

USAG Region 7 Board Meeting
June 25, 2011, Baltimore, MD

Attending:

Lynn Perrott, RACC
Linda Johnson, JOCC
Myra Elfenbein, RTCC
Donna Guenther, PA SAC
Dave Rettig, NJ SACC
Jay Barrows, MD SACC
Steve Garman, VA SACC
Billy Bob Taylor, WV SACC
Cleo Washington, DE SACC
Guest: Bonnie Synol RJD

RACC Report:

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 PM by Lynn Perrott, Region 7 RACC.

Regional Meets: The deadline for 2012 Regional Meet bids has been extended to August 10, 2011. Meets will be awarded at the RAC meeting held at National Congress. Interested clubs should submit the bids, (bid form available on the USAG website) including a floor plan, to Lynn, via fax, email, or snail mail.

Regional Meet Dates: Level 10 - April 21 - 22, 2012

Level 9 - April 14 - 15, 2012

Level 8 - April 28 - 29, 2012

Financial Report: The Region is very healthy financially. The RAC made the following motions to use regional funds to support our region in the following ways:

1. Motion: Steve Garman, 2nd: Dave Rettig

We will offer reduced registration fees to 2012 Regional Congress for member clubs and NAWGJ (Buy two, Get one free) to encourage education and camaraderie.

Passed: unanimous

2. Motion: Steve Garman, 2nd: Donna Guenther

We will allocate \$5,000 from the Region 7 treasury to help Delaware set up a State Administrative Committee. Delaware now has 4 member clubs in the state.

Passed: unanimous

3. Motion: Donna Guenther, 2nd: Linda Johnson

The Region will reimburse ½ the judges' fees for each 2012 Regional Meet, pending a complete financial report from the host club. This will help defray the cost of running a regional meet.

Passed: unanimous

Easterns/Nationals: Level 10 Nationals and Level 9 Easterns will both be held in Region 7 in 2012.

Easterns will be held at the Sports and Learning Complex in Landover, Maryland. JO Nationals will be held in the Hampton Convention Center in Hampton, Virginia. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Region to see outstanding gymnastics and it is hoped that we all can promote both events.

Lynn explained that there will be no paper entries for either meet, starting in 2012, per her recent National Administrative Committee meeting in Florida, June 6-7. This will require the state meet hosts to reinforce the message to the coaches of all L 9 &

10 Regional Qualifiers, that they must go online and put in the necessary information in a spreadsheet that will be available at that time. Region 7 will again be paying all entry fees for both Easterns and JO Nationals, but the entry information must come from each individual club with qualifiers.

USAG Open Championships: There is a possibility that each region will be sending a Level 8 team to the USAG Open Championship, scheduled to be held each year the first weekend in June, at the ESPN Center in Disneyworld. Confirmation is pending.

Motion: Billy Bob Taylor, 2nd : Donna Guenther

If asked, Region 7 will send a Regional Team to the Open Championships in Florida sponsored by USAG. The team selection will be based on the highest Individual All-Around Scores at our Level 8 Regional Meet, regardless of age group. The Region will pay the entry fee for each athlete, and donate an additional \$100.00 towards travel to each athlete's club.

XCEL/Prep Op: Donna Guenther and Steve Garman were chosen to be our representatives on the USAG committee regarding the XCEL program. The region will reimburse them for any expenses not covered by USAG.

RJOC Report:

Training Camps: Our Pre Season Prep camp is almost full. This is the first year it went out for bid. We are not yet taking bids for next year's summer camp, although a few clubs have expressed interest in hosting. The call for bids for the 2012 summer camp will be posted once the 2012 Regional Congress date is confirmed.

2011 Pre-Season Prep Camp information:

When: July 8th -10th, 2011

Section A. Friday-Saturday, July 8-9: Level 8

Section B. Saturday-Sunday, July 9-10: Level 9 and 10

Where: Unique Sports Academy

109 Post Office Road, Ste D Waldorf, MD 20602

(301) 396-4934

Directions to gym available on Region 7 website

Our High Performance Camp will again be at Woodward gymnastics in Pennsylvania. The dates are 9/16 - 9/18, 2011.

All-Star Team: Our All Star Team will be going to Switzerland in the fall. This is an exceptional opportunity for our Region 7 athletes. A tie breaking system in the selection of the All-Star team was discussed and tabled for further discussion at a later date.

Elite dropbacks: As a reminder Elite dropbacks need to petition directly to the National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman. Linda Johnson would like to be copied on these requests.

RTCC report:

Regional Meet judging assignments: States are to have their lists of recommended judges for Levels 8/9/10 Regional Championship meets to Myra by August 1, 2011.

Petitions: Myra explained again that no petitions will be accepted with an All Around score of less than 35.00.

RTC Website: We are working on revamping our "Ask the RTC" site to include only questions and comments for coaches and judges from within Region 7.

Education: The WTC is currently working on On-line Courses for judges' education that will be eligible for CPE credit.

Since next year is an Olympic Year, we are requesting that our Regional Congress be held August 17 - August 19, 2012. We are hoping that it will again be held at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore. Site and date will be announced as soon as they are confirmed, in order to facilitate planning for next year.

A special thank you goes to Billy Bob for conceiving the game Seven-opoly (even though I got to be in jail.)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Myra Elfenbein