

Region 4 Committee Meeting
23 June 2016

Meeting called to order @ 6:04pm (Rick)

Present: Robin, Liz, Kathy, Todd, Rick, Tracy, Audra (incoming SD), Dave, Randy, Linda, Bryon, Whitney, Paige
Guest: Annie Heffernon

1. Review Minutes
 - a. Todd Moved to approve minutes, Tracy seconds. Passed unanimously.
2. Financials
3. RJOCC Report
 - a. Make sure meet hosts/directors get post-season meet schedules.
 - b. Level 7 Vault – In Discussion, No decisions have been made.
 - c. Level 8 Vault – Changed back to two vaults without - no requirement to count the second vault; spotting deduction remains the same (reduced)
 - d. JO Nationals – Discussing changes in qualifying procedures to allow the best athletes the opportunity to go
 - e. Training Camps – North: MSP/Classic; South: Cedar Rapids/Twisters
 - f. Club of Year: Sending out a state spreadsheet; R4 needs State Club of the Year at R4 Meeting
 - g. State Meet entry fee caps raised to \$75 & \$85
4. RTOCC Report
 - a. Met jointly with the Xcel Committee this year
 - b. Encourage staff/state members to take the online courses
 - c. Judges now have a 30 min. break time between sessions; if no breaks are given (or a break under 30 min), they are paid straight through for the entire day
 - d. No new code until 2018
5. Linda moves to accept training camp bids. Tracy seconds. Unanimously approved (Bryon abstained).
6. RXCC Report
 - a. JO Balking rules have been adopted for Xcel
 - b. No extra swing deduction for B, S, G deductions (but rhythm deductions can be taken)
 - c. P, D do have extra swing deductions
 - d. Added .3 use of supplemental support deduction
 - e. Acro/flight skills with hand support on FX will receive VP and Special Requirement every time they are performed
 - f. If there is a technical situation you can't find an answer for in the Xcel code, look to the JO code (but the meet referee and Regional Xcel Chair

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- need to be notified) – B, S, G refer to compulsory; P, D refer to Optional
 - g. Online CPE/Testing courses recommended for Xcel
 - h. Declaration Dates – State’s Rights
 - i. 3/4 = Gold; 5/6 = Platinum
 - j. Athletes coming from gymnastics programs outside of USAG must enter bronze or silver OR send a letter (from coach) to R4 Chair
 - k. States must implement mobility tracking system
 - l. 2018: Additional Xcel Level?
 - m. Added rule for qualifying – less than .1 away
 - n. Meet hosts must announce equipment
7. Paige moves to increase Xcel Regional Qualifying Score to 35.00 for Bronze & Silver Divisions. Whitney seconds. Unanimously approved.
8. Paige moves that Xcel Regional Age Groups be evenly split within each division with a maximum of 24 athletes in age each group. Tracy seconds. Unanimously approved.
9. Tracy moves that beginning with 2018 Xcel Regionals all participating athletes should receive a participation award subject to the approval of the RXCC. Liz seconds. Unanimously approved.
10. Bryon moves that prior to Regional bids being submitted to the RAC all aspects of bids must be approved by the RXCC for Xcel Regionals and RJOCC for JO Regionals including (but not limited to): venue, equipment, awards, sponsors, and vendors. Linda seconds. Unanimously.
- a. RXCC & RJOCC should approve all Judging-related issues with RTCC.
11. Old Business
- a. Training Camps
 - i. South Camp: September 16-18 @ Cedar Rapids Twisters (Cedar Rapids, IA)
 - ii. North Camp: October 7-9 @ Classic Gymnastics (Chanhassen, MN)
12. New Business
- a. Level 7 Regionals
 - i. Add Level 6’s? (2015-2016: ~800 Level 7’s; ~600 Level 6’s)
 - ii. Kathy moves that the Regional Administrative Committee open the bidding process for 2017 Lv. 6-7 Regional Championships to be held April 21-23, 2017, with bids due September 1st, 2016. Bryon seconds. Unanimously approved.
 - iii. Bryon moves that the qualifying score for 2017 Lv. 6-7 Regional Championships be a 34.50 for Lv. 7 and a 34.0 for Lv.

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6 achieved at the athlete's State Championships. Randy seconds. Unanimously approved.

- b. Regional Congress 2017 – June 16-18 in Cedar Rapids, IA
- c. 2018 Regional Championships Bids – bid deadline April 1, 2017 for all Regionals held in 2018.
- d. Newsletters & Agendas – should all be sent to RACC, RJOCC, RTCC, RXCC; Agendas need to be approved ahead of time.
- e. National Congress 2017 – August 17-20, 2017 in Anaheim, CA
- f. State Meet hosts -- \$6/athlete to R4
 - i. State meet hosts may appeal to the R4 Committee in the event of extenuating circumstances that may prevent meet host from paying head tax fees.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59pm. Bryon motioned. Linda seconded.