

- ii. Second bid was from Planet Gymnastics of Mobile, AL with the meet to be held at the Mobile Convention Center. Joanne Novikov – Meet Director.
- iii. Third bid was from Ultimate Gym Sports of Dacula, GA with the meet to be held at the Chattanooga Convention Center in Chattanooga, TN. Sharon Kelly – Meet Director.
- iv. Fourth bid was from Foothills Gymnastics of Hickory, NC with the meet to be held at the Hickory Metro Convention Center. Constance Snyder – Meet Director.

Motion **Toni R** **moved that the ACE Gymnastics bid be accepted for the 2018 Xcel Regional to be held in Daytona Beach, FL.**

2nd **Larry C** **Passed** **7 YES** **4 NO**

- 8. The St. Jude's fundraiser will be in conjunction with the 6/7/8 Regional in 2017. This will be the last year of a parallel fundraiser with a Region 8 Regional.
- 9. Planner Update Deb K asked each State Chairperson to check the dates listed for each State Meet for accuracy. She reminded the SC's that the number of qualifiers in each state at Levels 6,7,8,9, and 10 by specific AA scores was due on **March 14th**. The numbers of Regional qualifiers from each state will be determined by a formula from the numbers submitted to Deb. SC's are reminded to emphasize to clubs in each state that Regional Meet entries are to be registered in MeetMaker.com by midnight on the Monday after each Level's/Division's State Meet. Schedules will be released on MeetMaker.com.
- 10. Region 8 Rules and Regulations Deb K distributed an updated copy. Changes are added in red. The document will be posted on region8gymnastics.org website. Region 8 has regional specialists at 9/10 Regionals. States may choose for themselves whether or not to include specialist at different levels/divisions
- 11. Regional Financial Report – Deb provided a copy of the Region 8 report that is created and posted by the national office of USA Gymnastics. Some items and totals were discussed.
- 12. 2018 Judge Availability Form – Deb explained the form created by Nancy Lay. The cells auto-fill for convenience and accuracy. If information is typed in one time it will be transferred to the additional pages. The Region 3 GAT clinic in Austin TX has been added as an acceptable clinic. Only USA Gymnastics Invitationals and State Meets are eligible for use on the Tracking Form on the last page. The Availability Form may be found at region8gymnastics.org.
- 13. Level 9/10Regionals update:
 - a. Kidsport Gymnastics is hosting the meet at Greensboro Coliseum in NC on the April 7th weekend, 2017. Sarah Myers is Meet Director.
 - b. All contracts (equipment, venue, scoring, etc) are complete.
 - c. For the first time the meet format will begin with the Level 10 competition. This will allow coaches to have their Level 9's train at home with a different coach.
 - d. The most complicated apparel distribution will be completed early.
 - e. Senior presentations will consist of gymnast's name, future school and a small gift.
 - f. Reminder that qualifying scores and entry fees have been raised.
 - i. Level 9's 35.00 AA Petition score – 36.00 AA \$125.00
 - ii. Level 10's 35.00 AA Petition score – 36.00 AA \$125.00
 - g. Brad H reminded the members that the National qualifying score will also be raised.
- 14. Level 6/7/8 Regional update:
 - a. Planet Gymnastics is hosting the meet in Mobile, AL on the April 21st weekend, 2017. Joanne Novikov is Meet Director.
 - b. All contracts (equipment, venue, scoring, etc) are complete.
- 15. Xcel Regional update:
 - a. Thomas Gymnastics is hosting the meet in Myrtle Beach, SC on the May 13th weekend, 2017. Sally Thomas is Meet Director.
 - b. Contracts are complete. Deb asked that Joanne C follow up on the equipment contract to be sure that all equipment meets specs. Deb asked Larry C to contact East Coast Equipment to have dialogue.
- 16. Regional Congress speakers

- a. Deb asked the members for suggestions for speakers at Regional Congress in Atlanta: Todd Gardner, Amy Borman, Justin Lowery, David Benzel, Wendy Bruce, Diane Amos were names offered.

17. Regional Congress 2016 Financial Report

- a. Deb shared the financial report sent by the national office with the category breakdowns of the 2016 Region 8 Congress in Charlotte. The auction raised \$3949.00 while the percent to the Region 8 account was \$25,286.71 for a total to the Region of \$29,235.71. This was a 70% increase in profit over the 2015 Regional Congress. The full Financial Report will be posted on the region8gymnastics.org website.

18. Regional Congress 2017 will be held in Atlanta on the weekend of June 23-25, 2017 at the Ravinia Crown Plaza. Please find more information on the usagym.org website.

19. Subcommittee Report on Hall of Fame Induction Timeline and Removal

- a. The subcommittee (Deb, Marian, Jennie) met two times and offered the following change in the HOF Induction Timeline:
 - i. Continue to accept candidates for the HOF during the Winter Committee meeting and share discussions and comments.
 - ii. Delay the vote for the acceptance of the candidates until after JO Nationals; the same timeframe for when the Regional Club of the Year vote is taken.
 - iii. The only difficulty in the delay will be for Deb when creating the multi-media presentations for the Regional Congress Induction.
 - iv. A member of the Region 8 Hall of Fame may be removed at the vote of the Region 8 Committee if the member is banned by USA Gymnastics or convicted of a felony.
- b. Discussion followed. The consensus was that delaying the vote until after JO Nationals would deprive the selected candidates the opportunity for his/her peers to share in the good news during the season.

Motion **Jennie A** **moved that a member of the Region 8 Hall of Fame may be removed at the vote of the Region 8 Committee if the member is banned by USA Gymnastics or has been convicted of a felony.**

2nd **Otis R** **Passed unanimously**

20. Region 8 Hall of Fame nominations and vote

- a. Deb presented the names that had been submitted. Discussion and vote followed. A candidate is selected by a 75% vote.
- b. The 2017 Region 8 Hall of Fame members are Jay Clark, Derek Galvin, Draha Krixova, Mike La Fleur, Judy Prestigiacomio, and Mark Stevenson.

21. Volunteers for Level 9/10 Regionals

- a. Colleen Barger, Regional Apparel coordinator, requested that she needs 5 to 6 volunteers every session at Regionals. If State Chairs or their designees come, she would like them to dedicate a day to the apparel needs.

22. 2019 Regional Championship dates

Motion **Toni R** **moved that the dates for 2019 Region 8 Championships be as follows:**
9/10 States – March 15-17, 2019
9/10 Regionals – tentatively April 12-14, 2019

2nd **Shelly S** **Passed unanimously**

23. Sub Committee report on State Clinics

- a. The criteria on the Judge Availability Form require that judges attend specific clinics in order to be eligible for a Regional judging assignment. A subcommittee was appointed to include Brad H, Marian D, Toni R, Elaine W, Cookie B and Deb K to determine if additional State Clinics or other approved clinics would fulfill the criteria and how many clinic hours would be required from Training Camps. A discussion of the report followed.

Motion **Elaine W** **moved that a change to the Judges Availability Form should include a minimum of 8 hours from one or two Region 8 Training Camps with official documentation.**

2nd **Toni R** **Passed unanimously**

24. RJOCC, RTCC AND RXCC elections

- a. Deb asked Brad (RJOCC) and Elaine (RXCC) if they were going to run for their Regional office in the spring. Both said yes. Deb will ask Marian (RTCC). The elections will be on-line and administered by the national office.

Regional JO Program

1. Apparel for National qualifiers update

- a. The Region 8 color for JO Nationals and Easterns is turquoise. Teams that are not "in good standing" will be required to purchase their coach apparel. Deb will post a list of clubs that are "in good standing" before Regionals and will include the list in the meet schedule postings and emails. Teams who have not attended, volunteered, or hosted Training Camps may pay \$1000 before Regionals to be considered "in good standing".

2. Club of the Year

- a. Each state's Club of the Year will be recognized at 9/10 Regionals on Saturday night.

State Chairman Concerns

1. Deb reminded the SCs that each State Committee meeting agenda and minutes needs to have her approval.
2. The State Meet apparel logo must also be approved by Deb.
3. Deb asked that she be allowed to work exclusively on the checklist with the Meet Directors of the three Regionals each year.
4. SCs are asked to call Deb if problems arise with late entries for state meets.
 - for State Meets, all qualifiers must be permitted to enter . If entry is late -
 - can charge late fee - both individual award and team award
 - can deny late entry for team award competition
 - cannot change published schedule to accommodate late entries
 - late entries can go in any session including those not of the late entrant's Level/division/age
 - awards will not be given if she is not in her correct session
 - coach could purchase awards for what places the gymnast would have earned in the appropriate session
5. State Meet entry fees should not exceed those listed in the R&P (\$75.00 and \$85.00). Requests for exceptions should be sent to Deb.
6. Financial statements for each state account should be published and accessible for the membership.
7. SCs were reminded to send the Regional Competition fee from each state to the Region 8 account either by check or ACH transfer. Let Deb know when the money has been transferred.
8. Coaches need to be reminded that petition scores for 9/10 and Xcel Regionals are 1 point higher than the qualifying score. The deadline for petitions is at midnight on the Monday after State Meet. Enter petitioning gymnast in MeetMaker.com as "Petition".
9. Deb distributed a sheet with the State Meet Reporting Procedures clearly delineated. Elaine will help with the Xcel Regional entries. SCs were asked to provide a list of all the gymnasts who had competed at States in rank order, not just the Regional qualifiers.
10. By noon on March 14th, SCs should email the following numbers of qualifiers to Deb.
 - a. Level 6's at 32.00 AA
 - b. Level 7's at 32.00 AA
 - c. Level 8's at 32.00 AA and 34.00 AA
 - d. Level 9's at 35.00 AA
 - e. Level 10's at 35.00 AA
 - f. Number of Bronze and Silver athletes at 36.50 AA
 - g. Number of Gold and Platinum athletes at 36.00 AA
 - h. Number of Diamond athletes at 35.00 AA

Reports

1. See the minutes of the Technical Committee and the JO Committee's individual and combined meetings from October at <https://usagym.org/pages/women/minutes/>
2. RXCC – Elaine Wulf explained that the pathway for Level 3 to Gold will be revisited at their May 2017 meeting. A clarification was posted in the Constant Contact email that Deb sent to members in late September 2016 and is also posted at region8gymnastics.org.
https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Committee%20Minutes/NXC/nxc_ntc_050916_2.pdf

https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Committee%20Minutes/NXC/nxc_051016.pdf

<http://region8gymnastics.org/newsletters/2016/Fall/Programs/Level%20and%20Division%20Determination%20and%20Mobility%20from%20JO%20to%20Xcel>

The next Region 8 Committee meeting will be held at Region 8 Congress on Thursday, June 22nd at 9:00 am at the Crown Plaza Atlanta Perimeter in Atlanta, GA.

National Congress will be in Anaheim, CA on the weekend of August 17-20. NBC changed the traditional competition order for Men's and Women's Championships. Junior women will compete on Thursday at 1:00 and on Saturday at noon. Senior women will compete on Thursday at 7:00 and on Saturday at 4:30.

Other Business

Christy Aguilera of LA has indicated that she was unable to attend the 9/10 Regional. Deb stated that an alternate needs approval.

Motion 2nd Shelley S moved to approve Kathy Kuhn as the 9/10 Regional judge replacement. Michelle P Passed unanimously

Deb announced that the Region 8 Tim Rand Legend Fund Committee would meet after adjournment.

Motion 2nd Jennie A moved to adjourn Elaine W Passed unanimously 1:21 Respectfully submitted,
Jennie Adams, Secretary

Additional email motion and vote:

Motion 2nd Marian D Moved that the Region 8 Committee give each Region 8 resident that has been in Region 8 for at least 2 years that attends the FIG Brevet Course in Indianapolis \$300 toward their course fee. Brad H Passed 10 for 1 against