

**Region 7 Board Meeting
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Friday, June 13, 2008**

Present:

Lynn Perrott, RACC
Myra Eifenbein, RTCC
Linda Johnson, RJOCC
Dena Walker, RECC
Jay Barrows, MD SACC
Donna Guenther, PA SACC
Craig Zappa for Dave Rettig, NJ SACC
Steve Garman, VA SACC
Billy Bob Taylor, W VA SACC

Absent, Kim Szafranski, DE SACC

The meeting was called to order by the Region 7 Administrative Committee Chairman, Lynn Perrott at 5:00 PM.

RACC report

Lynn Perrott presented our Region 7 financial report. Lynn was happy to report that the USAG Congress in Philadelphia was the biggest Congress ever held. Region 7 will be receiving some funds from USA proportionate to the number of Region 7 members who attended this event. All funds from the auction at Congress will also be going to Region 7. This helps the fact that there will be no Regional Congress for us this year.

Regional Congress 2009

We are looking at the 3rd weekend in October for our Regional Congress for next year. As of right now we are considering the Virginia Beach location.

RTCC report

Myra Eifenbein complimented the hosts for our regional meets for 2008. Considering the fact that we only had one firm bid from Parkettes we are grateful that both Maverick Gymnastics with Billy Bob Taylor, and Tammy Harrison of World Class Gymnastics, "stepped up to the plate" and did an outstanding job running these meets. As always our thanks go to Julie Emerick and the Parkettes for agreeing to host Regionals, and for doing a great job each time.

Again we are trying to come up with a Regional Calendar for next year. Myra is looking for pictures of regional events, both training camps and regional meets for inclusion into the calendar, which will be sold through the regional office. Please let Myra know if you have any pictures that we might be able to use.

RJOCC report

This coming September, the JO/WTC Committees will be working on new rules for the coming quadrennium. As of right now, both committees are NOT looking to the FIG system for inclusion into our program. Any ideas or suggestions for possible rule changes should be sent to both Linda Johnson and Myra Elfenbein so that they may better be able to represent your views for this meeting.

Linda was encouraged to report that the NCAA college coaches are working with the JO committee to better coordinate the calendars for both programs.

East West Format Change

Linda discussed the format change for 2009 East/West, as reported in the recent minutes from the JO Committee:

Recommendation to change the format of the Level 9 Eastern/Western Championships as follows:
Increase the number of age groups from 8 to 16, with six (6) athletes per region per age division qualifying.

Each session will include two age divisions of twenty-four (24) gymnasts. The 4 top scores will count for team.

We will go Junior and Senior A through H, with 3 age groups competing each day during our Level 9 regional meet.

Individual Event Specialists

In general, although there was not overwhelming participation this past year, states felt that the concept of IES was positive. There was some concern over the high qualifying score to regionals. The following motion was passed.

Motion: Jay Barrows:

2nd: Donna Guenther

The qualifying score to states for an Individual Event Specialist will be 8.8

The qualifying score to Regionals for an Individual Event Specialist will be 9.0

PASSED

National Qualifiers and Alternates

This year we had nine scratches from our qualifiers to our National Meets. Five scratches were due to injuries and 4 were elective.

We are asking the intentions concerning national participation for our athletes at the coaches meeting **PRIOR** to competition at Regionals. We will be asking our qualifiers who elect not to attend JO Nationals due to social activities, such as proms, to return the apparel given to them if they elect not to go to nationals.

Our scoring system must identify ties during our regional meets, and break the tie correctly. Our second alternate to nationals will NO LONGER receive apparel from GK if they do not actually participate in the national meet, although they will receive the apparel and gifts

from Region 7. We would like to designate a delegation leader for the various age groups for Level 9 Easterns.

National Invitational Tournament

The National Invitational Tournament was discussed, with the change in JO Nationals schedule noted. JO Nationals will now have a training day on Thursday, with competition on Friday and Saturday.

Recommendation from the National Junior Olympic Committee:

The National Invitational Tournament will be conducted at JO Nationals in 2009. At this point the competition will be scheduled for the Sunday following nationals. The format and qualification procedures are not yet determined.

Training Camps

As always our training camps have been very successful but we are always looking for new clinicians and new formats. If you have any suggestions along these lines, please contact Linda Johnson.

Pink Invitational

AJS Pancott in Pennsylvania is running the Pink Invitational as a fund raiser for breast cancer research.

The dates are February 27, 28, March 1, 2009, to be held in the West Chester area of Pennsylvania. Region 7 will be donating 7 times the winning team score as a way of sponsoring and promoting this meet. We encourage regional participation in this important event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Myra Eifenbein, RTCC