USA-Gymnastics Region 2

Regional Committee Meeting

Grove Hotel Boise, Idaho

April 6, 2017

In attendance:

RACC Marian DeWane

RTCC Linda Mulvihill

RJOCC Laurie Reid

RXCC Dianne Palmer

SACC AK Martha Dunn

SACC HI Pam Zak

SACC ID Mark Kindelspire

SACC MT Josh Burnham

SACC OR Molly Gill

SACC WA Sandy Flores

Guest NAWGJ Ann Heppner.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

**Regional Administrative Chairman’s Report:** Marian summarized the status of the 2017 Regional Meet which will include 2 sessions of Level 10, three sessions of Level 9 and 3 sessions of Level 8.

Calendar items were discussed and Marian advised that the reason for four weeks between State Meets in 2018 and the Regional Meet is the attempt of USA Gymnastics and the NCAA to have state meets and conference championships on separate weekends. States in Region 2 reported losing judges to college conference meets. In 2018, State Meets are scheduled for March 16 – 18; NCAA Conference Meets are scheduled for March 23, and the Regional Meet is scheduled for April 12-14. Marian has requested that states without collegiate programs be granted permission to move their State Meet to March 23-24 since they have no colleges which have competitive gymnastics. This is pending discussions at the May committee meetings.

**Financial Report:** Marian reported that many upcoming expenses have been paid but noted that Level 10 entry fees are still a liability. The current balance is approximately $31,000. The profit from Western Championships will help off-set those costs.

Marian noted that the On-line apparel store is open with a link on the Region 2 website.

Marian also advised us of a new National Office requirement for a gym wishing to host a Westerns or Nationals, the bidding gyms must have one Meet Director who is either a National Chairman or Regional Chairman.

Reminder that USA-Gymnastics Elections are open until April 15, 2017. Everyone please vote.

**Regional Technical Chairman’s Report: Linda** reported that having injury petitions turned in early really helped her process them.

Discussion was held regarding present and future rules. Input was provided to the Regional representatives for consideration at the upcoming meetings in May.

**Regional Junior Olympic Chairman Report:** Laurie is going to have the goal-setting meeting with Level 10’s on the third floor of the venue after the competition. She wanted to be sure to get bar setting information from coaches and completed forms. She advised that there will be a team component to the competitions even for those age groups which weren’t filled by Region 2 gymnasts. Gymnasts from other regions will fill out the teams for an “All-Star” team.

Laurie advised that ethics will be a significant topic of discussion for all committees at the national meetings in May.

There is an uneven bar setting proposal up for discussion. Laurie will gather input at the Regional Meet to provide feedback at her May meeting.

Laurie advised that “Up to the Level” compositional deductions will be clarified in the Code of Points so that judges and coaches are on the same page.

**Regional Xcel Chairman Report:** Dianne reported that Xcel numbers have increased to 2100. Also, coaches and judges have a better understanding of the rules. She reported that there is increased interest in having a regional competition of some sort. Sandy and Laurie both noted that the Junior Olympic program is losing competitors to the XCEL program in Washington. Some gyms in Washington and Idaho are focusing entirely on the Xcel program.

Dianne Palmer moved that the region support a Regional Invitational meet to be held the weekend of April 27-29, 2018 with the bid process to host the meet open until June 1, 2017. Molly Gill seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dianne will send out a request for bids to all gyms. As an invitational, there cannot be a qualifying score and no use of the term Regional Championship.

**NAWGJ Judging Director Report**: Ann Heppner reported the new GYMJAS assigning system was working well.

**New Business:**

Discussion regarding 2018 and 2019 Regional Meets. Marian asked for an example of each state’s qualifying scores to state meet. Discussion was held on how many gymnasts to allow for three and possibly four sessions of Level 8. The presence of specialists at Level 8 this year made it hard to determine numbers.

Laurie Reid moved to discontinue permitting Level 8 specialists to compete at the Regional Meet. Linda Mulvihill second. Approved unanimously.

There were no bids to host the 2018 Regional Meet and two to host the 2019 Regional Meet. Sandy Flores advised that Emerald City would consider changing her bid to hosting the 2018 meet if it could be compressed to 2.5 days plus half a day of training for a total of three days. The reasons cited for a compressed schedule were 1) reduced expense to the host and 2) minimize the time the gymnasts are absent from school. The compressed schedule will allow for a warm up day, the Level 8 All Star meet but no Level 7 Invitational.

Martha Dunn moved to award Emerald City the 2018 Regional Meet with the compressed schedule. Molly Gill second. Approved unanimously.

Laurie Reid motioned to award the 2019 Regional Meet to Oregon State Gymnastics Academy at Oregon State Gymnastics in Corvallis. Sandy Flores second. Approved unanimously.

Dianne Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM. Second Pam Zak. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Dunn, Alaska SACC

Addition to JO Report

Laurie presented a draft point system to be used when determining Program of the Year. The purpose of moving to a point system is to be clear about the factors of interest to USA-Gymnastics (athletic excellence, regional/state involvement) and to remove charges of favoritism from the process. The committee agreed to consider the point system and to use it on a trial basis for 2017.

Amendment to minutes: June 25 via online discussion and voting

Due to the different interpretations of how to use the proposed point system when calculating figures for Program of the Year, a motion was made (Zak) and seconded (Kindelspire) to award both Auburn Gymnastics and Metropolitan Gymnastics Region 2 Club of the Year. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Dunn, Alaska SACC