

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
September 20, 2015
10:05 a.m. – 3:41 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, David 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 Schaafsma, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Donna Trevethan, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. WELCOME

Chairman David Stiles welcomed the committee to the annual fall meeting.

IV. REGIONAL CONGRESS

The site for the 2016 Regional Congress has not been confirmed. USA Gymnastics is still negotiating with Grand Rapids, Michigan. They are also looking into sites in Kentucky. The Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Lexington is available in September. The Regional Administrative Committee will work on securing lecture speakers for the Congress. Each member of the Committee will suggest topics and speakers. Dave will send an E-mail out with lecture areas for the Committee.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

The 2014 Regional Congress raised \$19000. The Apparel Store raised \$16000 at the 2014 Regional Congress. This year \$3000 was raised for the Region from the silent auction at the National Congress. \$1300 was charged for the use of the video equipment during the banquet and we have not received the bill for the meals. The National Office will be contacted to ask if a Regional Congress can be held the same year that a National Congress is held in the region. This will allow the Region to retain a large percentage of their Congress income.

VI. NATIONAL JUDGES SELECTION

Char Christensen passed out the National Judges Selection Process. The goal of the Regional Administrative Committee is to place the best judges on the competitive floor representing Region 5. The best judges are determined by their continuous leadership role in Region 5 by

actively judging in the Junior Olympic Program, by volunteering within Region 5, by making professional contributions and by having a positive relationship and respect of the gymnastic community. The judges that will be considered must have completed their Professional Involvement Form, their Regional Judging Application Form and applied to volunteer for a minimum of one day at a Training Camp. 112 judges have completed the requirements. There has been excellent participation in the camps this year.

There will be no judge's session for the Forward Progress camp in MI because of the lack of available judges that weekend. Michigan judges will be involved with the Michigan Judges Critique Clinic.

The application process has worked well. Deborah Warhol, the Region 5 webmaster, was congratulated for getting the application information to Char. Char passed out the list of judges who completed all three forms and are eligible for Nationals. These judges were discussed prior to the selection process being implemented. The selection process was reviewed to insure that the Regional Administrative Committee's interpretation of the procedure was accurate. Prior to the selection of the judges for Junior Olympic Nationals and Level 9 Easterns, Char, Donna, Nancy and Nina left the room. Vicki, Kittia and Augusta were not in consideration for selection so they remained in the meeting along with the remaining Region 5 Administrative Committee members. The following judges were selected.

Level 10 Junior Olympic Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Hilary Carlson
2. Char Christensen
3. Judy Kemp
4. Donna Trevethan

Level 9 Eastern Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Nina Dent
2. Nancy Gibson
3. Linda McDonald

Alternates (listed alphabetically)

1. Jody Borda
2. Susan Brosnan
3. Debbie Campbell
4. Michael Crowe

VII. REGIONAL BIDS

Two bids have been received for the Level 9/10 Regional Championship. The bids were from Gymnastics X-Calibur (IL) and Twistars Gymnastics (MI). The Regional Administrative Committee would like the competitive floor of the Gymnastics X-Calibur facility to be larger by placing the awards area in a different vicinity.

A motion was made to accept Gymnastics X-Calibur as the Level 9/10 Junior Olympic Regional host.

Motion: Linda Barclay
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: Unanimous

There are three bids for the Level 8 Regional Championships. The bids are from Fit Kids Gymnastics/USA Sports Production (KY), Pam Halker's Gold Gymnastics (OH) and Twistars Gymnastics (MI). There was concern about chair seating in the arena hosted by Fit Kids. The Regional Administrative Committee would prefer that bleachers be provided if the cost is not prohibitive. There was also concern about the provision for food. It was suggested that lunch and dinner be offered at the meet site with breakfast occurring at the hotels.

A motion was made to accept the bid from Fit Kids Gymnastics as the Level 8 Regional Championship host.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

Two bids were received for the Level 7 Regional Championships. The bids are from Halker's Gold Gymnastics (OH) and Olympia Gymnastics Academy (MI). Both of these gymnastics facilities also bid on the Xcel Regional Championships. The Michigan Administrative Committee would like to see the Xcel Regional Championship in a state that has a lot of participation in the Xcel program so that the meet will have a greater chance of success. The Regional Administrative Committee feels that the Xcel Regional Championship will be successful regardless of where it is held.

A motion was made to accept the bid from Olympia Gymnastics Academy as the Level 7 Regional Championship host.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

Six bids were received for the Xcel Regional Championships. The bids are from Halker's Gold (OH), KYNAWGJ (KY), Prairie Gymnastics Club (IL), Gymnastics Etc. (IL), Olympia Gymnastics Academy (MI) and Mid America Gymnastics/USA Sports Production (IN). Halker's Gold informed Nina Dent that they will use whatever equipment company that the Regional Administrative Committee recommends.

A motion was made to accept the bid from Halker's Gold as the Xcel Regional Championship host.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Tami Schaafsma
Passed: Unanimous

VIII. XCEL AND LEVEL 7 REGIONAL FORMAT AND QUALIFYING SCORE

The Silver and Gold division qualifying score will be 35.50 and the Platinum and Diamond division qualifying score will be 35.00.

Regional leotards will not be provided by the meet host. Each state will determine if they will provide leotards for their state teams.

At the Xcel State Meets the top 14 gymnasts by division, by score, regardless of age, will make up the State Teams. There will be an A Team and a B Team in each division divided by score. The top seven scores will be the A Team and the second highest scores will be the B Team. It

was suggested that the names of the Teams be Legends and Leaders or American and Nationals. The Diamond division will have one State Team consisting of seven gymnasts. All other divisions will have two State Teams consisting of seven gymnasts each. Four scores count per event per division. There will be two team awards for each division, one for Team A and one for Team B. Each gymnast on the winning team at each division will receive team awards and they will also be eligible for individual and all around awards. Gymnasts that do not make their state teams, but qualify to the Regional Championships by score, will compete by age.

There will be no petitioning into the Xcel Regional Championships.

The Individual Event Specialist qualifying score into the Xcel Regional Championships is 9.0.
A motion was made to approve the qualifying score and competition format of the Xcel Regional Championships listed above.

Motion : Nancy Gibson
2nd: Tami Schaafsma
Passed: Unanimous

The qualifying score for the Level 7 Regional Championships will be 35.00. There will be individual and all-around competition.

The qualifying score for Individual Event Specialists into the Level 7 Regional Championships is 9.0.

There will be no petitioning into the Level 7 Regional Championships.

A motion was made to approve the qualifying score and competition format for the Level 7 Regional Championships listed above.

Motion: Tami Schaafsma
2nd: Char Christensen
Passed: Unanimous

The Level 7 and Xcel Regional Championship entry fees and registration forms will be collected at the state meets.

The entry fee for the Level 7 and Xcel Regional Championships will be \$90.00.

Four judge panels were suggested for the Xcel Regional Championships in an effort to help unify the judging at this level. This suggestion was denied. The Xcel Regional Championships will have two judge panels.

A motion was made to have a \$100.00 entry fee for Level 9/10 Regional Championships dependent on the approval of the National office. A \$90 entry fee will be charged for all other Championships.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Vicki Smith
Passed: Unanimous

The Level 7 Regional Championships will have eight judges plus the meet referee. The Xcel Regional judging assignments will follow the same procedure as the Level 9/10 Regional Championships if 16 judges are needed. Three judges will be assigned from Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Two judges will be assigned from Kentucky and two additional judges will be assigned from the host meet state plus the meet referee. Char Christensen will work on the judging assignments and will come back to the Committee if there are concerns with the number of judges available.

By April 17, 2016 three of the Xcel State Meets will be completed. The number of qualified gymnasts must be sent to Char Christensen, David Stiles and Kittia Carpenter by April 18, 2015 so that an estimation of the number of gymnasts for the Regional Championships may be determined. This will determine if one or two sets of eight judges each will be needed due to the number of qualifiers.

IX. ELITE AMBASSADOR TRIP

The assignment of Elite gymnasts for the All Star Team was delayed until after the P & G Gymnastics Championships. The gymnasts that qualified are Gabby Douglas (Buckeye), Nia Dennis (Legacy Elite), Gabby Perea (Legacy Elite), and Shilese Jones (Buckeye).

X. REGIONAL AWARDS

A motion was made to award Athlete of the Year to Amelia Hundley.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Nina Dent
Passed: Unanimous

Kittia Carpenter suggested that the Coach of the Year be awarded to Mary Lee Tracy. Char Christensen suggested the award be given to Kittia Carpenter. Discussion proceeded after Kittia left the room.

A motion was made to award Coach of the Year to Kittia Carpenter.

Motion: Nina Dent
2nd: Vicki Smith
Passed: Unanimous

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted 9/24/15
Augusta A. Lipsey
Regional Secretary