Region 7 Committee Meeting Minutes

Indianapolis, In

February 27, 2018, 4:00pm

Present: Jen Bortz (RACC), Myra Elfenbein (RTCC), Jane Caruso (RXCC), Bonnie Synol (RJD), Steve Garman (VA), Adam Bowman (WV), Donna Guenther (PA), Jay Barrows (MD), Brant Lutska (NJ)

Excused: Linda Johnson (RJOCC), Cleo Washington (DE)

We were invited to Indianapolis to meet with the new CEO of USA Gymnastics, Kerry Perry, as well as other key members of the Women’s Program Committee of USA Gymnastics. All National, Regional and State Committee Chairs were invited to attend, and the majority did attend. In this meeting we had the opportunity to bring – directly to the top – the questions and concerns we have been hearing from our membership. We were encouraged to offer suggestions for improvement and for future change. We had a great discussion about the future of USA Gymnastics and the steps we as a gymnastics community are taking to make the future even brighter. We offered suggestions of help, encouragement and at times challenged them with additional concerns we have been hearing in our Communities. At one point in the meeting all 88 of the Committee members in attendance stood up to show our support of USA Gymnastics’ future. As leaders within our Region and in our individual States, we felt hope, determination and strength to get this right. We asked for a group statement that would summarize not only what Kerry Perry spoke about, but also the feeling in the room as we met with members of the USA Gymnastics staff. That statement is shared below.

Group statement:

USA Gymnastics holds the highest standard of care for athletes and members.

We have the desire to rebuild and to move forward.

We have the opportunity right now, in the history of USA Gymnastics, in our sport, and in our country, to lead, saying, we are going to get it right.  By doing that, we will honor our athletes who have been impacted and we will honor all USA Gymnastics members and participants, including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, parents, judges, and volunteers.

We will not be the organization that shuts the doors, changes the name, and puts a new face on the same institution.

At the end of the day, we have an opportunity to improve USA Gymnastics.  We have an obligation to meet the challenge that has been set before us and to become a better organization.  It is about sharing positive gymnastics stories and getting it right.

We will get it right.

Eighty-Eight Women’s Program USA Gymnastics National, Regional, and State leaders stood today to wholeheartedly support USA Gymnastics.

**Level 8 Regional:**

***Motion: Jay Barrows (MD):***

***Team awards at the State Team Competition round will be made up of the top 5 scores.***

***There will be 4 age divisions within in the State Team Competition for individual event and AA awards, the top 3 places will be awarded in each age division.***

***Second: Brant Lutska, NJ***

***Passed: 5 in favor, 1 against, 1 abstain.***

***Motion: Donna Guenther, (Pa):***

***Trophies will be awarded for the top 3 State teams.***

***Second: Steve Garman, (VA)***

***Passed: 5 in favor, 1 against, 1 abstain.***

***Motion: Jane Caruso, (RXCC):***

***Each State will designate their own “outwear” to be worn as the State Team warm up jacket. Maximum cost not to exceed $50.00 per jacket.***

***Second: Donna Guenther, (Pa)***

***Passed: Unanimously***

Reminders/Discussions:

Because of the close proximity of USA Gymnastics’ National Congress to some of the States within our Region, Region 7 will not be holding a Regional Congress in 2018. Join us at National Congress in Providence, Rhode Island for a great couple of days of education fit for all your Staff! The early bird registration deadline is quickly approaching, and a list of presenters will be available on the USA Gymnastics website within the next few days. We hope to have a large Region 7 showing at this educational opportunity.

The Region will determine alternate locations to award the Lynn Perrott Memorial Scholarship and Club of the year in 2018.

***Motion: Jay Barrows (Md): to Adjorn at 5:35pm***

***Second: Jane Caruso, (RXCC).***

***Passed: Unanimously***