

**Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting**  
**September 17, 2017**  
**12:36 p.m. – 4:11 p.m.**  
**Louisville, KY**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:36pm by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Dave Stiles.

**II. ROLL CALL**

*Present:*

Dave Stiles, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)  
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)  
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)  
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)  
Amy Replogle, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)  
Brian Blewitt, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)  
Tami Schaafsma, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)  
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)  
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)  
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator  
Donna Trevethan, Regional Judging Director (RJD)

**III. WELCOME**

Regional Chairman, David Stiles, welcomed everyone to the Region 5 Congress committee meeting.

**IV. CONGRESS REVIEW**

There were over 700 registrants for congress this year. Justin Wolford took over the organization of the congresses. There is a learning curve but the congress was successful. The following are suggestions for consideration for future congresses.

1. It was suggested that the congress schedule booklet have information on the trivia night, banquet and any other social activities sponsored by the region.
2. The cost of the congress could be raised to include the banquet.
3. The banquet should start sooner so that there is time for networking following the banquet.
4. The cocktail hour should occur in the hallway outside the banquet venue. This would allow the banquet set up to continue during the cocktail hour.
5. The Hall of Fame section of the banquet was too long. It was suggested that we use the same format the National Office uses. A two minute voice over video will show the highlights of the inductee's career along with written captions on their Region 5 involvement. Augusta Lipsey will share the applications with Jason for him to do this task easily. The inductee will have two to five minutes for their acceptance speech.
6. The Hall of Fame inductee introduction by the award presenter can be done live or as part of the video.
7. Tami Schaafsma is developing a survey monkey to obtain feedback on the Congress, Banquet and Trivia night.
8. Consider interjecting fun activities in-between presentations.
9. Have the RAC members present the regional awards.

10. Have the items that the All-Star team receives on display.
11. Ask the state committees to purchase a table for their state.
12. Ask the NAWGJ State and Regional Directors to purchase a table for the judges and guests.
13. Have a banquet chairperson to coordinate everything associated with the banquet. Anyone interested in this position should contact Kittia Carpenter.
14. On-site regional apparel will not be available at future Regional Congresses. The Region 5 Apparel Store will only have items on site at Regional Championships.
15. List the activities on the back of the name tags.
16. Karaoke was suggested as the Friday night social activity. Beer and wine tasting was also suggested.
17. Athlete names on the video need to be bold and bigger for easier audience viewing with brief words detailing the name of their award or their top accomplishment.

## **V. TRAINING CAMP UPDATE**

Registration for the Training Camps has been very good. There are approximately 160 gymnasts at each camp. The Hot Shot Camps are a little smaller than Super and Forward Progress Camps. The registration and payment will be online starting in 2018.

There have been two to four judging volunteers at each camp. The new system of volunteering for the training camps has been positively received from the judges. This system for signing up for a camp will be placed on the Region 5 website.

The coaching round tables have been well received.

## **VI. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Region has \$470,727.77 in the general account and \$147,447.39 in the apparel fund.

## **VII. REGIONAL/NATIONAL JUDGES SELECTION**

The Judge's Selection Committee will be meeting in the next week or two. The Committee's recommendations will then be sent to the Regional Administration Committee for approval. The judges selection process should be on each State's website with the criteria used for Regional judges rankings. The Professional Involvement Forms (PIF) should be used to develop the state rankings that are used by the Judge's Selection Committee.

Judges will need to keep track of the number of sessions that are judged throughout the season with Level 10 gymnasts. This information will be asked on the PIF. The number of NCAA meets judged will also be asked.

All of the states in our region are on the gymjas judging assignment system. This will make it easier to see the availability of judges throughout the region.

## **VIII. REGIONAL BIDS**

### **A. Level 9/10 Regional Championships**

There was one bid for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships. The bid was from Champion Gymnastics in Kentucky. There is concern that the layout would be very tight and that parking would be an issue. Dave Stiles will ask Champion Gymnastics to secure another facility. If they are unable to locate an acceptable facility the bid process will be opened to the region.

### **B. Level 7/8 Regional Championships**

There were three bids submitted for the Level 7/8 Regional Championships. Two bids were from Ohio. The third bid was from Michigan. The Ohio bids were from Halker's Gold and Perfect Balance.

**A motion was made to accept the Perfect Balance bid for the Level 7/8 Regional Championships.**

**Motion:** Char Christensen  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Tami Schaafsma  
**Passed:** Yea – 6, Abstain – 1

C. Xcel Regional Championships

There were three bids for the Xcel Regional Championships. The bids were from USA Sports Production with Midwest Center and USA Sports Production with Rising Star Gymnastics/Fit Kids and DeVeau's School of Gymnastics.

**A motion was made to accept the DeVeau's School of Gymnastics bid for the Xcel Regional Championships.**

**Motion:** Tami Schaafsma  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Kittia Carpenter  
**Passed:** Yea – 7, Recusal – 1

#### **IX. ALL STAR TRIP UPDATE**

The All Star team will be leaving from Detroit on September 30, 2017. They will take a bus to Niagara and then to Montreal, Canada. Nina Dent is working on activities for the team. They will work out on Thursday prior to or following the Canadian or French National Teams. The All Star team will view the World Championship competition on October 4<sup>th</sup> then they will spend Sunday at Niagara before returning to Detroit.

#### **X. ELITE AMBASSADOR TRIP UPDATE**

The Elite Ambassador trip will be to Trinidad November 7 – 11, 2017. Trinidad is thrilled to have us there. Their goal is to have a team at the Olympics so they feel this trip will help them meet their goal. They are inviting other island countries to join them. It was suggested that the All Star team consider traveling to Trinidad next year.

#### **XI. PROPOSED COACHES EDUCATION**

Dave Stiles is working on developing a High Tech Coaches Symposium that is scientifically based, for Level 9 and 10 coaches. This would be a three day symposium with input from national staff members. It was suggested that Dave contact Mary Lee Tracy for input and ask about the content and structure of the 300 and 400 level courses offered by USA Gymnastics.

#### **XII. EASTERN NATIONAL QUALIFIER APPAREL**

**A motion was made to spend \$125 on apparel for Level 9 Eastern qualifiers.**

**Motion:** Char Christensen  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Nancy Gibson  
**Passed:** Yea – 7, Abstain – 1

#### **XIII. REGION 5 WEBSITE**

The national office would like all regional websites to be uniform. We would still need a webmaster. Sports Engine is the web page that is suggested. We do not currently use this program but it is believed to be user friendly. It allows for E-checks or credit card payments to be handled online.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion: Amy Replogle**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Nancy Gibson**

**Passed: Unanimous**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11pm.

*Respectfully Submitted 9/21/17*

*Augusta A. Lipsey*

*Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary*