



**Region 8 Committee Meeting Minutes
10:00 AM
June 14, 2023
Embassy Suites ATL Airport
4700 Southport Road
Atlanta, GA 30337**

Welcome

Meeting called to order at 10:03am

Roll Call:

Mike Holdefer – AL	Mendi Knisley – SC
Toni Rand – FL	Larry Corrigan - TN
Michelle Pomerantz – GA	Debby Kornegay - RACC
Jackie Latino – LA	Brad Harris – RDPCC
Cynthia Dedeaux – MS	Evelyn Chandler - RTCC
Karen Pleasants – NC	Pam Kitchen – RXCC
	Diane Thompson - RJD

*Brad Harris/ flight delayed

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

- Emergency Contact list was passed and confirmed by members of the committee
- Contact info on web page also distributed and confirmed by members
- Thank you notes passed and shared

<Diane Thompson recused>

Regional Contractor

MOTION: Toni, 2nd Jackie

Region 8 approves NAWGJ as our official judging contractor

PASSED: unanimous

< Brad arrive 10:20am >

Regional Financial Statements

- a) Level 9/10 – reviewed and commented that the stipend was definitely helpful
- b) Level 6/7/8 – financially good

Small issue with delay with gymnast gifts for L6/7/8. Arrived late, but mailed out to clubs with no additional expense. Other concern was the spacing. Very tight with the equipment set up. We will keep this in mind going forward with future bids to make sure space is utilized.

- c) Xcel – reviewed and agreed financially looked good

Future Regional Competitions

- a) Consideration of dropping Silver division from Xcel Regionals

Discussion: Intent of Xcel program will be communicated as what it was set out to do. At the same time encouraging participation in the compulsory program as the lead up to the optional program. Other regions have already dropped Silver from regionals. This will allow for more gymnasts in the upper divisions.

MOTION: Pam, 2nd Michelle
Remove Silver from Xcel Regionals beginning in 2024.
PASSED: unanimous

-Concern on scheduling Xcel Regional weekend keeping in mind AP exams TH and FR before Regionals and possibly the Monday following.

- b) L 6/7/8 and Xcel gymnasts not attending Regionals if qualified

This process seems to be better in all states. Continue the process with the \$50 fine (and/or including entry fee to fine). SACC’s to follow through.

- c) Regional Entry fees

MOTION: Cynthia, 2nd Mike
Increase Regional entry fees for all Levels and Divisions to \$130.00
PASSED: unanimous

- d) Gate fees – agreed to keep gate fees the same

Maximum Regional Gate fees:

DAYS	ADULT	SENIOR/STUDENT (1 ST -12 TH GRADE)
1	\$20.00	\$15.00

2	\$30.00	\$20.00
3	\$40.00	\$25.00

e) 50% plus 1 AA awards for Xcel Regionals:

MOTION: Toni, 2nd Cynthia

Award 50% (plus 1 rounding up) for all events and AA at Xcel Regionals

PASSED: unanimous

MOTION: Brad, 2nd Pam

There will be a maximum of 16 gymnasts in each age group at L 6/7/8 and Xcel Regionals.

PASSED: unanimous

Open scoring for Xcel Regionals

Continue with no open scoring for Xcel Regionals. Each state SAC must vote for this in their own state.

Region 8 is going GREEN

Clubs highlight their club and scratch athletes. Coach takes photo of rotation sheet. Printed for judges/meet workers. State meets should follow this protocol. Add this in pre-meet info.

Sapphire Division

Committee decided to continue another year with qualification to regionals with a 34.0 AA. No state teams (allow process of petitions since qualification is by score)

2025 Regional bids:

Bids are still open until July 10th and will be voted on at the July meeting.

Regional Championship Judges Issues

Evelyn stated that all regionals went well, no issues/concerns.

Other concerns:

- a) For Level 6/7/8 and Xcel Regionals, consideration will be made for changing events (short to long and vice versa) on Sunday, keeping panels together.
- b) Judges should not be scheduled to arrive later than 8pm on Thursday to Regional events, unless unavoidable.
- c) Consider that no judge be contracted for more than 2 regional meets in one season.
- d) There no longer has to be a Chief Judge from each state at L 6/7/8 and Xcel Regionals.

MOTION: Michelle, 2nd Evelyn

No judge should be contracted for more than 2 Regional meets in one season.

****Motion retracted.****

Revised: No judge should be contracted for more than one Regional meet in a season; and a maximum of two if necessary.

PASSED: unanimous

Should judges be paying a registration fee to attend Training Camp as spectators?

-Most volunteer positions are almost entirely filled with Eastern/National judges.

-Currently the fee is \$50 or \$75 if symposium is included

-Discussion: we would like to encourage judges to attend

MOTION: Brad, 2nd Toni

Drop the fee completely for judges attending Regional Training Camps unless Symposium is included, then the fee is \$75.

PASSED: unanimous

Hospitality considerations for judge volunteers at Regionals

While we are encouraging judges to volunteer at these events it is a cost to the meet director. Consideration will be made by the meet director to help if possible or make a contribution to hospitality for these volunteers.

REPORTS:

Evelyn Chandler, RTCC:

-There are upcoming element changes and some clarifications.

Brad Harris, RDPCC:

-Congratulations goes to Sonshine for Regional Club of the Year.

-Joint minutes will be released soon.

Pam Kitchen, RXCC:

-Several updates in rules for all divisions

Debby Kornegay, RACC:

-Minutes will be released soon

Regional Committee concerns:

-Evelyn reminded us of percentages of L9/10 athletes per state in order to figure out the number of judges per state assigned to regionals.

<Toni Rand, Diane Thompson, Karen Pleasants recused from meeting>

Motion: Evelyn, 2nd Mendi

Accept Regional judges as presented as well as replacements for 2024 Regionals.

PASSED: unanimous

Level 9/10 Regional Judges - GAYLI CRAVER, COOKIE BATSCHE, SHARYN STRICKLAND, DENISE WEAVER, MARCI KAPLAN, KIM JOYE, DANA KLING, BECKY OPPENHEIMER, KATHY KUHN, PORTIA PROPST, DIANE THOMPSON, KAREN PLEASANTS, CHERIE HAMPTON, PAUL PADRON, NATALIA GROSSO, and SIBBY LANE.

Level 6/7/8 Regional Judges - MARY LOU DILLARD, SHARON GRIFFIN, GREG KUHLMAN, JAMIE WALLACE, SERENA ALBAUER, NIKKI SPINELLI, PAM SHERWOOD, KATIE KOHLMAYER, CATHY CAMPFIELD, SHARON DOYLE, SHARON KELLY, NATASHA GROUX, KRISTI AGUILAR, BETH MCKNIGHT, MICHELLE MARTIN, BRENDA EBERHARDT, LAURIE MOORE, LISA HARDIN, BOBBY STRICKLAND, WENDY SEABROOK (AL), JENNIE ADAMS, AMANDA CARTER, BERTINA HARRIS, KIM STENSON, JANET EFLAND, PAT FAULKNER, JACKIE GIFFORD, HEATHER GLEATON, DAWN ROY, SIBBY LANE, LAUREL DOUTHWAITE, and AUDREY GREEN.

Xcel Regional Judges - JUDY DOBRANSKY, JARRETT EZELL, AMY DUIGUID, LINDA THORBERG, KATHLYN SKESLOCK, SHEILA RAGLE, KAITLIN ADAMS, ROSE ROBERTSON, LAURIE MOORE, REG SHURDEN, CINDY COTTON, TERRI ROBERTSON, ROSE BRADY, SUE DOLINAR, NATALIA GROSSO, and DAWN ROY.

<Karen Pleasants recused from meeting>

2024 Eastern and National judging changes and alternates discussed and voted on.

2024 Eastern Alternates: MARCI KAPLAN and BECKY OPPENHEIMER; 2024 National Alternate: DIANE THOMPSON

Selection of 2025-27 Eastern/National judges

-Easterns/National judges rotation applications shared with committee.

-Committee discussed and voted on 12 judges for National rotation and 6 additional judges for Eastern rotation by written ballots.

<Judges on the committee were recused when discussion was regarding their states slate of judges>

*Gayli Craver (Eastern), Deb Kornegay, *Catherine (Cookie) Batsche, *Evelyn Chandler, *Marci Kaplan (Eastern), *Sharyn Strickland, *Denise Weaver, *Kim Joye, Dana Kling (Eastern), *Becky Oppenheimer, *Sheila Ragle (Eastern), *Kristine Aguilar, *Karen Pleasants, *Portia Propst, *Diane Thompson, *Mendi Knisley (Eastern), *Paul Padron and Dawn Roy (Eastern).

Motion: Evelyn, 2nd Larry

Accept the named 12 judges selected for the National rotation, and 6 for the Eastern rotation and other 6 slots will be from the National pool.

Hall of Fame ceremony 2023:

-Help is needed gathering athlete hall of fame info

Volunteer Judges at Regional and National competitions:

-Judges may use the time volunteering for ½ of their 9 hour In-Gym requirement.

Update on Level 6/7/8 Regional Training Camp requirement:

-Athletes must qualify to Regionals to attend

State Chairman Concerns:

- Xcel State Team apparel discussed; no change
- SACC's consider to plan having the same divisions/levels together if any state meets are held after L9/10 state meet weekend
- Send SAC agenda and minutes to RACC
- All Compulsory/Xcel/L6-10 state meet apparel logos must be approved
- SACC must post yearly financial statements
- If state entry fees exceed R&P, SACC to fill out budget request form to be approved
- State judging selection to Evelyn by November 1, 2023
- Link Michelle to state webpage
- State meets must be 3 weeks before regionals
- Inventory report due 8/15/23 to RACC
- USAG competitive information due 8/31/23 to RACC
- Include Michelle and Evelyn to state membership emails

Discussion on random draw within squads at State and Regional meets:

-Reminder made that the R&P states that the use of random draw within a squad falls under the jurisdiction of the SAC or RAC.

Regional Financial Report:

-Changeover is in process to new RACC, Michelle Pomerantz

Competition dates were reviewed and noted in planner.

***Upcoming bids and apparel for 6/7/8 regionals will be decided on in July

National Congress: Women's Program Reception

Thursday, August 24th 6:00pm

Toni 35 year award

Mike 5 year award

Next meeting – Region 8 Congress Lunch meeting on Saturday, July 29th, 2023

12:30-2:15pm in Salem Ballroom 2

-Winter Region 8 Committee meeting date and site will be determined

-States that do not have enough to field a Level /Division for a State Team

MANY THANKS TO DEB FOR HER 26 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO OUR REGION

Meeting adjourned 3:15pm