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Region 8 Committee Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2005

Reno Nevada

Meeting was called to order at 9:06 am by Debby Kornegay.

Roll Call

Debby Kornegay	RACC
Marian Dykes	RTCC
Paul Padron	RJOCC (9:30)
Toni Rand	RECC
Sheila Ragle	NAWGJ

(Non Vote) Present for Judges Selection only

Deb Walls	Alabama
Mike McCabe	Florida
Peggy Simpson	Georgia
Patricia Boudreaux	Louisiana
Nancy Hawkins	Mississippi
Jennie Adams	N. Carolina
Joanne Child	S. Carolina
Bob Valley	Tennessee

Deb Kornegay reminded everyone about the need for the use of Confidentiality Statement especially for new state Committee members.

Thank you notes and comments from Regionals were passed around.

MOTION: To use NAWGJ as regional judges contractor for 2005-06.

Motion D. Walls
Second J. Child

Passed unanimously

WTC

Review of why national office has decided to remove JCI's certification responsibilities. The course in Louisville went well. A good core of Level 10's recertified. An item analysis will take place to make sure the tests are valid.

The in-house decision to assume JCI's responsibilities was made by the national office so that USAG could make sure

changes would happen when requested, not having to wait on another entity. USAG now needs to make sure that the judges are continuing to have professional education. (CPE) State chairs will need to appoint someone in each state to maintain CPE records. Before, NAWGJ coordinated this task with an active status coordinator in each state. It's suggested that each state USAG use NAWGJ as the contractor and include the CPE coordinator duties in the motion of the booking contract. The system has been in place and has been working. On the surface, Region 8 will see little change.

The active status card system will be changed. Cards will be stamped at the end of each educational opportunity. WTC is looking for feedback for card design. Judges will keep his/her own signed cards, but send the cover sheet of verification to the authority in each state. Random auditing by the National office will occur in all states. Clinics must be approved; the details are to be determined. Sanctioning requirements will be also determined. It is probable that each counting clinic will have to be publicized and open to the public. The amount of hour-credit will be determined by absolute clock time. There may be some carry over of accrued time. If a Committee member is a Level 10 or higher, then that person does not have to turn in CPE card. New card requirements will start on June 1 2005 and end July 31, 2006. Refer to USAG website for these guidelines. The amount of education is set on a sliding scale according to the level of judge. Higher rated judges will require more hours of education. States will need to request these cards. Each clinic will have it's own unique card. Request for permission for CPE is a work in progress. A determination will be made on who will give permission for CPE on clinics.

Judges assignments for JO Nationals, Level 9 Easterns, Level 9 & 10 Regionals and Level 8 Regionals were distributed.

There was some discussion regarding judges usually available for regionals that did not appear on the list.

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Marian explained that the list was comprised of those judges that returned their form in a timely manner.

MOTION: To approve the Level 10 National panel as presented.

Motion M. Dykes
Second P. Padron
Passed unanimously

MOTION: To approve the Level 9 Eastern National panel as presented.

Motion M. Dykes
Second P. Simpson
Passed unanimously

MOTION: To approve the Level 9/10 Regional panel as presented.

Motion M. Dykes
Second P. Boudreaux
Passed unanimously

MOTION: To approve the Level 8 Regional panel as presented.

Motion M. Dykes
Second D. Walls
Passed unanimously

We'll vote on our Judges assignment criteria at the Winter meeting.

In-gym cards were distributed.

Sheila asked that we revisit the uniform requirement at Regionals (slacks). Discussion that followed concluded that our Region needs to maintain the professionalism of visual perception.

Questions were asked about a state's rights to amend the judging uniform at sanctioned invitationals. Specific questions should be referred to NAWGJ and USAG Rules and Policies.

Sheila Ragle stated that there were only 6 people registered for the optional update at Auburn. She asked the state chairs to remind the membership of the August 20 deadline. Deb will e-mail the forms to state chairs.

MOTION: To forego the silent auction at Region 8 training camp.

Motion D. Walls
Second M. McCabe
Passed unanimously

MOTION: That each state donate \$1000 to the apparel fund.

Motion N. Hawkins
Second M. McCabe
Passed unanimously

Deb K. reminded everyone that all need to be there to help with training camp and clinic/update. Deb asked state chairs to organize a work schedule the way they're going to help.

State judging selections are to be sent to Marian by November 1st.

Deb Kornegay passed around the Committee member address list asking for updates or changes.

State calendars will not go in newsletter any more, but will go on the web site.

New 2005-2009 planners were handed to members updated with national office information.

Deb Kornegay asked for the dates of each state's 8, 9, & 10 State Meets. Mississippi does not know; Tennessee may go to March 3-4; All the rest are March 10-12, 2006

9/10 Regional time schedule - Request to not go as late on Sunday to get folks home. Start sessions on Thursday. Meet Director suggested that this change in the schedule occur. Deb stated that if there are more kids then we may have to go Thursday night. The idea was to not start with 10's first because they traditionally travel more.

One bid for 9/10 Training Camp was received and two bids for 8/9 Training Camp.

MOTION: To accept the 9/10 Training Camp from Ultimate Gymnastics in Atlanta.

Motion P. Simpson.
Second M. McCabe
Passed unanimously

It was suggested to have October 6-7 as the dates for the 9/10 training camp.

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MOTION: To accept the Future Stars Training Camp from Balcony Gymnastics in Ocala Florida.

Motion M. McCabes
Second D. Walls

Passed unanimously

MOTION: To accept the 8/9 Training Camp bid from Salem Gymnastic in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Motion J. Adams
Second P. Simpson

Passed unanimously

It was suggested to have July 28-30, 2006 for 8/9 Training Camp and Future Stars on June 23-25, 2006.

MOTION: To accept the bid for 2006 Region 8 Congress from Boca Twisters in Boca Raton, Florida.

Motion M. McCabe
Second P. Simpson

Passed unanimously

2006 Region 8 Congress will be held June 29-July 2, 2006.

Level 8 Regionals and Level 9/10 Regionals Financial Statements were presented and accepted.

Deb Kornegay asked everyone to please be careful counting the qualifying numbers to Level 8 Regionals. Call Deb if we have any deviation from what we think are the final numbers ; ie. scratches, foreign athlete numbers, etc.

A suggestion was made to divide the age groups into two groups in order for there to be two golds and two silvers. Give the same number of awards, instead of 1-12, giving two age groups of 1-6.

Next newsletter deadline is August 22, 2005.

Sophomore/Junior sheets are needed again.

Deb Walls. suggested that Deb Kornegay be allowed to make a decision about the use of Region 8's donation to the Hall of Fame Ceremony for seats, i.e. whether place at table be used to help athletes attend the event, etc.

In presenting the JO report, Paul relayed that Region 8 was asked to not give apparel to the Elite athletes from Region 8. We discussed gift ideas for those Region 8 Elite gymnasts going on international trips. Deb Walls

suggested a pastel, cool colored passport cover. Region 8 will purchase and get them for Elite athletes.

Deb Kornegay discussed sanction violations from the Region. Apparently a meet director who received a violation letter last year was reported to have had a meet again this year with a time violation. Mike suggested that a fine be levied. Jennie suggested that the meet become a non-qualifier. Others suggested to levy a fine. If other violations occur, then put a non-qualifying status on future meets.

MOTION: To send a letter after an initial sanction violation. A second violation will result in a maximum fine. The third violation will result in a loss of designation as a qualifying meet.

Motion J. Adams
Second P. Boudreaux

Passed unanimously

An additional \$100 will be given by each state at the fall meet to be placed in the Sunshine Fund.

Paul would like all coaches at Easterns and/or Nationals to wear the Regional apparel. In order for the Region to appear more unified, we have to display a more unifying appearance. Paul would like to provide two shirts, t-shirt, and a warm-up suit to the coaches and gymnasts going to Easterns and Nationals. We encourage all coaches to wear the apparel at Easterns and Nationals. More forcefully, if the apparel is not worn, then the states will incur the cost of the apparel. If those coaches do not work training camp, then the apparel would have to be paid for. Mike suggested that the Booster clubs be requested to help encourage the apparel be worn.

Plan B - One set of apparel will be two collared shirts plus one T-shirt. For the first gymnast qualified the coach will be issued two sets of apparel. For each additional gymnast qualified one more set will be awarded up to a maximum of two sets. If the coach volunteered for Training Camp, then the coach will have a custom Region 8 National warm-up suit mailed to the gym. All expressed approval with this plan.

The Committee gave suggestions to Paul for apparel for 2006.

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TOPS report. All dates for TOPs Testing are in the new planner.

State Chairman's concerns: Paul polled the Committee to see how each state was working with Levels 2 & 3. It was suggested that a state could call the last meet a State Cup and give the awards as each state chooses. 11 states are registering Level 2 & 3's except Tennessee. Most are having a season ending meet.

Financial statements are July 10th. Deb will e-mail the ending balance.

Inventory report due July 10, 2005.

Athletes registering for levels 2 & 3 should appear on the national printout.

Deb Kornegay praised each state for sending the 8, 9, 10 state meet results by e-mail in Excel.

REPORTS

ELITE Toni has a meeting in July. She is excited about the changes for Elites, but points out that the JO and Elite programs are diverging in philosophy and practice.

RTC - Ask judges to keep in touch with Marian with this changing system.

JO Initial judgment of new routines has been positive. Paul wants to start working on our reward trip with regional athletes. He would like to ask Brad Harris to coordinate.

RC Deb Kornegay indicated that there's some confusion on non-profit status. Our financial reports might be sent to Region 8 and to John Hewitt.

Winter Meeting date January 7, 2006 at Amelia Island unless there is a national conflict.

Committee members voted on Silver Quill award.

Motion to adjourn 2:45 P.M.

Motion J. Adams
Second P. Padron

Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted
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6-9-05

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