USA Gymnastics

Region 2 Committee Meeting

September 28, 2018

In Attendance:

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

Excused: RACC Marian DeWane (Family emergency)

Prior to the meeting, committee members selected Coach’s apparel for Westerns and Nationals. The itemized list appears at the end of this document.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mark Kindelspire (acting on behalf of Marian Dewane).

Agenda items one and two (location of 2019 Westerns and Nationals and the 2020 Regional meet, respectively) were tabled due to lack of information.

Agenda item three concerned problems caused at Regionals when half the judging panel on an event changes when states swap out one or more judges at the level 8 session. This occurred on beam and vault last year and raised questions among coaches who had athletes in both sessions. The argument is that each meet (Level 8, 9 and 10) is its own meet and scores from one meet should not be compared to scores from another meet. Three decisions were made regarding Regional Meet judges and judging panels:

1. Motion from Martha Dunn to allow the states to continue substituting in new judges at the Level 8 session with the caveat that all judges change events at the Level 8 session at the Regional Championship. Additionally, judges substituting in must volunteer at the Level 9 and 10 sessions on their event.

Second by Molly Gill

Motion Passed. 7 - 1

1. Motion by Molly Gill to limit the number of judges that each state can substitute in to one-half their total allocation of judges. That is, a state allocated 4 judges such as Washington or Oregon can substitute in two judges while states allocated 2 judges can only substitute in one judge. The expenses of judges subbed in at the Level 8 meet is incurred by the state and not the meet host.

Second by Josh Burnham

Motion passed

1. Motion by Josh Burnham that judges nominated to judge the regional meet at all levels have a minimum rating of level 10 and is highly recommended they have at least four year’s experience at that level.

Second Dianne Palmer

Motion Passed

Item number four: Susan Riley moved to base the number of judges allocated to each state at regional meet on the proportional representation of gymnasts in the region. There was no second so the motion failed.

Item #5 concerned earned credits for coach’s apparel:

Dianne Palmer moved to table until further information is received.

Second by Molly Gill

Motion passed

Item #6 concerned fundraising for athletes:

Motion by Molly Gill to table pending additional information

Second by Mark Kindelspire

Motion passed

Item #7 revisited the use of the “Region 2” name in the XCEL invitation at the end of the season.

Motion by Dianne Palmer to reinstate the “Region 2” to the invitational name.

Second by Martha Dunn

In the ensuing discussion, it was learned that the meet host had received approval from the National Office to use the term “Region 2” in its meet title. The committee decided that this rendered the motion moot and the discussion was tabled.

Item #8 concerned Meet Referee responsibilities. This is a new area of concern since Meet Referees, along with Meet Directors, can now be fined for sanction violation. Many judges are concerned about being fined. Linda reiterated that Meet Referees do need to note any excess in athletes or judgements that may occur along with any equipment violations **not noted on the pre-meet brochure.** Meet Referees simply need to note that the equipment is per the meet brochure.

Item #9: The committee reviewed the 2017-2018 expenses and the proposed 2018-2019 budget.

Motion to approve budget as written: Pam Zak

Second: Linda Mulvihill

Motion passed.

RTC Report: Linda reviewed the prior requirements for regional judges: that is, that they attend either National or Regional Congress, High Tech camp, or the NAWGJ national symposium.

Motion to affirm these requirements for regional judges: Pam Zak

Second by Dianne Palmer

Motion passed.

RJOC Report: Ivan reported that one Region 2 athlete made it to the USA Gymnastics JO Level 10 team. He revisited the possibility of doing a foreign trip using some of the region’s fund to help athletes defray expenses, but no action was taken.

RXC: Dianne Palmer reported that an XCEL clinic in Montana was attended by nearly 1/3 of the XCEL athletes registered in Montana. She has another clinic coming up in the Boise area with approximately 50 gymnasts and will also have a clinic in the Spokane area.

RNAWGJ: Denise Green reported that the Memorial Day clinic was a success and that most of the judges in Region 2 have tested and passed their tests.

States’ Reports:

Alaska: The Meet Referee issue has been a hot point.

Hawaii: XCEL program is growing

Idaho: Had a good state clinic. Idaho runs an “All star” clinic with participation by invitation only.

Montana: Had a good XCEL clinic (as Dianne mentioned). Montana lost one gym but gained three.

Oregon: Two gyms ceased to have girls’ JO programs (kept XCEL). Region 2 Congress, held in Beaverton, went well. Had a good Compulsory Boot Camp.

Washington: The new state chairman is learning all the nuances of the job.

New business: The National Office has mandated that regions incorporate community service and sportsmanship in their program of the year award. Martha sent out a Survey Monkey seeking input as to how these changes should be incorporated into the Regional Program of the Year. Input was received and the committee is finalizing a POY proposal from this input.

Mark Kindelspire moved to adjourn at 9:25 PM.

Second: Susan Riley

Meeting adjourned.

Addendum: Apparel Selections

Women: Jacket 222743 Color G27 Carbon Heather

Polo shirt: 5143, Color Silver

T-Shirt: 1092, Color black

Blue shirt: 2952 Color Royal 060

Men: Jacket 2229539, Black 080

Polo shirt: 5412 Color Silver 09

Crew Winning stretch 1090, color black with white trim

Blue Shirt: 2950 Color Royal 060

Workout day: Silver

First Day: Blue

Second Day: Black

Gymnasts gifts: Each gymnast gets a backpack/bag. Gymnasts participating in High Tech Camp were supposed to be asked about what they would like to have. Linda provided a list of their answers:

Shorts, Page 188

First choice: 1232 (Ladies) and 1233(Girls) in black or royal blue

Second choice: 2625 Black waist band and Black/Graphite print (Ladies only)

Tank Top, page 316

222710 Ladies Advocate Tank, Royal/Silver straps

Hoodie, page 317

First choice: 229749 (Ladies) and 229949 (Girls) Ladies Advocate Hoodie, Royal/Silver

Hoodie, page 322

Second choice: 229585 Journey Hoodie, (Ladies) Royal or Silver

Socks, page 486

223813 Electrify Sock, youth and adult, Royal Heather and White

Backpack, page 497

1710 Ripstop Backpack, Graphite and black (they like the water bottle holder on side)