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Region 8 USA Gymnastics Administrative Committee Meeting
December 19, 2003
Radisson • Orlando, FL

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 am.

In attendance:

Deb Kornegay	RACC
Marian Dykes	RTCC
Paul Padron	RJOCC
Toni Rand	RECC
James Linderholm	TOPS (non-voting)
Deb Walls	Alabama
Mike McCabe	Florida
Peggy Simpson	Georgia
Michelle Waguespack	Louisiana
Nancy Hawkins	Mississippi
Jennie Adams	North Carolina
Joanne Child	South Carolina
Robert Valley	Tennessee

Jennie Adams was appointed secretary.

Motion to accept the October 2003 minutes as presented.

Motion Deb W.
Second Jennie

APPROVED

Thank you notes were shared and read by all.

The regional and national calendar was reviewed. Toni indicated that an Elite qualifier has been added to the calendar on April 16-17, 2004 weekend in conjunction with the Level 8 Regional.

Region 8 financial reports were presented.

Region 8 Congress 2004 was discussed. Marian updated the committee as follows:

- Hotel room availability has been adjusted to be acceptable for the extra days before and after the event.
- Clinician contracts are coming together.
- Marian handed out registration forms to the committee. State Chair registration is one fee for the congress and coffee breaks.
- Congress sessions will start on Thursday at approximately 9:00 am. Attendees are encouraged to come in Wednesday.
- Banquet will be held on Friday evening. It will be a sit down affair.

- Discussion to increase Region 8 Congress use fee starting in 2005.

Motion to add to the \$1000 base fee charged by Region 8 for hosting Region 8 Congress a \$5 per paid registrants in excess of 350 participants.

Motion Nancy
Second Mike

ACCEPTED

Auction update - Deb W.

- The auction will be on Friday night before the banquet.
- Items collected should be a little more upscale than in the past. Each state should have a \$1000 minimum total. The final goal for the 8 states is \$8000 total.
- A suggestion was made to have a low-cost table (a bargain table) separate from the more expensive area.

The Committee discussed 2004 bids.

Motion to accept bids for 2004 Training camp:

July 9-11, 2004

Future Stars Camp

Lightning City, Tampa FL

Oct. 1-3, 2004

Level 9, 10, & Elite

Auburn University, Auburn, AL

Motion Joanne
Second Deb W.

ACCEPTED

The Committee wants to be sure that it is clear that the NAWGJ Symposium is a separate event with separate fees. Deb K. will work with Sheila Ragle to insure the preliminary information regarding Level 9, 10 & Elite Training Camp and the NAWGJ Symposium is very clear.

Bob Valley handed out a three page bid request, with pictures, for the April 15-17, 2005 Level 9 & 10 Regionals.

Motion to accept the bid from Bob Valley for 2005 Level 9/10 Regionals.

Motion Mike
Second Deb W.

ACCEPTED



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Reminder of accepted bid:

April 8-10, 2005

Level 8 Regionals

Boca Raton, FL @ the Convention Center.

April 15-17, 2005

Level 9/10 Regionals

Nashville, TN @ the Curb Event Center

Paul asked for a review of requirement for National assignments for judges that coach Level 9 & 10.

Motion that the requirement be changed that a judge must have judged Regional Championships in the current year or coached Regional Championships in one of the two prior years.

Motion Joanne

Second Peggy

ACCEPTED

Sheila Ragle requested a set policy by the Committee for enforcement of the deadline for contracts for Regionals.

Motion that if a contract for Regionals is not received by the deadline indicated on the contract, the contract is void. The RJD will go to the next designated alternate in consultation with the RTCC.

Motion Deb W.

Second Mike

ACCEPTED

Discussion was held to add athletes to Level 8 Regionals. Athletes qualify to Level 8 Regionals by a percentage of qualifiers to states from all 8 states. It has been indicated that high-level gymnasts (36+) have remained at home. The discussion ensued to add more gymnasts, yet still keep the percentage process viable. More gymnasts can be added by holding a Friday night session.

Motion to add 54 athletes to the 2004 Level 8 Regional.

Motion Toni

Second Michelle

ACCEPTED

Motion that the additional 54 athletes be determined by a % of those scoring a 34.00+, by designated deadline date, from all 8 states.

Motion Bob

Second Jennie

ACCEPTED (10 for 1 opposed)

Regional JO program

Discussion about the apparel for National qualifiers. Apparel will be shipped to Orlando to be distributed at Nationals. Paul will need help from the Region 8 Committee in distributing the apparel.

Deb K. indicated the following amounts of money spent on apparel for gymnasts:

Level 10	\$120.83	per athlete
Level 9	\$ 61.57	per athlete
Level 10	\$ 98.23	per coach that worked TC
Level 9	\$ 20.48	per coach that worked TC

Total \$28,000.00 - \$30,000.00

Given back to Athletes, Coaches and Judges

Discussion was held on publishing financial information regarding Training Camps. The Regional Newsletter will publish how much was raised from the Training Camps after expenses.

Financial report form distributed. Deb K. asked that all state chairs use the new form for the 4th quarter 2003.

Deb K. reminded each state that Regional Competition Fees are due. Deb K. distributed a list of registered athletes for 2003. Each state should pay the \$1.50 per gymnast to the regional account.

Regional Entry Forms

A release signature for the Regional Address Form has been added.

Alternate Information Form – only need to have 5 or 6 names indicated.

State Meet Reporting Procedure – Note – please sign the “no signature” release on the Express Mail form. Be sure to Express Mail a copy of entries to Deb, Marian, & Paul.

Double check team entry form for errors.

Deb will re-send the Qualification to Regionals sheet for Level 8.

Important Information for Coaches of Regional Qualifiers needs to go in newsletter.

Need names of people from each state to help with apparel at Regionals.

A poll of SACC’s was taken to see who planned to run for 2004-2006 term. All present SACC’s plan to run with the exception of Louisiana.

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TOPS Information James Linderholm

The Mooresville clinic now has 30 entries. Would like to have 50. Friday night is physical ability. Saturday has skill work. Sunday is only a half-day. Staff will be from The Gym Company. Deb asked for a schedule as soon as possible, for web posting.

July 9/10, 2004 was set as a TOPS testing date in conjunction with the Future Stars Camp in Tampa. The testing should be held on Friday with an overflow on Saturday morning.

June 11-13, 2004 was set as a June TOPS testing date. Testing on Friday, with Clinic on Saturday and Sunday. Cost has been \$35 per gymnast. Bids are needed.

James expressed concerns that from the beginning, the program is a good program. But the structure does not lend itself to input from regional personnel. He will continue to have his gymnasts in TOPS, but has decided to not continue his participation administratively. He expressed the possible desire to re-enter the leadership of the program at some future date. James thanked the Committee for his position and for the experiences and insights he's gained.

Rebecca Reyher, Davita Ivey, and Kristie Phillips have indicated interest in assuming responsibilities. Duties may include attending the National Testing. The Committee asked Deb to request resumes from anyone interested. RECC Toni will make the choice of administrator with recommendations from the Committee.

Elite Program Toni Rand, RECC

For the gymnasts wanting to go to Classic, and they have a score in the first season, they may go to JO nationals, and keep the score.

A gymnast is not an Elite until they have competed an event at Classic.

Charleston Cup could be used as an elite qualifier, if needed

If one wants to become an international elite, she must go to:

- a regional qualifier or
- any National qualifier

There will not be a May qualifier.

April 16th is the last chance to qualify for Spring season.

Deb K. asked Toni to please help with the sizes for the elite gymnasts for Region 8 apparel.

The Committee recommended an update of the apparel guidelines to reflect the changes in the elite program. All athletes competing at an elite Classic or higher competition or qualifying to JO Nationals receive a base set of apparel. Level 9 Eastern National qualifiers will receive apparel as designated.

WTC Marian Dykes, RTCC

Reminder: Region 8 Petition Form for Level 9/10 Regionals was presented. Worked well last year.

Reminded SACC's to use Base score videos for State Meets

In-gym cards have been mailed to all Level 10 judges responding to Availability Form. Extra cards were sent to SJD's.

JO Paul Padron, RJOCC

Master Compulsory Clinics and WTC Symposiums dates have been published.

June 2-5, 2005 Louisville, KY

June 9-12, 2005 Reno, NV

July 10th is the first date Master Clinicians may work without approval of National office.

Nancy handed out computer information to state chairs who are ordering lap tops.

State Chair nominations must be received by the end of February, and elections must be completed by May 1, 2004.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday June 2, 2004 in Nashville. State Chairs workshop at 12:00. Meeting at 5:00.

National State Chairs meeting workshop is Wednesday June 23, 2004 in Anaheim, CA at Congress.

The 2004 Winter Committee meeting will be November 6, 2004 at 9:00 am in Charleston, SC.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.