
John Geddert, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)
Douglas Rowe, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)

I. New Region 5 Web Site

The New Region 5 Website is up. Bret Norman was unable to keep the name. The new name of the website is Region-5.com. The Region 5 Administrative Committee blindly approved the changes to the website. At the present time both web addresses will operate the new website.

II. Rebate Checks

Rebate checks were received the day before Bobbi Montanari left to attend the National Congress. The checks to the state will be sent on the Monday following the Congress.

III. Update from Committee Meetings

Due to some national regulations, Bobbi Montanari will receive all sanction report forms and competition fees for Region 5 competitions instead of Kathy Shufflin as previously printed.

All State Rules and Policies must be reviewed and possibly rewritten. The State Chairmen should have revised copies to Bobbi Montanari by the Regional Congress.

IV. Regional Congress

Kittia Carpenter suggested themes for the Regional Congress. She will look into obtaining decorations for the facility.

Hilary Carlson will secure "Ask Me" buttons for the Regional Administrative Committee to wear along with our regional shirts so people will be able to identify us and be able to get answers to their questions.

After talking to A-1 Awards personnel, Bobbi Montanari found unusual items to use for regional awards. The regional Administrative Committee decided on awarding athletes an ornament with the Region 5 logo. Coaches will receive a clock with the Region 5 logo and the name of the award.

The request for videos was sent out but none have been received as of this time. The request will be sent to the State Chairmen again for distribution to their members. It will also be put on the regional website. All videos and pictures should be sent to Ed Gibson.

Banquet Organization: Bobbi Montanari has assigned the following people to assist in the banquet.

- ASSIST KITTIA w/ decorations: Nina, Kathy, Gus, & Hilary
- GREETERS at entrance: Cap & Doug
- ASSIST JOHN w/ set-up: Kittia, Ed, & Norbert
- MINGLE & WELCOME: Char & Mary Lee
- ASSIST JOHN during banquet: Kittia & Ed

Bobbi Montanari will find out who is responsible for designing the banquet program. The Regional Administrative Committee Members are to help in any way they can. Be visible. Hilary Carlson will present the award to Carole Liedtke and Char Christensen will present the award to Kathy Shufflin.

The next meeting will be September 23, 2007 at 1:00 PM at the Regional Congress in Indianapolis, IN.

No regional meet bids have been received although some meet directors have contacted Committee Members. The Regional Championship sites will be decided at the next Regional Administrative Committee meeting.

Augusta Lipsey reported on the progress of the development of the Region 5 Hall of Fame. Information has been obtained from Carolyn Bowers and Hilary Carlson. Augusta Lipsey and Kathy Shufflin will continue to construct the Hall of Fame proposal and report on its progress at the next Regional Administrative Committee meeting.

Judging recommendations from each state are due to Char Christensen by October 1st. A minimum of 14 judges names are requested. This will ensure having enough judges to assign to the regional championships and also give us alternates from each state.

V. Prep-Optional Program – Claudia Kretschmer

Claudia Kretschmer developed the prep-optional rules that Michigan uses after seeing a similar program through the AAU. She found that the USAG had a comparable program that gave some validity to the level. The prep-optional program may fill some of the gaps that are in the USAG program. It allows gymnasts that are not willing to spend multiple hours in the gym to train to still be able to compete. Many conversations through E-mails to Connie Maloney resulted in the current rules. There are four levels. The Bronze level is comparable to Level 4, the Silver level is comparable to Level 5, the Gold level is comparable to Level 6 and the Platinum level is comparable to Level 7/8.

Claudia is suggesting that the rules be endorsed by the Regional Administrative Committee. Indiana, Kentucky and Michigan have been using these rules. Ohio has made some changes in them and Illinois is planning to discuss the Prep-Optional rules. It was suggested that one person from each state be on a Prep-Optional Regional Committee to make any rules changes. The State Chairmen will get feedback from their committees about this recommendation and report at the next committee meeting.

VI. Individual Specialists

Discussion on Individual Specialists was tabled until the next meeting.

VII. 2008 Committee Meetings

The Regional Administrative Committee decided to have their committee meetings in a more centrally located area. Future meetings that are not in conjunction with a meet or congress will be held in Indianapolis, IN.

VIII. 2008 Regional Congress

Norbert Bendixen is working with Rachel Brazo to have the 2008 Regional Congress in the Chicago area. The Regional Administrative Committee has asked Norbert to recommend that the Congress be scheduled for September rather than late October as the national office has recommended.

IX. Fall Newsletter

Bobbi Montanari has asked Char Christensen, Hilary Carlson, John Geddert and all the State Chairmen to send a paragraph or more concerning their programs to her for inclusion in the Fall Region 5 Newsletter. Bobbi should receive this information no later than our next meeting.

X. New Business

There was no new business presented.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted 8/22/07

Augusta A. Lipsey

Regional Secretary