

# **Region 4 Administrative Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

June 7, 2012

### **I. Call to order**

Jim called to order the regular meeting of the R4 Administrative Committee at 5:15pm on June 7, 2012 in St. Louis, MO.

### **II. Roll call**

Jim conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Todd, Zena, Bryon, Whitney, Tracy, Linda, Jim. Dave & Rick were absent – coming later.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Jim read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

### **IV. Financial Report**

Bryon reported that money was made on both R4 camps – great news!

Jim reported that head tax was still incomplete – missing NE & WI. Head tax is up about \$1000 yearly. Question was raised about adding Xcel to head tax.

Concern was expressed that the financial reports from USAG are hard to read – USAG is bringing in outside support to change the system.

Linda moved to approve the financial report, Tracy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Financial report was approved.

### **V. RACC Report -- Jim**

- a) State meet entry fees -- \$65 compulsory, \$75 optional. It's ok if you can't break even when hosting a state championships – send a simple financial report to Jim and he can override.
- b) 2013 Regional Congress – June 14-16 in Coralville, IA at the Marriott. Will be a compulsory clinic with add-ons.
- c) Regional Awards – Saturday at 6:30pm. Program of the Year, Contributor of the Year, Athlete of the Year (tabled 'til after Championships).
- d) Coaches' Certification 2013 – get the message out and encourage your state membership to register and get certified!

### **VI. RTCC Report -- Linda**

- e) 2013 Clinics – Judges re-test in July. Reno/Orlando – might do optional webinar instead of clinic. Can order code April 1<sup>st</sup> – probably not get until June. Code of points – done in December.
- f) Technical Committee has produced first online course – beginning optional bars. Beam will be finished this summer.
- g) Submit Judges for 2013 Regionals – can state representation be at Level 8 meet rather than at 9/10? Would this add more travel cost? How would judges be selected – based on experience?

Bryon moves each state receives equal representation but that the assigning will be left up to RTCC (level, event, etc.) Todd seconds. Motion was unanimously approved.

- h) JO Nationals in Region 4 next year (2013) – offer support and help!

## **VII. RJOCC Report -- Bryon**

- i) Biggest questions on the new code – “I am this level now, what level will I be in 2014?” Level 5&6 are concurrent levels.

## **VIII. State Reports**

- j) Todd – IA: 138 Opt. at State, 252 Xcel. New clubs – gym hopping/ “Stealing” kids – facebooking kids, etc. Bryon asked if there was an athlete contact policy in the state handbook?
- k) MO – Zena: Split state meets – 860 kids (90 Xcel kids).
- l) WI – Rick: Lv. 7 Regionals? Coaches want it! Xcel going national?
- m) ND – Whitney: 3 clubs without head coaches/directors. Lacking judges, poor response from membership.
- n) SD – Tracy: 285 Lv. 4-10 athletes. Struggling with judges – flight costs, etc. Thinking about starting Xcel.
- o) NE – Barb: 4 is down, 5 is up, 6 is down, 7-10: 83 kids. Xcel – 180 at state.

## **IX. Old Business**

- p) Regional Calendar 2012  
Training Camps – Bryon reported that the North Camp would be Oct. 13-14 – bid from Classic. The South camp would be Sept. 22-23, either St. Louis Gym Center or Eagles.  
--Moved by Linda to choose St. Louis Gym Center. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd. Unanimously

approved.

--Rick moved that the North Camp be held at Classic. Whitney 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimously approved.

q) National Calendar

Westerns will be in Region 1 in 2013.

2014 JO Nationals – Jackson, MS.

r) Releasing Survey Results

Bryon moved that the survey results (on behalf o the state/R4 committee) can be made public provided that personal/private information be removed/omitted. Tracy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimously approved.

s) Judges Apparel

Judges are given apparel to wear at training camps... but do they go?

Zena moves that assigned judges will receive regional apparel provided they participate at or work at a Region 4 Training camp within two years of receiving said apparel. If above criteria is not met, said judge(s) must reimburse R4 \$250. Tracy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rick Opposes, All else approve. Motion is passed.

t) Regional Format

Bryon moves that R4 Championships for levels 9, 10 & Super Team Lv. 8 be hosted using capital cup format if numbers allow. If numbers do not allow, Super Team Lv. 8 and Level 9's will move to modified Capital Cup at the committee's discretion. Rick 2nds. Unanimously approved.

u) Regional Refund Policy

Rick moves that any scratch notice given prior to official regional meet coaches' meeting be awarded full refund. Barb 2nds. Unanimously approved.

v) Coaches Apparel

R4 2013-2016 – Merlot

Recommendation that the RTJOCC Assistant contact all of the state chairs for input regarding R4 Apparel.

Tracy moves that apparel styles be maintained for a minimum of two consecutive years provided styles remain available. Todd 2nds. Unanimously approved.

w) Implementing National Xcel Rules in 2012-2013

Recommendation to use National Rules without the use of the diamond level.

x) Regional Xcel Championships

Rick moves that R4 hold a 2013-2014 R4 Xcel Championship Meet. Barb 2nds.  
--April or May of 2014  
--Bryon likes the idea of the meet but thinks the 2013-2014 season is too soon.  
Rick and Barb approve. Bryon, Todd, Zena, Linda oppose. Motion Fails.

Rick moves that R4 hold a 2014-2015 R4 Xcel Championship Meet. Bryon 2nds.  
Unanimously approved.

Jim recommends seeking regional Xcel bids next spring (2013).  
--Committee discusses voting on meet format prior to Dec. 31, 2012.

y) Level 7 Regionals

Whitney suggests bundling with Xcel.  
Linda doesn't feel we have enough tools to distinguish between good and great Level 7's.

z) 2014 Regional Bids

Whitney removes herself from meeting.

Review bids: TNT Gymnastics Academy, Sapphire Gymnastics  
Bryon moves that TNT Gymnastics Academy be awarded the 2014 Regional bid.  
Tracy 2nds. Unanimously approves.

Whitney joins meeting.

**X. New business**

aa) RJOCC Assistant Position

Attends meetings as requested by committee.  
Will run one training camp and handle R4 Apparel.

Todd moves to appoint Kim Fuchs as RJOCC Assistant for the 2012-2013 Season.  
Linda 2nds. Unanimously approved.

bb) Level 8 Super Team

Whitney moves the R4 committee guarantee that 9 spots per state be reserved for Level 8 Super Team athletes (8 per state rotation and 1 alternate) regardless of score and that that states may set their own minimum qualifying score. Todd 2nds.  
Unanimously approved.

cc) "Per Meet" Head Tax

Committee discusses charging a "per meet" head tax fee from the region.

Whitney moves to enact a \$2.00 per athlete fee at every sanctioned meet held within an R4 state – Clubs shall pay the state the entire amount, after which \$1 per athlete is to be kept by the state and \$1 is to be paid by the state to the region. Todd 2nds. Unanimously approved. **Change will go into effect for the 2013 –2014 season.**

## **XI. Adjournment**

Jim adjourned the meeting at **9:00 p.m.**.

Minutes submitted by: Whitney

Minutes approved by: [Name]