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Region 8 Committee Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2005
Auburn, Alabama

The Committee meeting was called to order by RACC Deb Kornegay.

Debby Kornegay	RACC
Marian Dykes	RTCC
Paul Padron	RJOCC
Toni Rand	RECC (Absent)
Sheila Ragle	NAWGJ (Non Vote) Present for Judges Selection only

Deb Walls	Alabama
Mike McCabe	Florida (7:38)
Peggy Simpson	Georgia
Patricia Boudreaux	Louisiana (Absent)
Nancy Hawkins	Mississippi
Jennie Adams	N. Carolina
Joanne Child	S. Carolina
Bob Valley	Tennessee

Deb K. appointed Jennie to be secretary.

Judging Assignments Adjustments:

Because the 2006 Level 9 Easterns had been awarded to Nashville, TN, Marian pointed out to the Committee that Region 8 could receive more judging slots. She asked that we look at our criteria for assignments to the Level 9 Eastern Nationals competition.

MOTION: In 2006, because the Level 9 Easterns are in Region 8, move to allow the Committee to make adjustment of criteria in order to be able to fill all allowed judges' slots.

Motion: Jennie Adams
Second: Deb W.

Passed unanimously

Marian was directed to adjust rotations.

Marian stated that all Level 9/10 Regional contracts were in. Two contracts for Level 8 Regionals were declined, Karen Pleasants NC, and Carol Olney, SC. Marian reviewed the remaining eligible judges.

MOTION To assign Shirley Tranquil to be one of the NC slots for Level 8 Regionals.

Motion: Jennie Adams
Second: Mike McCabe
Passed unanimously

It was recommended that if a judge elects not to travel from their home, airfare fees cost the meet director no more than airfare fees from a judge's home airport.

Joanne was asked to talk with Carol Olney to see if a compromise could be arranged with travel arrangements in order to keep the assignment within South Carolina.

At a Level 8 Regional each state's right to have judging representation should be protected. Because 2005 has been a judges' testing year, and because a former rating is only viable until Dec. 31, the final decision on a potential judge's eligibility may have to wait until Dec. 31st.

MOTION To have Deb K. become the alternate for Level 8 Regionals if no other alternate is available from a state.

Motion: Deb Walls
Second: Nancy Hawkins
Passed unanimously

In response to the fact that fewer judges had fulfilled all requirements for Regional assignment criteria for 2006, the Committee discussed that it was the individual judges' responsibility to be aware of deadlines. SJD's should take care of reminders to their own judges.

Marian reminded each state to send names of judging assignments for State Meets to her by Nov. 1.

Sheila left the meeting @ 8:00 pm.

Bids:

Thomas Hawkins, as meet director, submitted a bid for the 9/10 Regional meet in 2007.

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MOTION To accept the bid from Tupelo, MS for the April 2007, Level 9/10 Regional.

Motion: Marian Dykes
Second: Joanne Child

Passed unanimously

Deb K. presented a letter received from a gym with a sanction violation, requesting a waiver or reduction of a penalty received from a sanction violation imposed in the June 2005 Committee meeting. After reviewing USAG's policy on page 58 in the *Rules and Policies*, the Committee determined that Region 8's policy was more lenient and that the action taken in the Reno meeting on the violation shall stand. Region 8's procedure is that a written reprimand is sent as a warning for the first violation, a fine is imposed at the second violation, and after the third violation a sanction request will be refused.

Deb K. was directed to write a letter to the gym explaining the Committee's position.

Other Business:

The Committee requested that Marian take back to the Tech Committee the inequity of the time for CPE's during

the summer of 2006. As the procedure stands now, a judge would not be able to use any CPE credits received after June 1. Most judging education takes place during the summers. She asked that the Tech Committee look at moving the deadline to Aug. 1. Marian replied that she had already initiated the discussion and would pursue it again.

Marian also asked the Committee to help be pragmatic when making plans for Regional events. Many factors play into the success of events such as the Region 8 Congress, especially when such an event is paired with another activity, such as a Training Camp or a large meet.

Bob Valley asked the Committee to be vocal with any help or suggestions for insuring that the Level 9 Easterns would be successful.

MOTION Nancy Hawkins to adjourn
Second Deb Walls
Passed unanimously

8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted Jennie Adams

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Kathy Kelly, USAG National Office
TO: All USAG, NAWGJ Officers
RE: Clarification on raising scores at State Meet
DATE: 10/15/05

Confusion has arisen on the procedures for raising a score at the end of a State Meet to qualify the gymnast to the Regional Championships. (Usually the gymnast is very close to qualifying...up to 0.10)

Please refer to page 44 of the *Rules and Policies*.

J. Inquiry Regulations #3. "Inquiries must be submitted to the Meet Director or Meet Referee within 5 minutes of the completion of the squad's competition on that event."

If the inquiry results in a score change, that score must be reflected in the official results which determine the medal/award placement.

The confusion is this: In some areas of the country, the score has been changed AFTER the awards are given, thus allowing the gymnast to qualify to the next competition, but not receive the appropriate award. This is an incorrect procedure and must not continue.

The decisions made by the National Committee are outlined in the *Rules and Policies*. No committee has the authority to alter the *Rules and Policies* for matters that are above State Level.

Please publish this clarification in your next newsletter so all coaches and judges are informed and the athletes are assured of equality across the country.

Thanks for your assistance.