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| Members present: | RACC – Deb Kornegay | RJOCC – Brad Harris |
| | RTCC – Marian Dykes | RXCC – Elaine Wulf |
| | AL – Otis Reeves | MS – Cynthia Dedeaux |
| | FL – Toni Rand | SC – Joanne Child |
| | GA – Michelle Pomerantz | NC – Jennie Adams |
| | LA – Shelley Swanson | TN – Larry Corrigan |

Deb K called the meeting to order at 10:00. She welcomed Committee members and passed address lists and thank you notes around for their review.

2019 Regional Competitions Bids and Discussions

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| Motion | Shelley W | moved that Gymnastics Academy of Atlanta be awarded the bid for the 2019 Level 9/10 Regional Championship to be held at LakePoint Sporting Community Center. Meet Director will be Keira Dunn. |
| 2nd | Joanne C | Passed 7 for 3 Against |
| Motion | Brad H | moved that Ultimate Gym Sports be awarded the bid for the 2019 Level 6/7/8 Regional Championship to be held at the Chattanooga Convention Center. Meet Director will be Sharon Kelly. |
| 2nd | Larry C | Passed unanimously |
| Motion | Brad H | moved that Foothills Gymnastics be awarded the bid for 2019 Xcel Regional Championship to be held at the Hickory Metro Convention Center. Meet Director will be Constance Snyder. |
| 2nd | Shelley W | Passed 10 for 1 against |

There were 4 bids received for Level 9/10 Regionals, 5 bids for Level 6/7/8 Regionals and 5 bids received for Xcel Regionals.

2018 Training Camps Bids and Discussions

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| Motion | Toni R | moved that Bull City Gymnastics in Durham NC be awarded the bid for the 2018 Level 6/7/8 Training Camp on July 27,28 & 29. |
| 2nd | Elaine W | Passed unanimously |
| Motion | Michelle P | moved that the University of Georgia be awarded the bid for the 2018 National Team Training Camp on Sept 7,8,& 9. |
| 2nd | Otis R | Passed unanimously |
| Motion | Marian D | moved that if an overflow gym is needed for Level 8/9/10 Training Camp it be in the same major airport area as the awarded Level 8/9/10 Training Camp location. |
| 2nd | Jennie A | Passed unanimously |
| Motion | Toni R | moved that LaFleur's Tampa Gymnastics be awarded the bid for the 2018 Level 8/9/10 Training Camp on October 19, 20 & 21. |
| 2nd | Cynthia D | Passed unanimously |

One bid was received for Level 6,7,8 Training Camp, 3 bids for National Team Training Camp and 2 bids for 8,9,10 Training Camp.

The Level 8/9/10 Training Camp will most likely need two sites again in 2018. Clubs with Level 10's, 9's and 8's will be at the LeFleur's Tampa Gym and clubs with only 8's and or 9's will go to the alternate site.

Updates

A Planner update was given to each Region 8 Committee member.

Deb K presented the Region 8 Financial report (ending in November 30, 2018)

Judges Availability Forms were reviewed and correction made. Deb will update and post on Region 8 webpage.

Region 8 Regional Championship Information

An update was given on the three upcoming 2018 Regional Championships.

Entries for all Regional Championships will be made through USA Gymnastics reservation system with payment through Meetmaker. State Chairmen who are paying any regional entry fees were asked to contact Meetmaker for pay codes.

State Chairmen were asked to inform coaches that Level 6/7/8 alternates (#1 through #3) should all be entered as alternates for Level 6/7/8 Regionals. Alternate gymnasts will not be charged until they are called to compete in Level 6/7/8 Regionals.

The 2017 Region 8 Congress Financial report was presented to the Committee.

Hall of Fame Information

An appropriate gift for Hall of Fame inductees was determined by a vote of the Committee.

Nominations for 2018 Hall of Fame inductees were accepted and a vote taken. Melody LaFleur, Tim Lucas and Darlene Rose will be the 2018 Region 8 Hall of Fame class.

Region 8 Committee will add JO/Elite athletes to Hall of Fame nominations in 2019. Criteria will be set at the June Region 8 Congress meeting.

Dates were set for 2019 Training Camps and All Star Trip as follows:

- Level 6/7/8 Training Camp – July 19-21
- National Team Training Camp – September 6-8 or 13-15
- Level 8/9/10 Training Camp – October 18-20
- All Star Trip – July 25-28

Leotards choices for Xcel State teams were reviewed. Cost will be \$42.00 per leotard.

All judges assigned to 2018 Regionals have all returned contracts. Some state CPE coordinators have not sent CPE results to Marian who needs to be able to check that all CPE's are up to date.

Deb stated that it is important for State Chairman to attend Regional Championships in order to be aware of any changes that should be made for future region 8 events.

Dates for 2020 Regional Championships were set.

- March 27-29 Last week end for Level 9/10 State championships
- April 17-19 Level 9/10 Regionals
- April 24-26 Level 6/7/8 Regionals
- May 14-17 Xcel Regionals

Elections for State Chairpersons are to be held in the spring of 2018. A Constant Contact email will be sent to membership in January calling for nominations.

Gift for Brevet Judges

In order to recertify all optional judges will retest this summer. In the past the Region 8 Committee has given a gift of \$300 to each Brevet judge who is retesting to aid with expenses. Marian, Toni and Deb recused themselves during the discussion and the vote.

**Motion Brad H to gift \$300.00 to Region 8 Brevet judges who are retesting.
2nd Michelle Passed unanimously**

Training Camp Volunteer Gift

Region 8 Committee will give a smaller gift to volunteers who only work a part of Training Camp.

Training Camp Refund Policy

Clubs who enter and do not attend the Training Camp will be given an automatic 50% refund and will not be placed on the "In Good Standing" list for Level 9 Easterns and JO Nationals.

Region 8 Training Camp Coach Fees

Registration fees for coaches who choose to watch their athletes instead of volunteering at Region 8 Training Camp will be raised from \$100.00 to \$500.00 for the first coach and \$250.00 for additional non-volunteer coaches. If a team provides a volunteer coach, its non-volunteer coaches attending will pay \$100 each. This not an attempt to raise funds, but to encourage more volunteers and to add to the value of each training camp volunteer.

Region 8 Training Camp Judges fees

Registration fee for Judges attending Training Camp with NAWGJ Symposium will be raised to \$50.00. All judge registration fees for the other training camps will remain \$25.00.

Maximum Gate Fees for Regional Championships

Motion Michelle moved to adopt the following schedule for Regional Championship gate fees:

| DAYS | ADULT | SENIOR/STUDENT |
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| 1 | \$15.00 | \$10.00 |
| 2 | \$25.00 | \$15.00 |
| 3 | \$35.00 | \$20.00 |
| 4 | \$40.00 | \$25.00 |

5 and under free
Student is 1st through 12th grade
Meet director may charge less

2nd Cynthia Passed unanimously

JO Club of the Year

The Club of the Year choice from each state will be recognized at the Level 9/10 Regionals. Any Regional Committee member may add a club name to the list.

State Chairmen Concerns

- Deb reminded the SCs to send meeting notices and minutes to her.
- Deb must approve each state's State Meet apparel logo every year.
- Deb relayed guidelines for late entries at State Meets. A late fee of \$50/gymnast may be charged. Place the gymnast in any session where she can be fitted and she may not be eligible for awards. The State Committee may choose to have late entries not eligible for Team Awards. The entry will not be official until the entry fee is received.
- Send Deb a link to the post of each state's yearly Financial Statement.
- State Meet entry fees that exceed the Rules and Policies Guidelines need to be approved by Deb.
- Deb reminded the SC's to send the 2017-2018 Regional Competition fee along with a reminded for an ACH transfer.

Petition Form Information

Marian stated that all Regional Competition Petition Forms (JO and Xcel) must be sent as either a PDF file or faxed.

Foreign Athletes Competing in USA Gymnastics

Deb distributed a list of each state's registered foreign athletes. She reminded the SC's to refer to Chapter 2 of Rules and Policies. If an athlete is a member of another nation's National Team the gymnast must be released from the foreign country in order to compete up through JO Regionals.

State Meet Reporting Process

Deb reminded the State Chairpersons to refer to the Reporting Procedure information and to do the following:

- Check the Meet Result Excel spreadsheet for correctness
- Include two or three alternates for each level
- Send State Meet results to Deb by email with no spaces before names, DOB or team names
- By noon on 3-13-18 email to Deb the number of qualifiers from each state as listed below:
 - Xcel Bronze at 37.00 AA
 - Xcel Silver and Gold at 36.00 AA
 - Xcel Platinum at 35.50 AA
 - Xcel Diamond at 35.00 AA
 - Levels 6 & 7 at 32.00 AA
 - Level 8 at 32.00 and 34.00 AA
 - Levels 9 & 10 at 35.00 AA

JO National Committee Reports

RTC – Marian reported that her Committee had a working meeting setting up the Judging Courses. Applications were finalized, questionnaires sent, registrations confirmed and tests and study materials scripted and confirmed.

JO – Brad reported that his meeting had been at the Ranch. The main topic was establishing better means of communication and cooperation with the JO Committee and the Elite programs. Discussions were ongoing for the new sets of compulsories.

He also added that there will be a golf tournament fundraiser at the Region 8 Congress in Winston-Salem, NC.

Upcoming Important Dates and Information

- The next Region 8 Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 7th at 9:00 AM in Winston-Salem, NC, before the Region 8 Congress.
- National Congress will be in Providence, RI on August 9-12th.
- P & G Championships and Hall of Fame Ceremony will be in Boston, MA on August 16-18th.

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| Motion | Jennie A | moved to adjourn. | |
| 2nd | Brad H | Passed unanimously | 2:07 |

Respectfully submitted,

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| Deb Kornegay | Regional 8 Chairperson |
| Jennie Adams | Appointed Secretary |