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Region 8 Committee Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2007

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The meeting was called to order by RACC Debby Kornegay @ 1:06 PM.

In Attendance:

Debby Kornegay	RACC	
Marian Dykes	RTCC	
Paul Padron	RJOCC	absent
Toni Rand	RECC	
Sheila Ragle	RJD	

Present for Judges section only

Deb Walls	AL SACC
Mike McCabe	FL SACC
Peggy Simpson	GA SACC
Margie Pierce – proxy	LA SACC
Nancy Hawkins	MS SACC
Jennie Adams	NC SACC
Joanne Child	SC SACC
Sibby Lane – proxy	TN SACC

Jennie Adams was appointed secretary.

Debby announced that Paul Padron was resigning from the RJOCC position. Paul feels that he can not give the position the time it needs because he has accepted a principal's position in Charleston. Nominations would be accepted from July through August 15th. The election would take place as a web vote through the national office from August 16-31st.

State Chairs with newly elected State Committees were reminded to have Committee member confidentiality forms signed. Debby will send a copy by e-mail.

Recommendation to continue using the services of NAWGJ for all Regional judging contracts.

Motion: Marian Dykes
Second: Mike McCabe
PASSED unanimously

WTC Report – Marian

Marian presented and reviewed the Regional judging selection criteria. She distributed a sheet containing availability information supplied by judges.

Recommendation to accept the judges as presented for Level 10 Nationals:

René Niccollai	Marian Dykes
Winnie Witten	Diane Thompson

Motion: Nancy Hawkins

Second: Deb Walls

PASSED unanimously

Recommendation to accept the judges as presented for Level 9 Easterns:

Debby Kornegay	Cookie Batsche	Joan Gnat
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Motion: Marian Dykes

Second: Joanne Child

PASSED unanimously

Recommendation to accept the judges as presented for Level 9/10 Regionals:

Deb Kornegay	Mary Lou Dillard
Mary Anne Wallace	Phyllis Thompson
Cookie Batsche	René Niccollai
Joan Gnat	Jean DeArmon
Sheila Ragle	Susan Sommer
Teri Jenkins	Mary Hoagland
Diane Thompson	Carole Ide
Winnie Witten	Lucy Fox
Marian Dykes - Meet Referee	

ALTERNATES: Kim Joye

Alabama Alternate Diane Peeks

Motion: Nancy Hawkins

Second: Joanne Child

PASSED unanimously

Recommendation to accept the judges as presented for Level 8 Regionals:

Diane Peeks	Wendy Seabrook
Sharyn Strickland	Chelle Stack
Brock White	Gwyned Bius
Sandra Carminati	Brenda Eberhardt
Mary Moore	Glynn Hankins
Olgo Koroleva	Terri Costa
Vicki Walker	Sue Tonietto
Kerma Headrick	Sibby Lane
Marian Dykes - Meet Referee	

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Motion: Peggy Simpson
Second: Deb Walls
PASSED unanimously

Recommendation to accept all hours of In-Gym experience at a NCAA Division I Training Session.

Motion: Toni Rand
Second: Joanne Child
PASSED unanimously

Recommendation to accept attendance at any USA Gymnastics sponsored Regional Congress as fulfillment of the clinic requirement for Judges' Availability.

Motion: Jennie Adams
Second: Peggy Simpson
PASSED unanimously

Recommendation to accept The National, USA Brevet, and FIG Brevet courses to fulfill the Judges Availability and Experience requirements.

Motion: Nancy Hawkins
Second: Marian Dykes
PASSED unanimously

Marian reminded the State Chairs that the CPE coordinator, whether an individual or NAWGJ, needs to be reviewed and assigned annually by state committee.

Discussion:

Region 8 Committee investigated rescheduling Level 9 and 10 Regionals due to the present date falling on Passover. After a follow up with the Meet Director, it was found that the venue was not available

Debby asked for dates of 2008 Optional State Meets.

MS – March 8
LA – unsure
All other states – March 28-30

Two bids were received for Level 8 Regionals (2008 Gymnastics, Inc. and 2009 GAA)

Recommendation to accept the bid from Gymnastics, Inc. in Myrtle Beach, SC for the Level 8 Regional on May 2-4, 2008.

Motion: Joanne Child
Second: Mike McCabe
PASSED unanimously

Venue was not available upon notification of Meet Director. 2008 Level 8 Regionals was put back out to bid.

Recommendation to accept the bid from GAA for the Level 8 Regional to be held in April, 2009.

Motion: Marian Dykes
Second: Toni Rand
PASSED: all except 1 abstention - LA

Recommendation to set the date for 2009 Level 8 Regional on April 24-26.

Motion: Peggy Simpson
Second: Deb Walls
PASSED unanimously

Recommendation to accept the bid from Gymnastics, Inc. of Myrtle Beach, SC for 2008 Level 8/9 Training Camp with date to be determined later.

Motion: Joanne Child
Second: Peggy Simpson
PASSED unanimously

With no motion presented, it was agreed that discussions about Future Stars Camps should be tabled until new RJOCC is in place. Dates and more information will be released later.

The date for 2008 Region 8 Congress was announced as July 18-20, site to be determined by the national office.

Recommendation to set the date for Level 8/9 Training Camp for July 25-27, 2008.

Motion: Nancy Hawkins
Second: Toni Rand
PASSED unanimously

Debby explained that the Silver Quill (Newsletter) Award does not have to be a paper-only publication, but may be on the web. Members of the Committee cast secret ballots for the examples presented by State Chairs.

Debby led discussions involving:

- That Regional Address Book information be sent to her on time.
- The amount of money spent on Regional and State newsletters. The Regional newsletter cost for the year was \$18,407.39, but the paper copy mailing will continue because the membership likes the format.

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- The Katrina Recovery Fund sent money to an athlete's family in a crucial time. It was determined that the cause was good, because the money helped the mother get back on her feet

Discussion began about the inclusion of optional specialist gymnasts at Regionals. Discussion included the following:

- Is this something that the Region would want to initiate?
- States have the ability to set criteria on the state level. States could try it and see how it works.
- Could this be for older gymnasts only? Could duplicate awards be used? Could specialists go to Regionals with a proportional AA score? Must a specialist have been an AA gymnast previously?
- It was suggested that States may want to provide an interest survey in the next newsletter with suggested criteria.

Recommendation if a state does not have a sufficient of gymnasts to field a team at Level 8 Regionals, the qualified gymnasts will compete as all-stars.

Motion: Peggy Simpson

Second: Deb Walls

PASSED unanimously

Recommendation to change the team score procedure for the top four scores to count for team championship at Level 8 Regionals.

Motion: Joanne Child

Second: Marian Dykes

PASSED unanimously

Recommendation at Region 8 Regionals, no age group shall be more than 24 gymnasts, with medals awarded for placements at 50% of the number of gymnasts in the age group.

Motion: Jennie Adams

Second: Margie Pierce

PASSED unanimously

Debby informed the Committee about:

- Regional newsletter deadline is 8-24-07
- Sophomore/Junior sheets are due Oct. 7, 2007.

Updates from scores of ACT's, SAT's, etc. can be mailed to Debby after scores are received.

- Procedures for the Hall of Fame Ceremony to be held at 8 Regional Congress on Sat. pm
- Procedures to follow when a coach or judge has been found to have had his/her professional membership lapse throughout the competitive year. Questions were asked as to how the National office responds. Recommendations to the National office were to either levy a heavy fine (\$100) or to have the renewal date remain the same, and the member must renew again in a shorter time.
- Question to Connie Maloney – are Junior Professional members on the SACC's printout? Connie responded that they will be for 2007-08.

Debby suggested that we table discussions about Regional Apparel until a new RJOCC is elected.

Nancy Hawkins asked about interest from the other states for a regional Prep Optional Invitational. The facility in Tupelo might be a good site for hosting such a meet. A possible date for the meet could be in between the Level 8 and the Level 9/10 Regional dates. Chairs were asked to take idea back to their states and to the Committees.

A discussion on the need for Regional Apparel funds from the traditional Regional Auction was tabled until after this new Regional format.

Recommendation to increase the Regional entry fee by \$5 per gymnast to a \$90 per gymnast entry fee.

Motion: Jennie Adams

Second: Joanne Child

PASSED unanimously

Debby formally announced for the minutes that Mike LaFleur of Florida was the recipient of Region 8's JO Coach of the Year award for 2007. The award was presented at Eastern Regionals in Florida in May. The venue, timing, and opportunity were perfect for a quality presentation.

Discussion on the JO Coach of the Year selection process:

- Jennie Adams reiterated that it would be helpful to know the working criteria of the national

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office's selection for National Coach of the Year.

- The selection process of Region 8 will remain the same for 2008.
 1. Each of the eight states will implement its own selection criteria.
 2. The Region 8 Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the full Region 8 JO Committee.

Nancy Hawkins thanked the Committee for each person's help during the Level 9/10 Regionals.

It was suggested that we could better coordinate each SACC's arrival and departure time next year in order to share all of the apparel and National registrations responsibilities needed.

Debby reminded SACC's that Financial Statements were due to her and John Hewett on 7/15/07.

A Level 9/10 Regional Financial statement was presented. A loss of \$158.45 was incurred.

An incomplete Level 8 Regional Financial statement was presented. A profit of about \$7000 was shown.

Nancy Hawkins asked the question of clarification of each SACC's role in monitoring behavior of individual coaches at a Regional meet. She was distressed at the number of coaches who repeatedly disregarded rules while on the competitive floor. Included in rule violations were coach's encouraging their non-competing athletes on the floor, bringing coaches' children in the competitive arena, and allowing non-competing athletes to partake of the coaches' room food.

Discussion:

- Could financial sanctions be imposed on offending coaches?
- Could SACC's personally have spoken to the offending coaches more at the Regional and in a later discussion?
- For the minutes, a statement was suggested that if the offending coaches realized that their disrespect and thoughtlessness were so grievous that the Committee spent 20 minutes of a Regional meeting discussing the problem; perhaps they would realize the need for a behavioral change.

Debby reminded the SACC's that the inventory report was due by July 15, 2007.

State Committee elections discussion:

- The question was asked if there was a specific procedure for all states when counting votes for state Committee positions.
- It was determined that each state follows its own procedure differently.

Debby relayed that Sallie Weaver of GymKin wanted the membership to know that GK will fix any problems with apparel, as long as they are aware of the problems. GK donated over 8000 pieces of apparel to the JO program during the 2007 season, and were happy to do so.

Jamie at A-1 Awards also asked the gymnastics community to contact her if anyone had problems with ribbons on medals. A-1 will send new clips and ribbons for any faulty ones.

Debby reminded the SACC's that a completed Competitive Form is due August 31, 2007.

TOPS – Elite Report

Toni Rand reported to the Committee that the effort in Region 8 is to move meets out of Florida and into other states.

- TOPS information will be in the next Regional newsletter. The majority of states are being well served by their TOPS coordinator.
- The TOPS skills are going to be harder. The changes and testing dates will be published on the usa-gymnastics.org website.

RTC Report

Marian reported that the committee met following JO Nationals, along with the other two national committees. The minutes are available on-line.

Marian encouraged everyone to read the RTC minutes published online carefully.

Debby reported on the joint RC, JO, and RTC meeting. Updates of the changes for *Rules and Policies* will be available by June 15, 2007 and will be in minute-form on-line.

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Debby reminded the SACC's of the State Chair workshop on Wednesday, Aug. 15th @ 2:00 pm in San Jose. The Summit Dinner for all State and Regionals officers will be at 6:30.

A Regional Committee meeting will be at Training Camp in Winston-Salem, if needed. Otherwise the next meeting will be the winter meeting, in Orlando, on Dec. 14th, in the morning. Toni will confirm a site within the week. Toni will coordinate the meeting with the next Elite Training opportunity.

Other Business:

Jennie asked about known plans for the National Compulsory meet in Florida in November. It appears that the preliminary plans call for Level 5 to be on Friday, Level 6's on Saturday. Level 7's are to be on Sunday, with no team competition. (USAG has since cancelled this competition.)

Recommendation to adjourn at 8:45 P.M.

Motion: Jennie Adams
Second: Margie Pierce
PASSED unanimously

Hurricane Fund Thank You

Deb Kornegay, RACC

Thank you so much for everything that you all have done for me. I didn't know where to turn when I needed help, and you all were there for me and my children.

Thank you again with all of my heart.

God bless you all.

Merlita, Bridgett, Brandon

Region 8 Address Book

Deb Kornegay, RACC

The updated version of the Region 8 Address Book and Excel spreadsheet is available. The book alone is \$15.00 and the book and Excel spreadsheet together are \$25.00. Labels for mailing can be printed from Excel spreadsheet. An order form is in this newsletter. Proceeds from the sales go to Region 8 USAG>

Financial Report 8/1/06 - 7/31/07



INCOME:

Clinics/Workshop		\$ 7,997.70
Competition Fees		28,074.00
Competitions		100.00
Other Income		
Donations	2,854.00	
Interest Income	0.27	
Reimbursements travel	<u>420.00</u>	
TOTAL Other Income		3,274.27
Promotional		5,740.32
Rebates Athlete		12,768.51
Rebates Pro		11,916.97
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$69,871.77</u>

EXPENSES:

Awards/Apparel		\$34,865.33
Certifications		242.00
Clinics/Workshop Exp.		7,356.76
Communications		
Newsletter - Print, Postage	18,293.97	
Phone	4,078.06	
Web Page	<u>565.00</u>	
TOTAL Communications		22,937.03
Competitions Expense		2,148.38
Office		
Secretarial	75.00	
Supplies	<u>4,169.86</u>	
TOTAL Office		4,244.86
Promotional expense		1,225.97
Travel - Meetings		14,545.35
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$87,565.68</u>

OVERALL TOTAL - \$17,693.91