

R4 Advisory Committee

21 April 2022

Hilton Minneapolis – Minneapolis, MN

Meeting called to order at 6:17pm.

Present: Megan Bankole, Kathy Nelson, Robin Smith, Carol Balerud, Linda Thorberg, Rick Nelson, Paige Roth, Tom Koll, Audra Rew, Kathy Sanford, Todd Beyer, Ryan Rohloff, Whitney Beck

1. Minutes – 10.6.21
  - a. Megan moves; Kathy Nelson seconds; Unanimously approved.
2. RACC Report
  - a. Head Tax – Still waiting for some states/state meets.
  - b. Financials – Deposit made from Xcel Regionals; coded incorrectly and not yet appearing in R4 account.
  - c. Region 4 Congress – June 17-19, 2022 in Cedar Rapids
    - i. Clinicians are being contracted, registrations are coming in.
    - ii. Receptions – Club of the Year(s) Awards, Service Awards, Etc.
      1. Kathy Sanford will collect/organize nominations from States for various club recognitions.
      2. State Chairs should send recommendations for award categories.
    - iii. Need Demonstrators – Paige?
  - d. Region 4 Camps
    - i. Positive feedback about last year!
    - ii. New Structure – 4x Camps (Dates TBD):
      1. HP Camp (Lv. 10 National Qual; Lv. 9 AA Place-winners)
      2. R4 Camp (Lv. 9/10 Experience)
      3. Devo Camp (Lv. 5-8 Experience)
      4. Xcel Camp (Xcel Plat-Diam. Experience)
  - e. DP Regionals Schedule
    - i. 30% Scratch Rate when Level 8 was scheduled Sunday
    - ii. Will look at what scratch rate is this year with Level 8's Fri/Sat.
  - f. Athlete membership fee for Regionals
    - i. Ryan moves that any active USA Gymnastics Athlete Member be granted admissions to any R4 Women's Championship Meet for \$5.00. Megan seconds.
      1. Unanimously approved.
  - g. Affiliation Rule in R&P
    - i. Recommendation that the judges affiliation rule listed in the R&P be reviewed by the Technical Committee.
  - h. Sanction Violations
    - i. Issue at MO State Meet regarding appropriate coaching uniform
    - ii. State Committee has complete jurisdiction over State Championships – recommendation to clarify sanction violation parameters at National Committee.
  - i. Random Draw at Regional Meets
    - i. Each State and Regional Committee has the jurisdiction to decide whether they will use "random draw" within squads at respective Championship meets
      1. Whitney moves that Region 4 does not use a random draw (per gymnast) for Level 6-8 & Xcel Championship events and follows the national format for Level 9 & 10 Championship events. Carol seconds. Unanimously approved.

### 3. RDPPC Report

- a. Outfitting of Wildcard Qualifiers
  - i. Carol moves to provide the Wildcard qualifiers with a matching apparel package to the Level 9 Western qualifiers less the additional tank leotard provided to them for training day. Paige seconds. Unanimously approved.
- b. Budget for Western/National Qualifier gifts and coaches' apparel for the future
  - i. Will look at spend/athlete in last 3-5 years to determine a budget and fundraising plan. Will revisit in June.
- c. Updating the R&P
  - i. Need to review the minutes to ensure all updates included in R&P. Carol will review.
- d. Policy for Refunding Regional Scratches
  - i. Difficulty with clubs who have athletes who fail to qualify but also don't scratch non-qualifiers (~25-30 athletes)
    - 1. Audra moves that all Regional Championship meet hosts are required to use MeetMaker (or similar approved processing host) to process athlete entry fee payments. Paige seconds. Kathy Sanford votes no. Megan abstains. Motion passes.
    - 2. Paige moves that all State Championship meet hosts are required to publish State Championship meet results on "myusagym.com." Ryan seconds. Unanimously approved.

### 4. RTCC Report

- a. Petitions
  - i. 100 Petitions to Regional Championships this season.
  - ii. Recommendation that State Chairmen be included in petition submissions for roster verification purposes.
- b. Congress
  - i. (See above.)
- c. Resumes
  - i. Judges that would like to be considered to judge the regional meets next year need to turn in resumes by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. State Chairs should send their lists to RTCC by June 1<sup>st</sup> with judges in "rank order."
- d. New Rules – New Code
  - i. Available on Google Play.

### 5. RXCC Report

- a. Xcel State Medals
  - i. Please ensure State are using the correct (mandated) State Championship medals.
- b. Sapphire Division
  - i. Pilot program in Regions 3, 6, 7, & 8.
- c. Camps
  - i. (See above.)
- d. Xcel Update
  - i. Question regarding the elimination of the Silver Division at future Xcel Regional Championships – the data does not support eliminating the Silver Division at this time.
- e. ND Issue
  - i. Megan will bring forward request for clarification at National Committee.

### 6. State Reports

- a. (See above.)
- 7. Old Business
  - a. (See above.)
- 8. New Business
  - a. 2023 Regional Bids
    - i. DP Regional Championships – 2023
      - 1. High 5 at Milwaukee; High 5 at Bettendorf
      - 2. Ryan moves to accept Milwaukee bid; Whitney seconds. Unanimously approved (Kathy Nelson abstains).
    - ii. Xcel Regional Championships – 2023
      - 1. Classic at Minneapolis Convention Center; Kelly Dornan/High 5 at Bettendorf.
      - 2. Ryan moves to accept Classic's bid for Xcel Regionals in 2023 utilizing AAI equipment, Whitney seconds. Unanimously approved.
  - b. Elections
    - i. Election in ND this year.
  - c. DP Program of the Year
    - i. States should send their nominations.
  - d. Service Awards
    - i. Whitney – 10 Years
    - ii. Todd – 12 Years
    - iii. Audra – 6 Years
    - iv. Kathy Sanford – 10 Years
    - v. Linda – 30 Years
    - vi. Rick – 28 Years (Combined – State & Regional)
- 9. Tom Koll
  - a. TOPs – New Programming
    - i. TOPs State Testings will now no longer be done as State Managers wish to schedule – they will be done via Zoom.
      - 1. There will no longer be individual state events – there will be events at invitationals
    - ii. TOPs is now 2x Divisions – 8YO/9-10YO
      - 1. Requirements/Videos forthcoming

Whitney moves to adjourn the meeting. Megan seconds. Unanimously approved.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:35pm.