

Region 4 Administrative Committee Meeting
June 12, 2014
Coralvile, IA

6:08 PM - Meeting called to order

Attending: Jim Schlott, Tracy Ponto, Liz Lilla, Dave Garske, Tod Beyer, Paige Roth, Rick Nelson, Bryon Hough, Kathy Sanford, Barb Botierri, Annie Heffernon, Robin Smith (6:24), Linda Thorberg (6:49).

1. Minutes from April 10, 2014 RACC Meeting reviewed .
Unanimously approved
2. Financial Report presented by Schlott. Region 4 account holds \$39,915 at end of FY 13/14.
3. State Chairman reports from each state:
 - a. Missouri holding State Committee Member elections, state meet formats are unchanged for 2015 and will be hosting an Optional Training Camp in August 2015.
 - b. Minnesota holding a Free State Congress September 13-14, 2014
 - c. Wisconsin had voted to have 4 judge panels at Optional State meet but reverted back to 2 judges panels due to lack of judge availability.
 - d. Nebraska reports a new State Chairman, Liz Lilla, and most XCEL athletes still competing Amerikids instead of USA Gym. They are using colors instead of numerical score for Bronze division of XCEL.
 - e. Iowa reports that overall number of athletes is growing and are excited to be hosting JO Nationals in 2015.
 - f. South Dakota will be holding their first XCEL State Meet in 2015 and have added an XCEL Representative to their State Administrative Committee.
 - g. North Dakota will be holding their first XCEL State Meet in 2015 in conjunction with their JO State Meet.
4. RACC Report given by Schlott
 - a. Judges can receive gifts up to \$20 retail value
 - b. New branding kits are available for State and Regional s and should be used.
 - c. USA Gym's new logo is available via dropbox and is the only logo approved for use and must be used on everything.
 - d. Petitions to drop back a level should be approved by the entire committee responsible for each level:
 - i. Level 7 and below reviewed by State Committee
 - ii. Level 8-10 reviewed by Regional Committee
 - iii. Elite reviewed by National Committee
 - e. If a coach violates professional responsibilities at a sanctioned event the following protocol should be followed:
 - i. 1st Offense – a verbal warning issued informing them of offense
 - ii. 2nd Offense – withdraw floor credentials thereby removing offending member from field of play
 - f. Sanction Reports do not have to be sent o RACC anymore.
 - g. Unaffiliated teams or team that train in different locations cannot combine into one team for team competition.

5. RJOCC Report given by Hough
 - a. As of August 1, 2014 a 60' min. and 80' max vault runway for Levels 1-5.
 - b. A gymnast with previous competitive experience outside of US can petition the RAC for advanced placement within the JO Program.
 - c. In 2016, JO National Championships will eliminate the 4 Jr age groups, 4 Sr age groups and NIT format and replace with a 6 Jr age groups , 6 Sr age groups and no NIT format.
 - d. In 2015, JO Western Championships will use 16 age groups (8 Jr, 8 Sr) with 7 athletes in each age group qualifying in from each Region.
 - e. Effective August 1, 2014, all state meets and above will allow a warm-up time of 2.5 minutes/athlete.
 - f. If due to religious reasons an athlete is unable to compete with designated age group, she can compete at another approved time but is not eligible for awards.

6. RTCC Report given by Thorberg
 - a. To receive A value part for beam mount, the skill must be in the Code of Points.
 - b. Pullover mount on beam is now an A
 - c. Sequential wave on floor and beam for Level 4 and 5 can receive deduction of up to .1 for failure to contract or arch.
 - d. Cast squat on is considered 1 element.
 - e. Level 6 Bars circle element must be a clear circle from group 3, 6, or 7
 - f. Level 9 and 10 must have a ½ turn or deduct .05 if only a full turn is performed and deduct .1 if no turn is performed.
 - g. Level 6 Beam acro must pass through or achieve a vertical handstand.
 - h. Coach stepping onto the floor to pull a mat or pick something up is allowed without deduction.
 - i. Recommend tape on mats instead of chalk
 - j. Both vault scores must be entered into the score system
 - k.

7. RXCC Report given by Roth
 - a. The program is growing and in 2015 the first XCEL Regional Championship will be held.
 - b. State Administrative Committees are responsible for
 - i. Declaration date for XCEL athlete divisions
 - ii. Judging panel requirements
 - iii. Awards
 - iv. Team awards criteria by division in State Meet.

8. Old Business
 - a. Judges for XCEL Regionals will be determined at a later date
 - b. Judges for Regionals 2015 eligibility must follow requirements in order to be considered for Regional assignments.
 - c. Dropping training day at Regionals for financial reasons, primarily for travel for athletes and coaches and facility costs for meet directors.

Motion: Hough moves to drop training day from Regionals Championship meet in 2015.
 Beyer seconds.
 Passed (8/2)

9. New Business

- a. Training camp formats discussed as several different formats have been used in the past.

Motion: Sanford moves to run two training camps simultaneously in the same host city, one for Level 7/8 and one for Level 9/10 in 2014.

Ponto seconds

Passed unanimously

Motion: Thorberg moves to allow all JO qualifiers and NIT athletes free attendance at Region 4 Training camps, Level 9 Western qualifiers pay half price and all remaining athletes pay full price effective immediately.

Hough seconds

Passed (9/1)

Motion: Beck moves to set training camp bid date as July 15.

Roth seconds

Passed unanimously

- b. College coaches working at Region 4 Training Camp will be required to be USA Gym professional members.
- c. Discussion as to the number of awards given at Regional Championships. Currently awarding 50% and only 2 age groups (junior and senior) for Level 8 Super Team session.

Motion: Hough moves to award 25% or USA R&P, whichever is greater, at Region 4 Championships.

Botierri seconds

Passed unanimously

Motion: Roth moves to set 3 even age groups by birthdate in the Level 8 Super Team session.

Ponto seconds

Passed unanimously

- d. Region 4 website discussion as to the merits of allocating money to assist with maintenance and update of the website.

Motion: Beck moves to allocate up to \$2,000 to website support annually.

Beyer seconds

Passed unanimously

- e. Hough clarifies that there should be a quantifiable system to determine JO Program of the Year for each state and the Region. Hough will provide a sample of the criteria Florida uses as it is comprehensive and equitable.

Hough moves to adjourn the meeting , Beck seconds. Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM.