

Regional Board Meeting

April 11, 2013 Shoreline Community College Seattle, Washington

RACC: Meg Doxtator

RTCC: Linda Mulvihill

RJOCC: Laurie Reid

SACC: AK Martha Dunn

SACC: HI Pam Zak

SACC: ID Marian DeWane

SACC: MT Josh Burnham

SACC: WA Patti Gable

NAWGJ: Ann Heppner

Absent: SACC: OR Phil Sappington

Call to Order 6:55 pm by Meg Doxtator

JO Update: Laurie Reid

1. Training Camps for 2013; Dates- November 2/3 Super Camps; 9/10 November High Tech Seattle
2. Possibility for clinics in Outlying states - bring in Linda and Laurie to judge. They will give a clinic at a cost of \$35 per athlete for a 3 hour clinic with the profit going to the region.
3. Contact Laurie if you or a club you know wants to provide a facility for the clinics.
4. Program of the Year - Nominations to Laurie before Westerns

RTCC Update: Linda Mulvihill

1. The US sent 4 judges to Intercontinental Course in November. The Continental FIG course was held in February (Linda passed); Elite meet dates: July 5/6 Elite American Classic at Ranch
2. Test for USA Brevet and National judges July 19 online (Pantell)
3. US Classic will be in Chicago
4. VISA championships and state chairman workshop will be in Hartford, Connecticut.
5. State Chair meeting Sunday August 18 from 9 – 1.
6. TOPS new manual and changes are now online. Testing dates are not yet up. How to keep elite athletes in the program is an issue. Region 2 has one athlete (Jordan) who has been asked to go Junior International.
7. New Codes went to printer Monday this week. Committee is working on practice routines online to help judges study. One make-up test will be offered later.
8. Judges Affiliation – a question is getting clarified on this issue.

RACC Update: Meg Doxtater

Financial Report - \$45,000 in the regional account but we will spend much of that on apparel and entry fees to Westerns and JO Nationals. Each state will continue to send \$5 per athlete from state meets to Regional fund.

Regional Championship Update

Review Level 8 Qualifying System: % of % will continue in 2014. Wednesday before state send in numbers entered in state meet for calculations.

- **Motion – 8.75 qualifying score for event specialist.** (Rational 35AA to petition would be 8.75) Motion Patti, Second Martha; **Passed**

Setting meet sessions for 2014 Regional Sessions and Level 8 state meet.

Regional Optional Scenarios depending on numbers of 10's.

A: (If 1 session 10) Friday Level 8 State Team Challenge; Saturday 9, 9, 10, Sunday Level 8's

B: 10's on Friday; Saturday Level 8 State and then 2 Level 9 sessions; Sunday Level 8 - 3 sessions

C. Friday Level 8 Team; Level 10 and clinic; Saturday Level 9; Sunday Level 8

Laurie and Meg will get numbers and decide on the scenario and in conjunction with the meet host (Denny Allen).

NAWGJ Update: Ann Heppner

L8 State Team Meet – makes \$1200. Ann is happy with this. Gives host concessions and gate.

- **Motion to raise the entry fee to \$600 and the state funds of USAG are to pay for it.**

Motion Laurie and second Pam. Motion **Passed**.

Using NAWGJ to assign meets. Each state has the right to decide who to use to assign meets. Each individual meet can be assigned by anyone. The coaches can still choose judges they want through the assigner. Judges do not have to be members of NAWGJ but if a club chooses to use nonNAWGJ judges, they have to privately contract the nonNAWGJ members and may not use a NAWGJ contract.

Judge of the Year – NAWGJ board will decide.

Old Business

International Trip Costa Rica May 29 – June 3 coast area. Brian Muenz will work with Wayne Kerr to take care of arrangements. Top 10 Level 10's qualify. The region pays \$500 per gymnast. Kids pay airfare and coaches pay all. The region will send Linda Mulvihill as our judge.

Regional Congress/New Compulsory Workshop at June 28 – 30 and Sunday 30th in Vancouver at Naydenov's will include a review of new optional rules.

Judges to judge next year at regionals must attend one of the following: High Tech Clinic (first choice), regional or national congress.

New Business

Call for bids 2015 Regional Bids if for 2015 for 8, 9, 10 for the option for the host to have Level 7 optional with format to be decided by regional officers. Bids are due Nov 7th from the bid form on the region 2 website

Judges to regional meet need to be submitted to Linda by October 1. (Please submit earlier if you know them).

Congress 2014: suggest Oregon and either OGA or MAC. Dates- Suggest 3rd or 4th weekend of September.

State Issues:

- **Alaska – trying to decide if 1 or 2 seasons next year**
- **Hawaii – no report**
- **Idaho – numbers are growing. 3 on national TOPS.**
- **Montana – numbers are growing**
- **Oregon – no report**
- **Washington – after the first round of judging exams are over would like the board to look at numbers of judges from each state and reexamine judging allotments.**

Next Meeting: Friday Nov 8 evening of High Tech Clinic (at Hartford we will have a region 2 gathering).

Meeting adjourned. 9:12.