

Minutes of the  
USA Gymnastics Region 8 Committee Meeting  
December 4, 2018  
Embassy Suites ATL Airport  
Atlanta, GA

Members present:           RACC – Deb Kornegay                           RJOCC – Brad Harris  
                                  RTCC – Marian Dykes                           RXCC – Elaine Wulf  
  
                                  AL – Mike Holdefer                           MS – Cynthia Dedeaux  
                                  FL – Toni Rand                                 SC – Joanne Child  
                                  GA – Michelle Pomerantz                   NC – Jennie Adams  
                                  LA – Jackie Latino                            TN – Larry Corrigan

Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC) Deb Kornegay called the meeting to order at 9:47. Jennie Adams was appointed secretary.

- Deb K circulated the Emergency Address List, asking for a check on accuracy. Thank You notes received since the June 2018 meeting were also distributed.

**Judges Application for National rated judges to be assigned to Level 9 Easterns and JO Nationals by adding National judges to East/JO rotation**

- Deb opened the floor to Toni Rand, FL SACC, to explain her proposal. Toni stated that the number of Elite and Brevet judges in the current national rotational order will probably decrease within the next four years due to retirements. In order to create a smoother transition, younger judges who; need more national experience. She proposed a 5 year plan to incorporate qualified judges into the current rotation. Toni included a sample rotation in a chart form.
- Discussion followed comparing the pros and cons for the proposal. It was decided that the criteria for selections and details of implementation could be worked out. The members decided that a plan for 5 years would be a positive proactive approach.

**Motion           Toni**The Region 8 Committee will approve the concept of a 4 year rotation plan beginning 2020-2023 for assigning the Eastern and JO national meets – the Current National judges in the eastern rotation will be added to the JO National rotation  
**2<sup>nd</sup>                   Jackie**Passed unanimously

Additional Discussion - by June 2019 the committee asked Marian as RTC and Cooke as RJD to assign judges using the 4 year rotation plan - Criteria for assignment to National meets will remain the same as it currently is and all judges on the current National list will be notified of the criteria that is required of them - In addition, in order to add new National judges to the Eastern National meet starting in 2020 an application will be sent out by mid-February to all National level judges in the region - the committee will select judges from the applications to add to the list of judges eligible for Eastern Nationals

**Motion           Toni**moved to applications will be sent to all Region 8 National Judges in February by Marian Dykes – Judges that wish to be considered for selection to be added to the National eligible list will need to submit application by deadline date – the committee will select the final list of accepted judges

**2<sup>nd</sup>                   Mike**Passed unanimously

In an effort to clarify the selection procedure for 9/10 Regional Judging assignments the following proposal was presented to the committee by Larry C for consideration:

The number of judges that come from each State for Level 9 /10 Regionals will be based on the number of competitors from each state that finish the previous year’s Regional Championship, expressed as a percentage and

applied to the total number of judges assigned to the meet. Each State's method of selecting the judges that their State is allocated will remain for the them to decide (as it is now). In addition, each State will be required to submit their judges' names, as well as alternates, to the RTCC not later than May 1st.

If a State for some reason cannot fill its allocation, the slot goes first to the host state and then to the state with the lowest number of judges allocated.

If a Judge from a State with no allocation is selected to Judge Nationals due to the rotation, that allocation would come from the State with the highest number of allocated judges. Any state that wishes to give another State one of their allocated slots may do so.

**Motion**      **Larry**            moved to accept his proposal for assigning judges to Level 9/10 Regionals by the athlete percent method effective 2020 regionals.

**2<sup>nd</sup>**            **Toni**            Passed      9 For   2 Against

### **2019 Training Camp Bids awarded**

**Motion**      **Brad**            moved to award the bid for 6/7/8 Training Camp to Orlando Metro to be held on July 17-19 2019.

**2<sup>nd</sup>**            **Toni**            Passed unanimously

**Motion**      **Michelle**        moved to award the bid for 8,9,10 Training Camp to GAA in Kennesaw GA to be held on Oct. 16-18, 2019.

**2<sup>nd</sup>**            **Jackie**        Passed unanimously

**Motion**      **Jackie**        moved to award the bid for National Team Training Camp to LSU in Baton Rouge, LA to be held on September 6-8, 2019.

**2<sup>nd</sup>**            **Mike**           Passed unanimously

### **2020 Regional Competition Bids awarded**

- Deb presented the bid forms that she had received for the 2020 Regionals. Each meet had multiple bids except for 9/10 Regionals.

**Motion**      **Jennie**        moved to extend the bid deadline for 2020 Levels 9/10 Regionals until January 15, 2019 and award the bid with an on-line vote.

**2<sup>nd</sup>**            **Michele**       Passed unanimously

Bids for Level 6/7/8 Regionals were received from ACE, Bama Bounders, Beach Team, Huntsville Gymnastics and Planet Gymnastics. Larry C and Mike H left the meeting room during discussion and voting because of affiliation conflicts.

**Motion**      **Cynthia**        moved to award the bid for 6/7/8 Regionals to The Beach Team to be held in Myrtle Beach, SC on April 24-26, 2020.

**2<sup>nd</sup>**            **Jackie**        Passed unanimously

Bids for Xcel Regionals were received from Bama Bounders, Beach Team, Gymnastix, and Huntsville Gymnastics. Michelle P. joined Larry C and Mike H outside of meeting room during discussion and voting because of affiliation conflicts.

**Motion**      **Jackie**        moved to award the bid for Xcel Regionals to Bama Bounders to be held in Foley, AL on May 8-10, 2020.

**2<sup>nd</sup>**            **Toni**            Passed unanimously  
Larry, Mike and Michelle reentered the meeting room.

Deb K called for a break from 11:20 – 11:28.

## Revisions and Updates of Rules & Regulations for Region 8 Document

- During the last couple of weeks Deb had reviewed the current copy of the Region 8 Rules & Regulations, looking for policies that were outdated or no longer in use. In an email earlier this week she asked the Committee members to review the changes for accuracy. Deb read through each of the changes/deletions and members agreed or disagreed with the reviews. A new document will be posted at [Region8gymnastics.org](http://Region8gymnastics.org).
- Jennie questioned the June 2018 procedural change of allowing the 9/10 Regionals meet director to forgo the payment of \$10/athlete back to the Region 8 account in order to soften the increased cost of providing a hotel room for each judge. The funds lost by the Region would be disproportionate to the additional cost of the meet director. After the 2019 9/10 Regional financial documents are studied at the June 2019 the practice may be revisited. This will be an item to be included on the June 2019 agenda.

## Regional Financial Report

- Deb reported that the Region 8 account had a balance of \$11,696.00 as of November 30, 2018.

## Judge Availability Forms

- These forms are now available at [Region8gymnastics.org](http://Region8gymnastics.org). They have active blanks and can be filled out on-line.

## 2019 Regional Updates

- Deb reported that all venue and event contracts are in place.
- Marian reported that all judging contracts had been received. However, Sandra Carminati from Louisiana has requested to be released from her contract for Xcel Regionals because of health reasons. The meet's home state, NC, requested that Jessica Thigpen become the replacement judge.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Jennie</b>	moved that Jessica Thigpen be assigned as a judge to the 2019 Xcel Regional to be held in Hickory, NC on the first weekend in May.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Elaine</b>	Passed unanimously

## 2019 Regional Congress Speakers

- Deb distributed a list of approved Regional Congress speakers from the national office. She asked the Committee for their category choices for the Region 8 Congress. Members also added names of other speakers who Region 8 professional members might be interested.

## 2018 Region 8 Congress Financial Report

- Deb presented the national office's 2018 Region 8 Congress financial report. The profit for the Region 8 account was \$28,057 (\$25,744 from registrations + \$2,313 from the final auction).

## Region 8 Hall of Fame Nominations and Vote

- Deb reviewed the criteria for induction into the Region 8 Hall of Fame. She provided a list of former inductees, listed by year and categories (History, Service, Judge, Coach Athlete and Contributor). An emphasis of the 2019 nominations will be to include former athletes who competed their club gymnastics in Region 8 and are a minimum of 25 years old. A maximum of 2 or 3 athletes may be nominated from each state per year.
- Brad personally believed that if the SACC nominated an athlete from their state the nomination should be respectfully accepted without a vote.
- Each SACC provided one or two names (most explained as examples of historical significance or outstanding performance legacy from the state.).

- The State Chairs approved the list of nominees presented. Deb asked for help in locating the former athletes. If the nominees are contacted, she asked that they be told that the Region 8 Committee has nominated each for the Hall of Fame and information is needed for a potential banquet presentation.
- Deb open the nominations for additional inductees from the other categories. Five names were presented by SCs. A paper vote was taken and Deb announced the names of the approved new inductees later in the meeting.

Lunch break at 12:45. Committee was back in session at 1:10.

### **2020 Training Camp Dates**

- Deb asked that the following dates be placed on the Region 8 planners:
    - July 17-19, 2019                      6,7,8 Training Camp
    - September 11-13 or 18-20, 2019      National Training Camp
    - October 16-18, 2019                  8,9,10 Training Camp
- Deb will ask for bids for the 2020 Training Camps in the 2019 Newsletters

### **Additional Topics**

- Marian reported that all the judges who have been assigned to 2019 Regionals and Nationals have passed their judging test. No contracts have been returned, therefore Sandra Carminati is the only replacement needed. No additional replacements are needed.
- Deb reminded SACCs to make themselves available to help Colleen for a full day in the apparel room at 9/10 Regionals.
- Deb reported that the national office asked for recommendations from the Committee for a 2020 Region 8 Congress site on June 12-14 and June 19-21, 2020. The consensus was for Nashville, New Orleans and Nashville.
- The national office will send out requests for nominations for the 2019 election of the Region 8 Regional Administration Committee Chairperson (RACC).
- State Committee elections will take place in 2019. Deb reminded the SACCs that each state could organize the Committee as the state wished.
- Deb informed the group that it had been suggested that a special activity or event at National Training Camp be added for those gymnasts who would have qualified for the All-Star trip. Until the trip can be reinstated, special apparel or a group dinner could be planned.
- Michelle P provided a worksheet of potential 6/7/8 and Xcel Regional finances if individual hotel rooms were provided for judges.

### **Regional JO Program Report**

- SACCs are reminded to select their state's Program of the Year before 9/10 Regionals but Brad would prefer the club names as early as possible. Each Regional Committee member can also add a club nominee.
- Because the new Level 6/7 vault will be a bit of a mystery in terms of how the new deductions will be applied, Brad asked that moderation be used in the first year's evaluations. The changes to the new 6/7 vault options were radical and are giving concern to many coaches. He asked that judges remember that the gymnasts used in the newly posted video from USA Gym were Level 8, 9, and 10 gymnasts. Discussion followed.

### **State Chairman Concerns**

- Deb reminded SACCs to send agendas and minutes of State Committee meetings.
- State meet apparel logos need to have Deb's approval before being produced.
- Send a link for annual financial statements to Deb.
- Be sure not to exceed the state meet entry fee that is posted in Rules and Policies (\$85)

- Larry asked that names for different pieces of equipment be standardized so that judges, coaches and meet directors are able to talk about the names of landing mats without confusion.
- Deb presented the 9/10 Regional petition forms.
- Deb reviewed the procedures that SACCs send their State Meet Reports to her immediately following the state meet.
- By March 5, 2019 she needs numbers of Xcel at 34.00 AA, Level 6,7,8's at 33.00 AA, Level 9's at 35.00 AA, and Level 10's at 35.00 AA.
- Deb requested that SACCs send the 2019 Regional Competition Fee to the Region 8 account by ACH transfer as soon as possible. Please notify her by email when the money is transferred.

2:12 Short break for 5 minutes.

## Regional Committee Reports

### RJOCC - Brad

- Brad reported that the charter membership to the US Gymnastics Club Owners Association will close on December 31, 2018. To be in on the ground floor of the association the membership fee is \$1000.00, good for two years. Charter members may only be USA Gymnastics Club owners. The organization plans to act as one cohesive voice for the betterment of gymnastics in the United States, letting the public and the national office know that gymnastics clubs are important and necessary for our athletes.
- Brad asked that SACCs keep an eye on the scores of qualifying gymnasts during the months of January and February to see if any trends are developing during the season that could result from rule changes.
- Brad reported that the new JO compulsories are way ahead of schedule. Level 4 and 5 will have more choices with user friendly skill choices.

### RTCC – Marian

- Marian reviewed some of the clarifications that were discussed at her Committee's meeting on Nov 8, 2018. Some items discussed were: meet referee responsibilities and non-responsibilities, clarification of judge break times, new ratings for Xcel only judges, difference in incorrect attire deduction in JO and Xcel, rules put in place to not allow animals on the competition floor, etc. Please check the minutes on the USA Gymnastics website at [https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Committee%20Minutes/NTC/ntc\\_110818.pdf](https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Committee%20Minutes/NTC/ntc_110818.pdf)

### RXCC – Elaine

- Elaine reminded the members that there are replacement pages for Xcel Code online at <https://usagym.org/pages/women/pages/xcel.html>. She added that there continue to be some errors in the Xcel iCode and to remember that the "paper Code is Gospel". She also added that some coaches need to be reminded that no table is being used for the Silver vault.

## Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- Next Region 8 Committee meeting will be in Atlanta on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Crowne Ravinia hotel, site of Region 8 Congress.
- National Congress is in Kansas City, MO August 8-11, 2019. The SACC meeting is tentatively set for Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Jackie</b>	moved to adjourn.	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Jennie</b>	Passed	3:11

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennie Kennel Adams                      Acting Secretary

Email vote 1/16/2019

**Motion Larry** Award 2020 Level 9/10 Regionals on April 17-19 to Rose's Gymnastics at Greenville Convention Center.

**2nd Jackie L**