

Region Board Minutes

November 15, 2014 7:42 pm Seattle, Washington

Present:

Meg Doxtator - RACC

Linda Mulvihill - RTCC

Dianne Palmer -RXCC

Laurie Reid - RJOCC

Martha Dunn – SACC Alaska

Pam Zak – SACC Hawaii

Marian DeWane – SACC Idaho

Josh Burnham – SACC Montana

Molly Gill – SACC Oregon

Sandy Flores – SACC Washington

Guest: Ann Heppner - R2 NAWGJ Chairman

JO Report: Laurie Reid

- 1) We expect approximately \$30,000 in revenue from the camps this fall. Final net profit has not yet been calculated as not all expenses in.
- 2) Several suggestions to build camaraderie at the training camps were discussed, including grouping athletes by age group and/or having a post High-Tech activity to socialize. I.e. Bowling or some type of party.
- 3) Discussion about combining Hotshots and Hi Tech and extending the camp from Friday night through Sunday and having 12 stations. Possible problems:
 - a. Imposition on host gym such as having to cancel Saturday morning classes.
 - b. Would the younger hot shots get tired during the longer sessions (perhaps divide by age group and shorten for younger gymnasts);
 - c. Limits the number of gyms able to host due to number in attendance. (Gymnasts were turned away; some gyms brought Level 8's and college coaches can only work with 9's and 10's). Laurie is looking for input on these questions.
 - d. The goal of High Tech is to have all solid level 9 and 10 athletes- discussion was held about having requiring all participants to have all special requirements for Level 9 and preferably a flipping vault. This year High Tech had 94 athletes and 35 at the Hot Shots portion. Each state needs to brainstorm how to get more of their 9/10 athletes to the camp.
- 4) Discussion of states using clinic money to support the region apparel fund. The region spends approximately \$150 per Level 10 athlete qualifying to JO Nationals on apparel and Laurie wanted us look at providing some additional support from each state. Laurie mentioned the possibility of doing a 2-3 hour clinic in conjunction with a meet and charging \$35.00 with proceeds going to the fund. Other suggestions included doing parent sessions during high tech and a parent college questions and answer session. Discussion to continue at the next meeting.

- 5) Discussion about raising the qualifying score to the regional meet now that Regions can set their own qualifying scores. Concerns were expressed about the self-esteem of a gymnast who just barely qualifies for Westerns and ends up last. The ensuing discussion included: 1) the observation that in any meet someone is going to be last. The coach needs to do a certain amount of expectation-managing for a gymnast who barely qualifies; 2) Some gymnasts are “tickled pink” just to qualify to Regionals and aren’t crushed by coming in low in the rankings. 3) Should the score to qualify for Regionals be higher than that for Westerns or Nationals? 4) What would the impact be on gym hosts with approximately 16 fewer gymnasts? 5) Some kids have a bad meet at State but then do really well at Nationals.

Motion: Raise the qualifying score to Region 2 Championships to a 35.00 AA at the State Meet

Motion made by: Sandy Flores

Second: Laurie Reid.

Motion defeated. (2 for, 6 against, 1 abstain)

2015 Regional Meet schedule

Thursday Practice Day, Level 7 Invitational TBA

(All 9 and 10 athletes will be sized for apparel on Thursday)

Friday – Level 10, Level 8 State Team

Saturday – Level 9, Level 9, Level 8 Senior Age Group

Sunday – Level 8, Level 8, Level 6 Invitational

Level 8 qualifying will still be a % of a %. Please get numbers of those COMPETING to Marian by Monday of state meets. Each states qualifying numbers will be sent to state chairs by Wednesday of that week.

RTC Report: Linda Mulvihill

- 1) The changes for Level 9 Western and JO Championships were approved by GK (supplier of the regional uniforms). In 2015, Level 9 Western’s will have 16 age divisions and 7 athletes per group from each region. In 2016, Level 10 Nationals will have 12 age divisions. There will NOT be an NIT meet in 2016.
- 2) Judges names have been submitted to Connie for Westerns and Nationals. Thank you to the states for getting the names in so quickly.
- 3) The Technical Committee is working on several projects for next year’s congresses.
- 4) There will be a HOPES qualifying meet in Region 2 April 11/12, 2015 hosted by Auburn Gymnastics.
- 5) Read the new technical release of definitions of affiliated judges.
- 6) Meet directors must now provide heat sheets for scoring personnel to double-check.
- 7) There are new landing deduction clarifications in the technical minutes:
- 8) If there is music with “word like sounds”, it needs to be sent to the committee who will then send it to Cheryl and Connie. The coach will be informed if the music has been approved by RTCC.

- 9) For judges to get CPE credit, the event MUST be sanctioned and the appropriate request form sent in.

Xcel Report: Dianne Palmer

- 1) Results from a survey indicated 1000 Xcel athletes in the region and growing.
- 2) In the survey, a question was asked about a post state event for Xcel. The response was divided. Suggestion was given for a possible Apple Blossom Invitational as the post Xcel event.

International Trip Report: Meg Doxtator

- The board was divided about taking a trip or going to camp at the Ranch. Both are being researched.

Regional Congress will be at the Multnomah Athletic Club June 18 – 21, 2015. Regional Congress for 2016 was discussed, Sandy offered Emerald City as a location. Date preferred for 2016 is August 26/27 weekend. National Congress will be in June in conjunction with Olympic Trials that year. Olympics are in August.

Regional bids for 2017 are due by the regional meeting in April 2015. Hawaii is being researched as a possible site.

State Reports:

Alaska – working on getting a state website. There have been several complaints about the length of time background checks were taking.

Hawaii – Pam’s fundraiser was held on two different weekends due to facilities. It worked out great.

Idaho – Two clinics this year that were very successful. Planning fall and spring clinics again this year.

Montana – had a great clinic and are increasing the number of higher level athletes in the state.

Oregon – Is out of the red financially and things are going great.

Washington – no report at this time.

Meeting adjourned 9:56 pm.

Next meeting TBA at the regional meet April 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Dunn and Marian DeWane