

Women's administrative Committee Meeting

May 11, 2014

9:00am

Cori Rizzo – NACC
Jen Krause – RACC 1
Meg Doxtator – RACC 2
Jim Schlott – RACC 4
David Stiles – RACC 5
Linda Johnson – RJOCC
Deb Kornegay – RACC 8
Tom Koll – NJOCC
Rachel Brazo – DofPA
Cheryl Jarrett – VPMS
Luan Peszek – VPWP

Via phone:

Diane Callison – RACC 3
Kathy Ostberg – RACC 6
Lynn Perrott – RACC 7

Arrived late due to NIT:

Claudia Kretschmer – NXCC

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cori Rizzo at 9:05 a.m.

- I. Clarification of Dress Code – A state or region may not have a stricter dress code than the *R&P*. See “Coaches’ Specific Responsibilities” on page 7, section V. D. 2.
- II. Need clarification of non-members at training camps and educational events. USA Gymnastics VP of MS will review policies and procedures regarding these groups and provide guidelines.
- III. Recommendation to allow judges to receive gifts from meet hosts for JO level sanctioned events provided that the gifts retail value does not exceed \$20.
Motion – Doxtator
Second – Stiles
Unanimous
Add to Judges & Meet Director responsibility in the *R&P* so fines may be an option as a sanction violation if gifts become excessive.
- IV. Discussion of new USA Gymnastics State/Regional Championships branding kits. Committee voiced pros and cons. Requested the availability of replacement parts and pieces available to order

individually as opposed to the entire kit. Banners and signage have been well received by athletes and fans.

- V. Committee asked for clarification on Regional/State logos and the new USA Gymnastics official logos. Clarification email was sent to all State and Regional Chairs. The new logos are the only logos allowed.
- VI. Recommendation that in the Regional Championships section on Page 19 of *R&P* F.2.b to add the phrase “and below” after “level 8 regionals”. On F.2.c “the committee determines if the various levels” to replace specific stated levels and page 17’s graph on the regional column, 1st line add “* to be determined by the Regional Administrative Committee.”
 - Motion by Kornegay
 - Second by Doxtator
 - Unanimous
- VII. Recommendation that in the Junior Olympic Competitive Program, Age Determination and Regulations, on page 14 of *R&P* C.3.a.2).a) – c) should be deleted. d) will become a bullet.
 - Motion by Krause
 - Second by Schlott
 - Unanimous
- VIII. Request to office that all pages of *R&P* including index be moved to start with 1 and not i.
- IX. Recommendation that the *R&P* Junior Olympic Competitive Program, Dropping Back through the Levels be changed on page 15 D.2.a and 3 to remove the word “chairman” so that the petition is considered by the entire committee.
 - Motion by Kornegay
 - Second by Schlott
 - Unanimous
- X. Committee asks USA Gymnastics Women’s JO Program Director to notify them when petitions for NIT are submitted and/or approved.
- XI. The Administrative Committee discussed financial reporting through National Office. A request was made to make the financial report one column for the current year. Financial education will be one of the topics at workshop at National Congress.
- XII. Recommendation to add to the *R&P* Professional Member Behavior Policy on page 6 IV.B number 6: “Violating any of the coaches’ or judges’ specific responsibilities as listed later in this chapter”, and remove D.
 - Motion by Schlott
 - Second by Ostberg
 - Unanimous
- XIII. Recommendation to ask the executive office to make language, approved by legal, that would be placed in “Coaches’ Specific

Responsibilities” on the top of page 8 of the *R&P* after letter Q that says: “A coach must act in a manner that reasonably ensures the safety of an athlete.”

Motion by Schlott

Second by Doxtator

Unanimous

Proposed language by USA Gymnastics to be reviewed by legal council:

At a USA Gymnastics sanctioned event, if there is an instance when any professional USA Gymnastics member witnesses action by a coach and believes that the safety of the athlete is in question (for example: risk of catastrophic injury, concussion, etc.) that Professional Member should notify the Meet Director. The Jury of Appeals should then be called upon to resolve any potential problems. The Jury of Appeals is comprised of the following individuals.

- a. **Meet Director (non-voting, if question relates to his/her gymnast)**
- b. **Meet Referee (President of the Jury)**
- c. **Chief Judge of the Event in question**
- d. **If available, one USA Gymnastics representative (Elected State or higher Committee member or Regional or National Officer)**

The methods of settling a case by the Jury are:

- a. **Discussion**
- b. **Voting on a decision**
- c. **Majority vote dictates the final decision**

The Jury of Appeals for Regional and above competitions shall include the

- a. **Meet Director (unless affiliated with the inquiry)**
- b. **Meet Referee (President of the Jury)**
- c. **USA elected JO or Administrative Officers.**

The Jury of Appeals may decide to give warning to the coach for improper behavior and may take action to ensure the safety of the athlete.

- XIV. Recommendation to remove the wording from the *R&P* “Sanction Report Forms” on page 49 that states that sanction reports have to be sent to the RACC.

Motioned by Schlott

Second by Krause

In Favor – 6

Opposed – 1

Passed

- XV. Discussion of small clubs combining together for team competition. The USA Gymnastics State Committee must approve teams from combining for team competition at State Meets if the clubs have different names and different owners. See *R&P* Chapter 1, Section 2, III. (page 5)

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.