

Region 2 Administrative Committee Meeting August 14, 2015

In attendance:

Marian Dewane (RACC)
Linda Mulvihill (RTC)
Laurie Reid (RJOC) * excused until 6:45
Dianne Palmer (RXC)
Martha Dunn - Alaska SACC
Pam Zak - Hawaii SACC
Mark Kindelspire - Idaho SACC
Josh Burnham - Montana SACC
Molly Gill - Oregon SACC
Sandy Flores - Washington SACC *excused at 7:30

Guests: Ann Heppner (Region 2 - NAWGJ), Cori Rizzo (NACC), Tom Koll (NJOCC), Claudia Kretschmer (NXCC)

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

1. General:

- a. The new email address for the Regional Chairman is: r2racc@gmail.com. Mark Kindelspire was introduced as the new State Chairman for Idaho.
- b. The minutes from the meeting on 04/16/201 were approved with no corrections.
- c. Regional Meet Bids: 2016 is hosted by Mark Kindelspire in Pullman, WA. 2017 is hosted by Jim Tighe in Boise, ID. Marian would like to have bids for 2018 by spring of this year, especially if either Hawaii or Alaska are going to host. Obtaining bids two years in advance is beneficial as it is getting harder to obtain facilities one year out. The 2018 regional meet is the weekend of April 13-15. This does not conflict with NCAA Regionals or Nationals. **Bids for the 2018 Regional meet are due to Marian by April 1, 2016.** The hosting decision will be based on the merit of the bids received and not restricted by geography, but geography may be considered in the decision-making process.

2. Financial Report and discussion.

- a. Marian reviewed the financial statement received from USAGYM. The checks for the apparel deposit for \$5170 have not been received by the National Office and that issue is being worked on. Without the apparel deposit, the regional account balance is only \$515.20 as of 6/30/2015. This does not include the \$6000 made by Region 2 Congress or the \$1800 received from the silent auction. Marian notes that this is the first time in many years that regional congress has made money.

- b. Apparel: Approximately \$26,000 was spent on apparel between athletes and coaches. In order to reduce the expense of apparel and eliminate unneeded surplus, coaches going to High Tech will be sized in advance. Josh, Mark, Molly and Martha took an action item to select apparel for coaches and athletes.
- c. Sandy suggested an on-line store through which the parents and supporters can buy apparel. Marian will research this further.
- d. Upcoming expenses include the Super Camps and High Tech Camp. Current expenses include the region paying the expenses for the RTC, the JOCC, the RXC, and the RACC to attend National Congress and meetings during the year. In some cases, the region can save money if one of them is judging. For National Congress, Linda's expenses are paid by the National Office since she is judging the P & G Championship. The Region was also required to purchase a table at the Hall of Fame luncheon and the catering for the board meeting dinner.
- e. Reserves and income generation:
 - 1. Consensus was that reserves should be at least \$10,000.
 - 2. Bid for 2017 Westerns and use of Century Link Arena in Boise or Bid for Level 10 Nationals using a facility in Eugene, OR. Facility rental there is more but catering is less.

Motion: Molly Gill moved that the Regional Administrative Committee would bid for 2017 Level 9 Western Competition in Boise, Idaho. **Second:** Sandy Flores. Discussion: Boise is easier to get to than Eugene and the facility and city got excellent reviews the last time the competition was held there. **Approved unanimously.**

- f. Other budget items:
 - i. Leis. The Region purchases head leis (haku) for use by the Level 10 competitors during march-in. Last year's bill was 1500. Marian and Pam will try to find a donor for the cost of the leis.
 - ii. Payment of Level 9 entry fees to Westerns: this was done for the first time last year for a total expense of approximately \$13,000. Expense for Level 10 entry fees was \$8000.

Motion: Martha Dunn moved to discontinue paying the Level 9 entry fees but to continue paying the Level 10 entry fees. **Second:** Dianne Palmer. **Approved unanimously.**

- g. International Trip: The region has planned a trip to Guatemala over Memorial Day weekend, 2016. This would include a competition with a local gym and numerous cultural and social events. Feedback from coaches who have had gymnasts go say that it is a very positive and rewarding event. Gymnasts will be invited in order of rank at the Level 10 Regional meet until all slots are filled (or as many who want to go who are invited). The expenses for the region would be the entry fee and the delegation leader's airfare and hotel. Total estimated cost is \$2000.

Motion: Laurie Reid moves to take ten Level 10's to Guatemala over Memorial Day, 2016, paying only entry fee and delegation leader's expenses. **Second:** Josh Burnham. **Approved unanimously.** **

3. Committee Reports:

- a. RTC Report: Linda reports that presentations have been given at all Regional Congresses and at National Congresses in an effort to promote consistency of judging nation-wide. These presentations will be available as on-line courses through USAGYM University. Marian reminded group that any music with voice that could be construed as words should be sent to Linda for approval. Vocal noises are OK but no words. If approved by the National Office, a form is sent to the coach for use at meets where this might be questioned as a possible deduction.
- b. RXC Report: Dianne reported that not much new has come out since the April meeting at Regionals. There might be a regional XCEL fun meet/camp in the fall of 2016 to use as a fund raiser.
- c. NAWGJ Report: Ann thanked the board for consistently inviting her to attend the RAC meetings.
 - i. Ann suggested having a Friday night session for local area judges at High Tech camp for use as a possible fund raiser.
 - ii. She also discussed the ongoing problem of helping the judges selected for the Regional meet to fulfill their obligation of attending one of the required clinics (High Tech, Regional Congress, National Congress, NAWGJ Symposium). Two years ago a suggestion was written into the minutes urging the states to do this, but some states have run into resistance from their administrative committees. Ann pointed out that this requirement comes from RAC, and so having them help with the expenses is appropriate. Laurie and Martha both stated that the judges should pay part of their way due to the educational benefit they are receiving and to show that they are genuinely interested in receiving the education. Marian suggested that it might be appropriate for the RAC to help fund this expense requirement. **Action: Laurie Reid and Ann Heppner to research the issue and make a recommendation concerning amounts to the Regional Committee.**
 - iii. Ann presented a financial report from the Level 8 team competition. Her office made \$766.55 with the entry fee from one state still pending from the event. Once paid, total profit will be \$1300. The problem with the late arrival of team leotards from the supplier was discussed and Ann will have a serious conversation with the supplier before using them again.
 - iv. Ann said that years ago a joint NAWGJ/R2 Committee meeting was held in conjunction with a regional meet and suggested doing this again as a team building effort, possibly as soon as 2016 in Pullman.
- d. RJOE Report:
 - i. Laurie stated that Super Camp and High Tech camp dates were posted on the regional website and that she already had fifty entries for High Tech Camp.

- ii. Super camps use local coaches. High Tech camp has six local college coaches and Mike Hunger. Laurie stressed the importance of using Super Camp to help coaches rid their gymnasts of bad habits to ensure they reach Level 9 and 10 with good form. These camps could raise up to \$20000 for the region. Local clinicians who help get \$200 or apparel. Coaches who bring 10 gymnasts also get apparel. Marian asked Laurie for a report after the camps so that she knows who is owed apparel.
 - iii. Marian asked the committee if the Super Camps and High Tech camp could be set to specific weekends going forward. Pam suggested December as a possibility, but the consensus was the November was the month when many coaches decided the competition level of their athletes for the next season. The committee recommended that future Super Camps and High Tech Camp be held within the first three weeks of November.
- e. RACC Report: Marian discussed the Operating Code and the Rules and Policies. The R and P will no longer be sent upon request to members.
 - i. The Region 2 Website was out of date and the number one issue needed to be addressed. Marian has now worked on it. The link to "Region 2" Facebook has been removed as no one knew who owned it. A Hall of Fame page has been added. Marian is also trying to get some historical information to add. Any suggestions should be sent to Marian.
 - ii. Regional Meet: Marian reminded the regional meet is the responsibility of the regional Committee. Last year three sessions were needed for both level 9's and 8's. The number of level 10's this year may require two sessions. The consensus was that there is no benefit to having four sessions in one day. Mark is not sure that a Level 7 invitational will help defray the expense of the meet. Laurie advised that last year's schedule did not allow for the desired bonding time for the Level 10 team. She need 1 – 1 ½ hours for that session. Everyone concurred that sizing the level 10's and 9's during their Thursday practice session like Sandy did in 2015 was a good idea. Ann advised that the Thu-Fri-Sat format of last year was not as desirable as the previous years' Fri-Sat-Sun format. The committee decided that the Level 8 Team meet would start around noon on Friday to be followed by the Level 10 session. Level 9's would be on Saturday and Level 8's on Sunday. Thursday would be a practice day. If two sessions of level 10's are needed, the Level 8 team meet would be moved to earlier on Friday to accommodate the second session of 10's. Dianne Palmer formally volunteered to coordinate Volunteers for the meet.
- f. State Reports:
 - i. Alaska – Martha advised that the season would now be split with compulsories in the fall and optionals in the spring. This is due to increased numbers. She advised that she had lost two board members

who had done a lot of work on clinics. New website under development and almost done.

- ii. Hawaii – Pam advised that Hawaii had their first optional clinic ever this past summer. It turned out well and they are planning another for next summer.
- iii. Idaho – Mark advised they had a good clinic in June. This was an invitational for the top 10 AA's for level 8's and 8's and all Level 10's. Level 6's and 7's had to submit videos of the gymnasts doing the required skills in order to attend. Idaho has added a fall compulsory season (in addition to existing spring season) this year, but numbers for the fall season are low. The spring State Meet will be held in conjunction with Boise State's conference meet.
- iv. Montana - Josh said the state is pretty unified going forward, with 3-4 of the larger clubs working together to advance the quality of gymnastics within the state. Josh runs a meet to raise money for the state.
- v. Oregon – Molly's focus was raising money since she inherited a negative bank balance when she took office. Her accounts are now in the black. Oregon wanted to run a clinic but did not get the attendance to support it. The state is running an XCEL meet in order to raise funds.
- vi. Washington – Laurie advised that Washington has changed the way scores are compiled for mobility: that is, when state meet qualifiers send in their application they must also submit documentation supporting that the gymnasts has received the necessary score to qualify instead of the state chairman tracking them. Each level (XCEL and JO) except level 5 needs a 32.0 to qualify; Level 5's need no qualifying score.

Next meeting: High Tech Camp, Friday Nov 13, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05. **Motion to adjourn: Dianne Palmer. Second: Josh Burnham. Approved unanimously.**

**Sandy Flores was opposed to this but had to leave the meeting prior to the vote. Per Cori Rizzo, no vote can be recorded in absentia and so the result was recorded as unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Dunn, SACC - Alaska