



**Region 8 Committee Meeting Minutes
10:00am
December 6, 2023
Board Room #3 GICC
2000 Convention Center Concourse
Atlanta, Ga 30337 / 770-997-3566**

Welcome

Meeting called to order at 10:03am

Roll Call:

Mike Holdefer – AL

Toni Rand – FL

Becky Oppenheimer – GA

Jackie Latino – LA

Cynthia Dedeaux – MS

Karen Pleasants – NC

Mendi Knisley – SC

Larry Corrigan - TN

Michelle Pomerantz - RACC

Brad Harris – RDPCC

Evelyn Chandler - RTCC

Pam Kitchen – RXCC

Diane Thompson - RJD

Michelle requested for phones to be silenced and no other work tended to.

Regional Committee concerns:

-Confirmed contact information

-Noted the new Region 8 webpage

-Mike Holdefer was awarded for his 5 years of service

Hall of Fame nominations:

Giselle Boniforti - athlete

Kelly Pitzen – coach

Stephanie Bruno – coach

Lydia LaRose Landry - coach

Lauren Companioni – athlete

Jessica Hannah - athlete

Decision was determined by ballot; tallied and counted by Michelle.

2024 Inductees:

Coaches: Kelli Pitzen, Lydia LaRose Landry

Athletes: Giselle Boniforti, Lauren Companioni, Jessica Hannah

Awards Banquet:

MOTION: Brad, Toni 2nd

At the Region 8 banquet, awards will be presented to Level 9 individual event and AA champions and Level 10 team champions, event champions, AA champions, National Team members. Level 9 Team champions will be recognized on the website.

PASSED: unanimous

Training Camp bids:

< 10:32am – Larry recused from meeting >

MOTION: Evelyn, 2nd Jackie

Award Clarksville Elite Level 8/9/10 Training Camp Oct 18-20, 2024

PASSED: unanimous

< 10:36am Larry returned to the meeting >

-Level 6/7/8 Training Camp awarded to Tampa Bay Turners – July 12-14
(Only bid submitted, no vote taken)

-National Training Camp is still TBD awaiting college football schedules

Planner / calendar update was reviewed and no new additions.

Region 8 Financial Report:

Finances were reviewed and are in good standing.

Region 8 Congress Financial Report:

Expenses \$7386.00

Profit \$7,372.54

Evelyn spoke on all regionals (L 9/10, L 6/7/8, Xcel)

-Suggestions/concerns from committee were heard and Evelyn sent final assignments

-Evelyn stated that all Eastern/National judges assigned have completed CPE requirements.

< 11:03am Becky, Mendi and Diane recused from meeting >

Evelyn requested suggestions for 2 meet refs for Xcel Regionals. Considering proximity, availability, and experience.

MOTION: Evelyn, 2nd Cynthia

Approve Diane Thompson and Becky Oppenheimer as Xcel Regional meet refs with Cherie as an alternate in the event Becky is pulled to Easterns (Becky is listed as alternate on Easterns).

PASSED: unanimous

< 11:09am Becky and Diane returned to the meeting >

11:10am break

11:20 meeting resumed

Concern brought up from Mendi:

Currently in our Rules and Operations it states “no petitions allowed for Xcel Regionals”.

However, in the Sapphire division they qualify by score not percentage.

MOTION: Mendi, 2nd Pam

Allow an exception, that petitions to Xcel Regionals in the Sapphire division are allowed since they qualify by score (34.0 AA) not percentage. Petitions allowed for Sapphires with a score of 35.0 AA and above.

PASSED: unanimous

Question was raised about judges having individual rooms at Easterns and Nationals.

In order for this to happen each region would give an estimated \$3000.

-There was discussion supporting this since Region 8 provides single rooms at Regionals.

MOTION: Toni, 2nd Mike

Region 8 will provide compensation to judges in order for them to have individual rooms at Eastern and National Championships.

PASSED: unanimous

There are no changes in the judges availability forms for 2025. Will be sent to SJD's soon.

Note: judges will continue to track Bronze/Silver numbers

Four year judging selection cycle:

The current cycle will end in 2025. Typically the cycle runs 4 years, exception was during the pandemic.

Evelyn suggested going to a 2 year cycle beginning in 2025 allowing for less wait time for new judges to be considered. Discussion followed supporting this idea. Ideas and a timeline will be put together going forward. No action taken at this time.

Training Camps went well this year. There were plenty of judges and schedule worked well with collaboration between coaches and judges.

11:40am break for lunch

12:05 meeting resumed

-Suggestions were requested for speakers at our next Region 8 Congress
Duluth, GA June 7-9, 2024

2025 Training Camp dates:

Level 6/7/8 TC: July 11

National Team TC: Sept. 12-14 OR Sept. 19-21

Level 8/9/10 TC: October 17-19

-Region 8 "In Good Standing" list has been emailed.

Other reminders:

-Not breaking ties for Level 9/10 Regionals for 1st and 2nd places (duplicate the award).

All other levels the ties will be broken but athlete will be announced and stand on the award stand in the spot for which they are tied, just receive a different medal.

-Committee members continue to try and attend Region 8 Regionals if possible, however, not expected.

-If State Committees choose to purchase gift items other than GK or A1, the logo may not be used unless it is an approved vendor.

-State websites must include financials, minutes and list of committee members.

Reminders from Region 8 Rules & Regulations:

Specialist category at Level 9/10 Regionals is allowed. The gymnast no longer needs to declare as a specialist by state meet entry and may compete in four events at state meet. Qualifying to Regionals requires a 9.225 achieved at state meet.

Individual event specialist are allowed to petition to ONLY Level 10 Regionals if she had attained a score of 9.55 from a meet earlier in the season. No petitions allowed for Level 9.

Toni suggested that committee chairs obtain numbers for regional percentages by using entries from the USAG state meet reservation system. Reservations are made well in advance and could be used to determine each states percentage/number of gymnasts that attend L 6/7/8 and Xcel Regionals.

Discussion tabled and will revisit for a possible vote.

SACC's

- Send agenda and minutes to RACC
- All state meet and apparel logos must be approved (send to Jill Greer)
- Post yearly financial statement on website
- State entry fees exceeding R&P have been approved
- Email RACC numbers by March 13th :
Xcel at 34.0AA, L6/7/8 at 33.0AA, Level 9/10 at 35.0AA

RTCC Report, Evelyn Chandler

- Noted new courses being offered on USAG University webpage
(ie beginning optionals and an Xcel course)

RDPCC, Brad Harris

- Reminder that EVO bars will be used in 2025 (already in minutes)
DP will stay AAI (NCAA staying AAI)
Elite uses Speith

RXCC, Pam Kitchen

Informed everyone that there would be a need for a National Xcel Chair as Claudia Kretschmer term was expiring due to term limits.

No other new business.

12:45pm Meeting adjourned