

**Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting  
September 18, 2016; 1:05 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.  
Grand Rapids, MI**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05am by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, David Stiles.

**II. ROLL CALL**

*Present*

David Stiles, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)  
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)  
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)  
Amy Repogle, 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)  
Donna Trevethan, Regional Judging Director (RJD)  
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

*Absent*

Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)

*Guest*

Jason McDonald, Region 5 Media Administrator

**III. WELCOME**

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

**IV. MEDIA REPORT**

Jason McDonald explained what he does for the region with the Region 5 Insider. College coaches appreciate having this resource to find information on gymnasts they are interested in. Jason is planning to expand the reports. To do this he would like to solicit more volunteers to intern as journalists, photographers or anything related to the media. It may be possible to obtain school volunteer credit for the volunteers.

Following Jason's departure from the meeting, the Administrative Committee discussed the need to have access to the internet.

**A motion was made that a hotspot be purchased to be used by Region 5 for the Apparel Store and at regional competitions.**

**Motion: Norbert Bendixen**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Nina Dent**  
**Passed: Unanimous**

**V. CONGRESS REVIEW**

The success of the 2016 Regional Congress was discussed. There have been very positive reviews. There were suggestions to include more and new business, special needs and injury prevention sessions. Next year's Region 5 Congress will be held in Louisville, Kentucky.

## **VI. TRAINING CAMP UPDATE**

The Region 5 Training Camps are doing very well. The revenue from the camps should be the same as last year. National coaches were not brought in for the Hot Shot or Hi-Tech Camps. This saved the region approximately \$6000.00.

David Stiles attended all of the camps last year except one. This year he did not attend the camp at Integrity but attended JPAC Forward Progress and Hot Shot Camp. Overall the camp at JPAC was great. The 30 minute block time kept the athletes active. The coaches' round table on Sunday was phenomenal. The sharing of information was helpful. David feels that we are on the right tract for bringing the educational aspect back to the camps.

The camp at Integrity was very busy.

Coaches have approached Lori Koch about the possibility of the region sponsoring a Regional Xcel Camp. Nina suggested that a session for the coaches could be included in the already established camps. Nancy likes the idea of State Xcel Training Camps so that coach's education can be conducted in a smaller setting. No movement was made on this suggestion.

## **VII. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Region has \$352,000.00 in the general account of which \$125,000.00 is from the apparel fund.

## **VIII. REGIONAL AND NATIONAL JUDGES SELECTION**

The date for the ranked order list of judges was changed to October 15, 2016 as the states lists are not available at this meeting to be used in the selection process. The states opinion of their judges has always been available in the past. The Regional Administrative Committee needs to know what judges worked camps in 2015, not 2016. It was suggested that Char Christensen, RTCC, highlight the names of the judges that are affiliated. The selection of the National judges will not be made at this meeting because the information needed to make that determination is not available at this time. It may not be necessary to use the state rankings when selecting the National and Regional judges because there may be some state stigmas associated with quality judges.

**A motion was made to develop a subcommittee consisting of Char, Donna and Nina to develop a simpler plan for the national and regional judges' selection process.**

**Motion: Kittia Carpenter**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Nancy Gibson and Tami Schaafsma**  
**Passed: Unanimous**

## **IX. REGIONAL BIDS**

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

There were two bids submitted for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships. They were from DeVeau's Gymnastics of Indiana and Oakland Gymnastics of Michigan. Indiana is in line to receive the bid in 2017 if it is acceptable. The DeVeaus' bid was discussed after the Indiana representatives on the Administrative Committee left the room.

**A motion was made to accept DeVeau's bid if the entry is \$120.00 in lieu of a gate fee. The Administrative Committee would like DeVeau's to explore options for the coaches food.**

**Motion: Kittia Carpenter**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Nancy Gibson**  
**Passed: Unanimous**

*DeVeau's School of Gymnastics and Booster Club have decided to go with the \$100.00 entry fee and to take admissions.*

**A motion was made to use the USA Gymnastics system of charging \$100.00 to credential additional coaches at all regional meets. For 1-4 athletes participating, a maximum of three credentialed coaches will be allowed on the field of play. For 5-9 athletes participating, a maximum of four credentialed coaches will be allowed on the field of play. For 10 or more athletes participating, the club must contact the Region 5 Administrative Committee Chairman for additional coach credentials.**

**Motion: Nancy Gibson  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Kittia Carpenter  
Passed: Unanimous**

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

There were two bids submitted for the Level 7/8 Regional Championships. They were from Branch Gymnastics of Michigan and Halker's Gold Gymnastics of Ohio.

**A motion was made to accept the Branch Gymnastics bid for the Level 7/8 Regional Championships**

**Motion: Nancy Gibson  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Norbert Bendixen  
Passed: Unanimous**

**C. Xcel Regional Championships**

There was one bid from Gymnastics X-Calibur for the Xcel Regional Championships. There was concern for the spacing of the equipment. There needs to be two complete gyms for this meet. She is willing to expand the gym area by moving the vendors and food to different areas.

**A motion was made to accept Gymnastics X-Caliburs bid with the contingency that the diagram show the extension into the vendor area and the set up with two strips and one with no strip. The vendor and food areas should also be included in the diagram. The changes must be received by the Administrative Committee by Sunday, September 25, 2016.**

**Motion: Norbert Bendixen  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Nancy Gibson  
Passed: Unanimous**

*Bids for the Xcel Regional Championships have been reopened and will be accepted until October 15, 2016.*

**X. REGIONAL COMPETITION PROCEDURE MANUAL**

A Regional Competition Procedure Manual will continue to be developed.

**XI. ALL STAR TRIP UPDATE**

The All Star team will be leaving for Costa Rica on October 17, 2016. While there they will participate in white water rafting, riding a zipline and visiting a park, beach, volcano and waterfall. On Friday they will work out at the gym and Saturday will be an all day coach's clinic. The team will fly back on Sunday.

**XII. ELITE AMBASSADOR TRIP UPDATE**

The Elite Ambassador team will be traveling to the Bahamas. Opening ceremonies will take place on Thursday night following a workout with three or four teams. Friday will be awards and then they will spend some time having fun.

### **XIII. GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING REGIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS**

To determine the Regional Award Recipients it was suggested that points be given for qualifying to and placing at National Championships. Donna suggested checking the procedures of other regions. Research will be conducted on this topic and discussed at the next Regional Administrative Committee meeting. All champions will be recognized at the annual Region 5 Banquet.

This year the Club of the Year was awarded based on their gymnast having won the all-around in their age division. Dave suggested having the Junior Olympic coach's who qualified an athlete to the Junior Olympic Nationals, vote on the Junior Olympic Club of the Year after the National Championships. All clubs from our region with gymnasts participating in the Junior Olympic Nationals will be given one vote. The Elite Club of the Year will be voted on by all clubs from our region after the USA Championships. Each club qualifying athletes to the USA Championships will be given one vote per club.

### **XIV. HALL OF FAME/SERVICE AWARD GUIDELINES**

Concern has been raised about the number of athletes that have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. At the present time there are three athletes with active nominations and seven coach/contributor nominations. Additional nominations must be solicited.

### **XV. HOW TO USE THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

David suggested having a TOPS Training Camp to use the general fund surplus. Rather than hosting a TOPS Training Camp, Tami suggested having a clinic for coaches to learn how to start a TOPS program. This would take place two weeks after Junior Olympic Nationals and use National staff.

### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm

*Respectfully Submitted 9/23/16*

*Augusta A. Lipsey*

*Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary*