

# All Around News



## Region 8 Committee Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2007

Coronado Springs Resort • Orlando, Florida

The meeting was called to order by RACC Debby Kornegay at 9:15AM.

In Attendance:

Debby Kornegay	RACC
Marian Dykes	RTCC
Brad Harris	RJOCC
Toni Rand	RECC

Deb Walls	AL SACC
Mike McCabe	FL SACC
Peggy Simpson	GA SACC
Jackie Latino	LA SACC
Nancy Hawkins	MS SACC
Jennie Adams	NC SACC
Joanne Child	SC SACC
Larry Corrigan	TN SACC

Brad Harris, newly elected Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairperson, was introduced.

A group picture was taken.

Jennie Adams was appointed secretary.

Thank you notes received from membership were circulated.

Updated list of Board addresses and information was circulated for approval.

Deb K presented a sheet with corrected dates for the Region 8 USA Gymnastics planner. Of Region 8 interest are the following:

May 2-4, 2008 Level 8 Regionals

Camp Jordan Arena, Chattanooga, TN

July 18-20, 2008

Region 8 Congress Jacksonville, FL

July 24-26, 2008

Regional Team Training Camp Myrtle Beach, SC

May 8-10, 2009

Level 9 Easterns Tupelo, MS

June 12-14, 2009

Region 8 Congress Jacksonville, FL

Deb K presented Region 8 and Regional event financial statements. The financial return from Regional Congress will be coming soon from USAG national office as well as corrected rebates for each state's account. Problems with the national USAG database for professional memberships and athlete membership continue to improve.

Deb K presented an update on Region 8's Hurricane Fund. \$600 remains in the fund, but the account is being charged a monthly fee. It was suggested to use money from another regional fund to increase the Hurricane Fund to a large enough amount to eliminate the fee. A general discussion suggested that the fund be renamed and "Emergency Fund," but no action was taken. Jackie L. will check in LA to see if there are additional individual or club needs.

Deb K reminded Regional officers of the early January deadline for newsletter articles.

Deb K explained that all 2008 9/10 Regionals hotel rooms must go through one booking agent. The hotel request form will be in the January newsletter. Deb explained past Regional Board apparel responsibilities. Brad had suggestions for new procedures. His Tampa Bay Turner staff has promised to be supportive. He also suggested that there be a pre-workout meeting at Nationals w/ coaches for Regional apparel distribution.

Deb K reminded the Board that Level 8 Regionals State Team rules concerning an injured athlete are the same as Easterns. (The injured athlete would move to become an all star, and the first alternate would move into the team). The Level 8 Meet Director asked for guidance in providing a banquet or social. Deb W suggested offering a hospitality room during the workout sessions. Mike Mc. suggested distributing local coupons. Brad H. suggested that states have alternate apparel available.

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Deb K. reminded the Board that a team consists of 8 gymnasts, but 4 will count toward team score.

The Committee discussion reaffirmed that the Level 8 all-star alternate rule will be followed – Alternates will be placed in any slots that become available up to forty-eight hours prior to the start of warm-ups of the first session of competition. (12-14-07)

Deb K reminded everyone that the Level 10 Nationals would be in Kissimmee. State Chairs shall take care of gifts for visiting officials, to be shipped to Mike Mc, who will transport to meet for assembly.

Because frequent regional events are to be held in Florida, (Regional Congress for two consecutive years in Jacksonville, etc.), Mike Mc asked for consideration in his ability to provide viable state educational fundraisers from FL- USAG account. Discussion followed but no resolution.

A discussion ensued on whether to have a banquet, another gathering, auction, etc. for the social/fundraiser at Region 8 Congress. If another auction were planned, states are encouraged to contribute approximately \$1,000 for the auction.

Deb K announced that the Regional Board should plan to meet at Regional Congress 2008 Thurs., July 17th at 9:00 am.

June 12 - 14, 2009 is the date for Regional Congress in Jacksonville, Fla.

Deb K distributed a finance/expense report from '07 Region 8 Congress. Suggestions were given concerning motivational speakers, informational speakers, or instructional speakers. (Jon Gordon of Jacksonville, FL & Jeff Lulla). It was also requested that the lecture room size and accommodations for judging sessions be enlarged at '08 Regional Congress

Marian D handed out a proposal for selection criteria for the Region 8 Hall of Fame. Extended discussion followed.

Motion to accept the Region 8 Hall of Fame criteria proposal presented as amended in the discussion beginning with the 2009 selections.

Motion: Marian Dykes

Second: Jackie Latino

**PASSED unanimously**

Nominations for 2008 Hall of Fame Class. Nominees had either trained or lived in Region 8 and were named to Olympic team.

Toni R reported on the Tim Rand Memorial Fund. Toni would like for the fund to be continued. She asked that the officers of the Board help determine how the money would be distributed. Toni will match raised funds up to \$5000. Toni suggested that the funds be used for coach education, athlete support, or wherever the need is for each year.

A pin and charm, developed by A-1 Awards, that might be placed on a medal at an invitational or State Meet was passed around for inspection.

Marian D opened a discussion on the Region 8 Judging Assignment criteria. Because costs are truly becoming prohibitive for judges' education, Marian requested that a 2-year extension on the requirements of the guideline be implemented.

Motion to amend the criteria for National judging assignments to include that a volunteer may work actively, teach, or **host** at least one Region 8 training camp **every other** year.

Motion: Brad Harris

Second: Marian Dykes

**PASSED unanimously**

In order to double check that criteria for judging assignments are being appropriately and relevantly applied, Marian suggested that each state chair re-analyze the criteria and make suggestions for changes. She reaffirmed that she will first check with state judging directors and state chairs to clarify any questions.

Break for lunch @ 12:10

Back @12:55

Brad H presented his first Regional JO Program report. He created a working Region 8 JO Committee expressing the rationale that the region needs informal communication with representatives from each state so that each state will always have a voice. Brad plans to use the representatives to help bring ideas from each state to the National JO Committee.

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In regards to Regional apparel, Brad wants the apparel to be what the athletes need, not necessarily what they want. He would like to have the athletes from the region have the appearance of a unified team on the workout day and whenever walking out onto the floor at Easterns or Nationals. The GK apparel would be given out later at the competition site.

Brad presented to the Board:

Samples of warm-up suits

Large draw-string gym bags (donated by Brad's gym this year in T. Rand's name)

Small Grip bag (donated by Cindy Pokrana – Busy Bodies in T. Rand's name)

Flip-flops provided by 10.0 basically at cost

T-shirts for under the warm-up suit and tank tops

And something to wear to the banquet so they'll look like a team there also.

The cost will be about roughly \$60 for each gymnast w/ the tank top; \$50 without the tank top.

Level 9's would only receive a tank leotard as restricted by National USAG regulations.

Written instructions will be given to coaches and gymnasts for when to wear what item.

Coaching apparel would include:

Warm-up jacket w/ embroidery (about \$50 each). Coaches would supply own black pants.

Coaches' shirts – work-out shirt – T-shirt w/ logo. (\$3.75 each)

Dry-wick T-shirt with embroidery. (\$15-\$18)

All coaches receive apparel whether they worked training camp or not.

Coaches would be encouraged to wear regional apparel at National meets .

Coaches would be encouraged to support Training Camps by sending to the camp either gymnasts or coaches, or both gymnasts and coaches. Specific support will be rewarded to the gymnasts from the participating program.

Brad will check on the cost of including the receipt of a warm-up jacket by the Level 9 coaches with gymnasts who have qualified to Easterns. Specific criteria will be created for the number of Level 9 coaches from a team who would receive the jacket. When a coach picks up apparel, each must sign a commitment of the number of team coaches going to Nationals. (If a coach is not going to Nationals, he/she would not receive apparel.)

Motion to accept the Region 8 Athlete Fund apparel distribution procedures be updated as presented.

Motion: Marian Dykes

Second: Brad Harris

**PASSED unanimously**

Brad shall revise the Regional Apparel forms to reflect the changes in the discussions.

Brad discussed the concerns from the previous training camps:

Level of quality – coaching and instruction – has decreased.

Motion to accept proposal to have a new training camp with a new level of expertise (any level 9 or 10 who qualified to the previous Easterns or Nationals). The Master staff would be assembled by Brad. This would be the best skill level of camp to work in conjunction with NAWGJ symposium.

Reserve spots by % of qualifiers at Nationals by a certain date, then open up to first- come-first-served basis, up to 100 gymnasts.

TOPS National qualifiers should be invited to the Level 8 training camp.

Motion: Nancy Hawkins

Second: Larry Corrigan

**PASSED unanimously**

Toni suggested having a few “paid” clinicians for the September Training Camp. It was also suggested that the July camp be called Regional Team Camp.

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Motion to have the R8 National Training Camp to be in GAA on Sept. 12-14, 2008.

Motion: Peggy Simpson  
Second: Deb Walls

**PASSED unanimously**

Dates for the three training camps for 2009 were presented in the form of a motion.

Motion to plan the training camps at sites to be determined:

Regional Team Training camp on July 25-27, 2009

R8 National Team Training Camp – Sept 12-14, 2009

8,9,10 Training Camp – Oct. 2-4, 2009

Motion: Brad Harris  
Second: Deb Walls

**PASSED unanimously**

Brad H proposed the idea of a State Developmental Clinic, bringing regional clinicians to the individual state clinics, to improve the quality of compulsories, perhaps becoming a biannual opportunity. It would be a good educational opportunity. A fee would be charged for the gymnasts (level 4-7) and the coaches, but the proceeds could go to the State and to the Region. \$75 and \$50 would be reasonable amount for fees. It would also serve as a great memorial to Tim Rand. The host state would share in the administrative duties. Marian would like to have the judging community included as clinicians. It was suggested that the athlete participants be limited to 80 gymnasts or so.

The National JO Committee voted to continue a National Coach of the Year. Region 8 will vote for a Regional Coach of the Year at Regionals as we did last year. Each state was encouraged to continue with own procedure. Each state's nominee must be presented to Region 8 Committee at Level 9 & 10 Regionals.

Brad will set up a Region 8 Host Hotel for Easterns and Nationals in order to better develop a tighter team concept. He will invite everyone to a meeting before the Regional workout where they'll receive apparel and listen to a "fire-up" speech.

Clarifications about the Region 8 All-Star trip were stated. Graduating seniors are ineligible for the trip. The selection criteria for the trip shall be: The top six gymnasts – L9's (plus ties) and the top six – L 10's (plus

ties) from Eastern/National Championships will make up the team.

Deb K stated that the State Chairperson's 4th quarter financial statements are due on Jan. 15, 2008.

State Chairs should pay the individual state's Regional competition fees to Deb before the end of the meeting.

The Regional reporting process had not changed and Deb went over the process. Deb K distributed the necessary information needed to give to coaches at individual state meets.

Deb K reminded State Chairs:

1) of the need to e-mail number of 9's & 10's at 34 and 8's at a 30 and at 34 by noon on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2008.

2) that distribution of Achievement Awards for Levels 4 and 5 State Meets were still required

3) that State Chairs (SACC's) should decide whether each would run again for the Chair's position and relay it to the State Board early in 2008.

Toni R reported that there are some changes in the Elite and TOPS program, but these would be available at the Elite clinic @ Metro later this weekend.

Marian D reported that the Technical Committee met and spent time streamlining the Regional Congress process. In order to have informational equity in each Region, the committee is working to create the same core of lectures, providing more uniformity of clinics throughout the nation.

Marian stated that the 2009 Tech 9/10 Training video is available.

Marian stated that new judging course dates are to come. The criteria for the National course are out and Marian will be asking for feedback. Everyone will be required to test. There will be no level 10 recertifications.

Deb K relayed the dates and times for meetings at National Congress in Philadelphia, PA.

·Women's Program Appreciation Lunch will be on Thursday, June 19, 2008.

·The State/Regional Administrative Chairman workshop will be on Sunday, June 22, 2008.

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New Chairs shall meet from 9:00-11:30, and all State Chairs shall meet from 12:30 – 4:30 pm on the same day, June 22nd.

·She also stated that the next Regional meeting would be at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 17, 2008 @ Region 8 Congress in Jacksonville, FL.

Marian said that the mileage goes to \$.50 per mile on Jan. 1, 2008. Support information may be obtained from the national website.

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Jennie Adams

Second: Deb Walls

**PASSED unanimously**

4:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Adams

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**Region 8 Committee**

Front row: Toni Rand and Jackie Latino

Second row: Joanne Child, Marian Dykes and Debby Kornegay

Third row: Mike McCabe, Peggy Simpson, Larry Corrigan, Brad Harris, Nancy Hawkins, Jennie Adams and Debbie Walls