

Region 6 and 7 Reorganization Meeting #10

Wednesday, February 28th

Meeting called to order at 9:33pm

Members: Craig Thibaudeau (R6 Chair), Bob Lundy (R7 Chair, MD Chair), Dan Young (VT Chair), Tom Greet (CT Chair), Danilo Gattei (RI Chair), Darren Morace (MA Chair), Misha Kustin (NJ Chair), Joe Zullo (ME Chair), Mike Ouellette (NH Chair), Karl Jaanimagi (NY Chair), Jeffrey Zack (PA Chair)

Members present: Craig, Bob, Dan, Tom, Danilo, Darren, Misha, Mike, Karl

Members NOT present: Joe, Jeff

Agenda

Next steps for reorganization

- A. Regional chair election
 - Craig reported that USA Gymnastics will set up zoom meetings for nominee interviews and set up the elections for both regions. Final nominees are Bob Lundy and Luke Wilcox
- B. Regional team bylaws
 - Region 6 elite team bylaws document was shared with Region 7 chairs via e-mail
- C. Regional bylaws (wider)
 - Region 6 bylaws document was shared with Region 7 chairs via e-mail
 - Beginning discussion about allotment percentages for current region 6 and 7
 - Members posed the question: Do you start with the number you want in the meet and then divide OR do you start with the number of kids in the region and go from there? There were different opinions, but this led into a discussion about combined regional championships for 2024/2025.
- D. 2024/2025 competition season- Regional Championships
 - Discussion about how many regional meets we want to have.
 - Dan proposes that in 2024/2025 competition season we hold one optional Region Northeast championships for levels 6-10. Karl helped look at total numbers to see if the level 6 guys could fit within the 'optional' championships. Dan added that keeping the level 6 guys (a qualifying level) with the other qualifying levels will help coaches and parents as they prepare for easterns/nationals planning. Tom suggested having the Level 6JE only at the optional championships.

- How do we want to handle allotments and qualifying for regional championships? Bob has reservations about holding a championship meet and letting everyone go.
- Tom expressed concerns about the logistics of holding a large meet, finding a big enough venue, and having sufficient time.
- Craig identified the philosophical debate about qualifications versus the practical decisions that could be made when considering other factors like finances, time constraints, venue accommodations, etc. We need to consider all factors when making decisions.
- Bob expressed concern about having three separate regional championship weekends. That is a lot of planning. Members agreed that two championships would be ideal: one super regionals (optionals 6-10 and compulsory north or south) AND compulsory regionals (north or south) was a tentative consensus.
- Discussion about level 3's at regional championships. Dan talked about giving the younger guys in the sport (level 3's) the reward and then taper off as you go along. Some expressed concern about including level 3's at regionals. Region 7 does not currently have that level attend regionals.

E. Next Steps

- What are the total numbers for our combined regions? Bob and Craig will work together to gather that information. We need to have discussions about judges, numbers of athletes, prospective venues to accommodate our large numbers, etc.
- Next meeting, with more information, we will look at how we would hold a combined regional championships.

Next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

Dan motion to adjourn at 10:37

Misha second

Meeting adjourned at 10:38

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Thibaudeau