

**Region 5 Committee Meeting**  
**September 12, 2010; 1:00 – 2:43 p.m.**  
**Itasca, IL**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Bobbi Montanari, RACC at 1:00 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

*Present*

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)  
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)  
John Geddert, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)  
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)  
Linda Barclay, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)  
Jim Comiskey, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)  
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)  
Hilary Carlson, Region V-NAWGJ Judging Director  
Kittia Carpenter, Assistant Regional JO Committee Chairman  
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary  
Bret Norman, Regional Webmaster  
Kristin Moore, Regional Apparel Coordinator

*Absent*

Cap Caudill, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)  
Ed Gibson, Regional Special Events Coordinator

**III. OVERVIEW OF REGION 5 CONGRESS**

Bobbi Montanari, RACC, asked the Committee for their opinion of the success of this year's Regional Congress. The consensus was that the Congress was great. We had the largest attendance in history. There were approximately 600 registered for the Congress. Any suggestions for the 2011 Congress should be sent to Bobbi Montanari.

The date and site for the 2011 Congress was discussed. The Committee felt that having the Congress on the first weekend following the start of the fall sessions was difficult. The fourth weekend of September will be presented to the USA Gymnastics office as the desired weekend for the 2011 Region 5 Congress. It had been suggested that the Congress should stay consistently in a centrally located city. Indianapolis was the suggested location. The Region 5 Administrative Committee had previously decided to have the Congress in the same state for two years in a row before moving to another state. Norbert Bendixen stated that he would still like to see Ohio and Michigan have the chance to host the Regional Congress. Bobbi Montanari said she would have USA Gymnastics look into both Indianapolis and Ohio.

Kristin Moore reported that the Region 5 Store made \$4508.00 in sales during the Region 5 Congress.

**IV. 2011 REGIONAL MEET BIDS**

There are three bids for the Level 8 Regional Meet. They are Branch Gymnastics (Michigan), Olympic Dreams Gymnastics (Ohio) and Twistars Gymnastics Booster Club (Michigan). The

Level 9/10 Regional Meet Bids were received from DeVeau's Booster Club (Indiana) and Gymnastics World (Ohio). John Geddert said that he would like to see the meets spread around in the Region. Since both Regional Meets were held in Michigan in 2010 the obvious choice for the Level 8 host would be Olympic Dreams Gymnastics. Gymnastics World has also not held a Regional Meet in a long time. If Gymnastics World were to host the Level 9/10 Regional Meet the facility would be two or three blocks from the NCAA National Gymnastics Meet site. The city is trying to make the hosting of these two meets in Cleveland, Ohio a large event for the community.

**A motion was made to award the Level 9/10 Regional Gymnastics Meet to Gymnastics World of Broadview Heights, Ohio.**

**Motion: John Geddert**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Norbert Bendixen**  
**Passed: 5-Yea, 1-Nay**

A paper vote was taken to determine the Level 8 Regional Gymnastics Meet host.

**Gedderts Twistars 4**  
**Olympic Dreams 2**

*Because Branch Gymnastics hosted the Level 8 Region 5 Championship Meet in 2010 and the Committee preferred not to have both Regional Championships in the same state, the 2011 Level 8 Region 5 Championships will be hosted by Geddert's Twistars.*

Kittia Carpenter will contact all Meet Directors to inform them of the results of the bid requests.

Norbert Bendixen suggested that all future bids should include a floor plan and a listing of the equipment. Bret Norman will change the bid form to include these changes.

## **VI. 2010 LEVEL 8 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS REVIEW NOTES FROM AL SCHARNS**

Al Scharns of Branch Gymnastics wrote suggestions to the Region 5 Administrative Committee following the hosting of the 2010 Level 8 Regional Championships. The Committee reviewed each of these suggestions and took action on some of them.

1. For the State Teams, three scores count for a traditional format meet with seven gymnasts and four scores count for a capital cup format meet with eight gymnasts. If a member of a State Team is unable to compete, All Stars cannot replace gymnasts as part of the State Team. Char Christensen will put this in the Regional Meet Reminders.
2. Al Scharns suggested that 45 - 60 minutes be provided for the general stretch and check-in for the first session of the morning. The Region 5 Administrative Committee responded that the guidelines in the USA Gymnastics Rules and Policies will be followed.
3. The suggestion was made that substitutions made after 12:00 noon on Thursday prior to the first day of the competition be granted, but the athlete(s) will not change squads or flights. Their scores will be counted for the State Team if applicable. This will eliminate delays, confusion, and disorganization that result from the need to reproduce the rotation sheets at the last minute for the coaches, judges, referee, and music personnel. The Region 5 Administrative Committee agreed to not allow substitutes to the State Teams after Wednesday noon prior to the day of the meet.
4. Most gyms do not have two or more coaches that can attend the Level 8 Regional Meet. However, by using the modified capital cup format, and placing individual qualifier(s) in the opposite flight on the same event as the State Team gymnasts(s) from the Same

Team, one coach can coach both the State Team gymnast(s) and the individual qualifier(s) at the same time. Two coaches would be necessary if the club has gymnasts in both the senior and the junior gym. The Region 5 Administrative Committee agreed that this suggestion would be ideal, but it is not always possible. However, it will be recommended.

5. There are discrepancies concerning the awards (the size of the medals and number of plaques). The Region 5 Administrative Committee responded that each gymnast on the winning State Team is to receive a plaque. The names of the gymnasts on the state winning team are to be announced to eliminate confusion. Kittia Carpenter will order the medals and the plaques from A-1 Awards to standardize the awards.
6. The USA Gymnastics Rules and Policies states that 3.5 minutes per gymnast are to be used for setting up the meet schedule for traditional and capital cup formats. Less time is required for the modified capital cup format. The 2010 Level 8 Region 5 Meet used 3.15 minutes per gymnast to schedule the meet and consistently finished 45 minutes or more early. Al Scharns suggested that closer to 3 minutes per gymnast be used to determine the meet schedule. The Region 5 Administrative Committee unanimously agreed to implement this suggestion.
7. Al Scharns, the meet director for the 2010 Level 8 Regional Meet, did not receive all of the meet entries until seven days after the meet deadline. All people involved, State Meet Directors and State Chairman, must know who is to receive the entries. The Region 5 Administrative Committee requires that the results be electronically sent to the Regional Meet Director the day after the state meet. The results should also be sent by overnight mail to the Regional Meet Director as stated on page 26 of the USA Gymnastics Rules and Policies.

**A motion was made to accept all of the changes made as a result of the suggestions supplied by Al Scharns.**

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Char Christensen</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	<b>John Geddert</b>
<b>Passed:</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

## **VII. REVIEW OF HALL OF FAME PROCEDURES**

The question was asked if the procedure used to select the Hall of Fame inductees is mathematically eliminating people from selection. John Geddert stated that he would like to see the Selection Committee have an open discussion to select the inductees. The Hall of Fame Director, Augusta Lipsey, will determine a time for the Committee to meet to determine the 2011 Hall of Fame inductees.

**A motion was made to add a minimum of three people to the 2011 Region 5 Hall of Fame.**

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>John Geddert</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	<b>Char Christensen</b>
<b>Passed:</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

John Geddert reminded each State Chair to nominate at least one person for the Region 5 Hall of Fame. *(Any USA Gymnastics professional member is eligible to nominate a USA Gymnastics member to the Region 5 Hall of Fame.)*

## **VIII. REGION 5 WEBSITE**

Char Christensen thanked Bret Norman for the Professional Involvement Forms on the Regional Website. Some judges were concerned that they had no confirmation that the completed form

was received by the appropriate people. Bret has remedied this situation. There was one factor missing from the Professional Involvement Form. There was not a place to state affiliation on the form but this system is much improved.

## **IX. JUDGES**

Char Christensen reminded the Region 5 Administrative Committee of upcoming deadlines.

October 1 – The criteria for State Meet assignments should be on the State websites and E-mailed to Bobbi Montanari and Char Christensen.

October 1 – The State Committees judging recommendations for Regional Championships are due to Char Christensen.

Char Christensen reminded the State Chairs to have a clear statement of the specialist criteria on their websites.

Char Christensen distributed a list of the judges that could be considered for National Meet assignment based on their leadership role in the region. Three judges are to be selected for the Level 9 Eastern Nationals and four judges are to be selected for the Junior Olympic Nationals. After Hilary Carlson, Kittia Carpenter, Char Christensen, Nina Dent, and Augusta Lipsey were excused from the meeting the remaining Committee Members discussed and voted on the judges to represent Region 5 at the National Championships. The following judges were chosen.

Level 10 Junior Olympic Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Char Christensen
2. Nancy Gibson
3. Sandy Oldham
4. Donna Trevethan

Level 9 Eastern Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Nina Dent
2. Carol Liedtke
3. Mary Roth

Alternates

1. Hilary Carlson
2. Sue Kane

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 PM

*Respectfully Submitted 9/19/10*

*Augusta A. Lipsey*

*Regional Secretary*