

Women's Administrative Committee
Seattle, Washington
May 18, 2009

I. Roll Call

Region 1 – Jen Krause
Region 2 – Meg Doxtator
Region 3 – Cori Rizzo
Region 4 – Jim Schlott
Region 5 - Bobbi Montanari
Region 6 – Jen Scannell
Region 7 – Lynn Perrott
Region 8 – Deb Kornegay

National Chair – Kathy Ostberg
VPP – Kathy Kelly
VPM -Kathy Feldmann (by phone)
Director of Education – Carisa Laughton (by phone)

II. Meet Entry Fees

The committee discussed entry fees for State Meets and made no change to the current policy. It was felt that there are many different scenarios across the country and the policy that is currently in place addresses the diversity of the states' needs.

Recommendation to amend the *Rules and Policies* as follows:

The State Entry Fee may not exceed \$50.00 unless approved the Regional Administrative Chairman.

The Regional Entry Fee may not exceed the National Entry Fee unless approved by the National Administrative Committee Chairman.

Motion Jim Schlott
Second Lynn Perrott

PASSED

III. Membership/Education Services

- University Updates: Carisa updated the committee on the development of the University Courses. Specific information on the University Structure can be accessed on the USA Gymnastics web-site. Level 1 Fundamental in Gymnastics will be completed by August 1, 2009.
- USA Gymnastics has partnered with Frank Sahlein on the Business College of the University. Introduction of this on-line course is scheduled for early fall.
- New Technology - USA Gymnastics is upgrading their computer system for the Membership base. The new system will be more efficient and user friendly.

- Criminal Background Checks – Professional Members are now able to go on-line with NCSI and check their status. Introductory Coaches will be required to pass a background check in the future. Start date for this will be on the web-site and published in *Technique*.
- National Congress and Trade Show – Kathy Feldmann updated the committee on the 2009 event which will be held in Dallas, Texas on August 13-15. The slate of speakers for the women’s program has been completed and a full spectrum of 48 sessions will be presented.
 - Region 2 Meeting - Friday – after 4:30
 - Region 3 Meeting - Friday – after 4:30
 - Region 4 Meeting - Friday evening
 - Region 7 Meeting - Friday – after 4:30
- CORE Workshop – Carisa will be in touch with the Regional Administrative Chairs to coordinate these events within the regions.

Kathy Ostberg requested that Kathy Feldmann look into the possibility of multiple year membership and the merging all Professional Membership requirements to fall on the same date/year. Kathy Feldmann stated that she would look into the possibility of this for the 2010 season.

IV. Dress Code

The Dress Code was discussed and amended slightly. All members should adhere to the Dress Code as published in the Rules and Policies. The 2009/10 *Rules and Policies* will reflect the minor change to footwear - “athletic shoes with rubberized soles”.

V. Member Misconduct Issues

Committee discussed how to handle suspected alcohol or drug abuse at a sanctioned event. Please see JO minutes for final action.

VI. Protecting the Birthdates

Committee requested that the statement regarding not publishing the birthdates of the athletes be amended to include “pre-meet information” as well as results. In addition, they would like the Meet Directors Exam to include this issue.

VII. Entry Forms for East/West and JO Nationals

The Committee requested that the Entry Forms for East/West and JO Nationals and NIT be standardized and put on the web-site by January 1, 2010. When the specific meet Packet is available, a link will be provided to the form. The form **MUST** include cell phone information for the coach. The Packets that are distributed at the Regional Meet to the athletes **SHOULD NOT** include the Entry Form.

VIII. Regional and National JO Coach of the Year

Committee discussed the process for the election and made the following clarification: States select a state coach of the year. This nomination will be submitted to the Regional JOCC no later than one week after Regional

Championships. These nominations will be considered for the Regional Coach of the year by the Regional Administrative Committee.

Each region will select a Regional JO Coach of the Year from the submitted state nominations and additional nominations from the Regional Administrative Committee. The nomination for the National Coach of the Year will be submitted to the Chairman of the JO National Committee on or before the JO National Championships.

IX. NTS

The RACC's requested that when contracting the Hotels for JO Nationals, the region would like free meeting/banquet space, one suite per region, and 3 upgrades per region. Kathy Kelly will work with NTS on these issues.

X. East/West and JO National Meet Information

The RACC's would like to have a standardized excel sheet for the Meet Director and the Regional Chair which would include ALL the information needed. A person from each region needs to be designated to assist GK with apparel distribution at East/West and JO Nationals.

XI. East/West Athlete Apparel

Sponsorship through GK provides a warm-up to each qualified athlete and the 1st alternate.

The region provides the competitive tank leotard to each qualified athlete and the 1st alternate

The regions also financially support the Meet Director for a regional judge.

No additional gifts or apparel will be provided. Regional Apparel may be sold. The athletes will march in wearing their GK leotards and warm-ups.

XII. Operating Code

Election Procedures

The committee discussed the Election Procedures and the Duties and Responsibilities of the elected officials. The following recommendations will be presented to the Women's Program Committee for approval in August.

Recommendation to add the following to the 3rd paragraph on page 6 Operating Code: "and submit their resume to the appropriate USA Chairperson."

Motion Jen Scannell

Second Deb Kornegay

PASSED

Recommendation that if a State Administrative Committee member resigns and the remainder of the term exceeds one (1) year, the election procedure should be follows: If less than a year remains in the term, the State Administrative Committee Chairman, in consultation with the State Administrative Committee will nominate a replacement to fulfill the term and the State Chair casts one vote.

Motion **Bobbi Montanari**
Second **Meg Doxtator**
PASSED

Changes will be reflected in all other election procedures.

Clarification:

The call for nominations for State and Regional Officers must be completed by January 15th of the election year.

XIII. A 1 Awards

Committee addressed some concerns on the Regional Awards. Kathy Kelly will compile all the issues. Committee appreciates the sponsorship of A 1 and the service.

XIV. Meeting

Any RACC on site at Congress on Wednesday, August 12 will meet for a final review of the Agenda for State Chairman Workshop.

XV. State Chairman Workshop

The committee drafted the agenda for State Chairman Workshop and assigned topics to the presenters.

XVI. National Invitational Tournament

Committee discussed the NIT and forwarded their concerns and suggestions to the JO Committee for their consideration (See JO Minutes).

XVII. Rules and Policies

Kathy Kelly will email the assigned sections of the Rules and Policies to the Regional Chairs. The RACC's will send in their corrections to Kathy Kelly and Kathy Ostberg by July 1.

Part 1, Section 1-2 Membership	Office
Part 1, Section 3 & 4 Duties & Responsibilities	Cori Rizzo, Lynn Perrott
Part 1, Section 5 Eligibility	Jim Schlott, Jen Krause
Part 2, Section 1 JO Requirement	Kathy Ostberg, Jen Krause
Part 2, Section 2 Competition Structure	Cori Rizzo, Lynn Perrott
Part 2, Section 4 Meet Regulations	Meg Doxtator, Deb Kornegay
Part 2, Section 5 Petitions	JenScannell,Bobbi Montanari
Part 2, Section 6 Awards	JenScannell,Bobbi Montanari
Part 3, PREP Optional	JenScannell,Bobbi Montanari
Part 4, Sanctioning	Office
Part 5 Officials	TC Chair
Part 6 Apparatus	Office
Part 7 Elite	Office IEC Chair&PEC Chair