Region 2 Committee Meeting

Hilton Garden Inn, Corvallis Oregon

April 11, 2019

In Attendance:

RACC Marian DeWane

RTCC Linda Mulvihill

RJOCC Ivan Alexov

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 Susan Riley

Guest NAWGJ Denise Green

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

**1. Financial Report: Marian DeWane**

A. Shawna Ping is refunding monies from uncashed checks as she clears up accounts. States are reminded to fill out their paperwork by April 29th for missing rebate checks from the bankruptcy filing.

B. Region contributed $500 towards the coaches and judges social held at the Regional Meet. AAI contributed $1000 and Oregon State Gymnastics Academy, $500.

C. Total Regional Balance of all the states and region together is $118,000. $38,000 of this is the regions. All Level 9 and 10 entry fees to Westerns and Nationals have been prepaid. We will get the Level 9 entries back from the clubs this weekend.

i. Clinics broke even financially but attendees provided more positive feedback regarding the quality.

ii. Discussions were held on how to raise additional funds. Other regions require coaches to donate their time (in return for apparel) for their clinics. This way all the monies raised (This would be about 70,000 for our region) go towards athlete and coach apparel. Other regions do not have our geographical challenges, as this did not work when it was tried in our region. Consensus was that the current clinics are what are needed in the region and we need different avenues for raising monies for apparel. Marian is looking at several ideas.

**2. Athlete Apparel (Marian DeWane)**

A. Level 9 athletes are limited by Rules and Policies to $125.00 maximum gifts. For 2019, we are at that figure. It includes a training day leo and the competition leo both from GK, sack pack, shorts, and a T shirt.

B. Level 10’s: Marian is working off a list obtained from athletes that attended High Tech Camp for their goodies.

**Effective April 11, 2019: To allow for Level 10 apparel expenses up to $250.00 per athlete.** Motion by Molly Gill

Second by Susan Riley

Passed.

**3. Regional Meet Bids 2020 (Marian Dewane)**

A. Due date for bids is June 1, 2019. Marian has one bid so far.

B. Two other entities have indicated an intent to bid.

C. Dates can be either April 17 – 19, 2020 or less preferably since it’s Easter Sunday April 10 – 12, 2020.

**4. RJOCC Report: Ivan Alexov**

A. National Team coaches are expensive to hire for our clinic but are needed to keep the quality up. Currently, pairing one major coach with one good regional coach at the clinics is working.

B. Ivan is planning on adding a Hot Shots clinic for athletes that are 8 – 12-year olds on Friday night for three hours at a cost of $50.00. He is working with his subcommittee on the criteria to be a Hot Shot. Mark suggested having a Hot Shot weekend instead of three hours with high tech so that gymnasts from outlying states can travel to participate and the time of the clinic would be worth the travel expense.

C. Camp Dates for 2019:

i. South: Sept 21 – 22 at Naydenov

ii. High Tech: Sept 27-29 at Gym East. Ivan is making High Tech camp an invitation-only camp drawn from competitors from Westerns and Nationals. Discussion was held about rotating High Tech to a location other than the I-5 corridor periodically.

iii. Inland: Oct 5 – 6 at Dynamic

iv. North: Nov 2 – 3 at Leading Edge.

v. Also discussed was having a bid process for hosting camps similar to that for the regional meet.

D. Level 6/7 Vault: Feedback is being requested on

i. Changing the start values for the different types of entries

ii. The 115 minimum table height

iii. Mat stack safety

E. Specialists to JO Nationals: A proposal is being made to allow two specialists to JO Nationals per age group as part of the seven athletes. This would limit the number of AA athletes to five. Marian suggested to instead keep the current format and add one session at JO Nationals strictly for specialists.

F. Region 2 Practice session at Westerns: May 9 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Coaches should come at 2:30 to meet with Ivan.

G. Region 2 Practice session at Nationals: May 17 from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Coaches are to meet with Ivan at noon.

**5. RTCC Report: Linda Mulvihill**

A. There were 27 Petitions to the Regional meet.

B. Linda requested that the state chairs remind coaches to send ALL petition information at the same time. Do not send in bits and pieces. She needs: Coach’s letter of explanation including the nature of the injury and possible recovery time, doctor’s evaluation and date of return, the official petition form and qualifying scores. Level 8’s cannot petition to Regional Meet.

C. Items for the upcoming National Technical Committee Meeting:

i. Clear bra straps acceptable or not?

ii. Definition of “backless” leotards. Linda showed us some examples.

iii. Unitards

iv. Judging Uniform: does it have to be NAWGJ or can it be a generic blue suit?

v. Numbers of Earrings on athletes

vi. Deductions for the upcoming new compulsory routines.

D. Linda indicated she did not need Judges’ names for 2020 Regionals until August 1st this year. States are encouraged to make sure the judges they submit have indicated availability to judge. It is also the state’s responsibility to make sure these judges know they have been submitted to judge.

**6. XCEL Report: Dianne Palmer**

A. XCEL numbers started leveling off this year. 128 athletes were added (60 from Montana alone). No Level 9 or 10 athletes petitioned to drop back to XCEL.

B. There has been a request from coaches to allow platinum gymnasts to do the Level 6/7 vault.

**7. NAWGJ Report: Denise Green**

A. State Chairs were asked to obtain feedback on this year’s All Star meet format.

B. Region 2 has only 141 judges in the region and new ones are needed.

**8. New Business:**

A. Level 10 Specialists – on National agenda.

B. Level 8 qualifying score: The 34.00 qualifying score prevented the region from supplying the minimum number of gymnasts to the level 8 sessions. We were short about 20.

**Effective April 11, 2019: To remove the 34.00 qualifying score from Level 8’s and return to a straight “percentage of a percentage” basis with no qualifying score.**

Motion by Josh Burnham

Second by Pam Zak

Passed.

C. Level 9 & 10 qualifying scores: R & P sets the qualifying score for Level 9 & 10 gymnasts to state meet at 32.00. The region sets the qualifying score for Levels 9 & 10 to regions. Proposal to lower the qualifying score to the Region 2 meet to 33.5. This would make it half way between the state score and the score needed for Level 10’s for Nationals. **Tabled for further review within the states until the June meeting.**

D. Add Level 7 to the Region 2 Meet. Suggested schedule would be Level 8’s on Friday, Level 9 & 10 on Saturday, and Level 7’s on Sunday. The added numbers are needed to make the meet work for the host entity. The Level 8 All Star meet would be scheduled where it fits best into the schedule, but it would be after the Level 8 athletes compete. Level 7 qualifications would be by a “percentage of a percentage”, like current qualifying for Level 8. This also means no specialists.

**Effective April 11, 2019: To add three sessions of 80 athletes each of Level 7 gymnasts with each state’s numbers to be determined by a percent of a percent.**

Motion by Ivan Alexov

Second by Linda Mulvihill

In Favor: 8

Opposed: 1 – Susan Riley

Passed

**Note: Determining the actual schedule will be determined at the June meeting.**

E. Xcel Regional Meet – Since the National Office had indicated the term regional may be used in the name of a meet, the region wants to be able to have the meet have certain requirements. The regional head tax would pay for the medals needed.

**Effective April 11, 2019: To have an XCEL Regional Meet for levels Gold, Platinum, and Diamond with the host gym able to add a Silver Invitational if they so choose.**

Motion by Dianne Palmer

Second by Pam Zak

In Favor: 7

Opposed: Susan Riley

Abstention: Mark Kindelspire

Passed

**Note: Details will be worked out at the June meeting.**

All states reported that things were well.

Motion to adjourn by Josh Burnham

Second by Susan Riley

Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Dunn