

Region 6 Board Meeting  
January 10, 2024

Board Members: Chair; Craig Thibaudeau, Darren Morace (MA state chair), Danilo Gattei (RI state chair), Tom Greet (CT state chair), Lorenzo Macaluso (JNCS), Sean Monaco (Judge rep vote), Debbie Naka (JNCS), Michael Ouellette (NH state chair), Joe Zullo (ME state chair), Dan Young (VT state chair), Bill Challahan (Judge rep voice no vote), and Rich Ellis (Judge rep voice no vote)

Meeting called to order: 9:34pm

Members present: Dan, Craig, Lorenzo, Billy, Tom, Danilo, Sean, Debbie, Darren

Non-members present: Dunkan Gould (Elite Team Chairman)

Members absent: Mike, Joe, Rich

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## Meeting Agenda

1. Region 6 Cash Balance
  - As of 12/20/2023 Region 6 has \$51, 180.43 in our account with no outstanding debits or credits.
2. Region 6 Elite Team
  - Selection process and deadlines- Dunkan Gould gave R6ETP updates. It is important to have athletes willing to travel as alternates. We have one event left with the qualification process. Top 3 athletes using the point system after the BSI will have an automatic bid onto the team. The next 5 athletes will be selected by the head and assistant coach, regional chair, and JNCS reps. Region 6 must submit final line up on January 30<sup>th</sup> (just a few days after the BSI).
  - NGF Funding- Region 6 will receive \$6483.00 from NGF to put towards ETC.
  - Donation to families of ETC embers- Craig is proposing giving families \$500 from Region 6 toward airfare and hotel for ETC (total for 8 athletes- \$4000.00).
  - Other expenses will include travel, food, and lodging for regional chair and head and assistant coach (and a JNCS if they travel). Coordinate lodging and airfare to find best rates.

Dan put a motion forward to support families of ETC athletes by giving a one-time \$500 payment towards ETC expenses.

Danilo seconded the motion

Official vote: Yes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,

No: 1

Motion **approved** 5 to 1

### 3. State Championships

- Region 6 website- The website has been updated with a fresh tab for each state. On the state page is the state director information, state flag, and a listing of all the clubs that are registered in the USAG system as having a men's program.
- Deadline for disseminating information- On the state page, it is indicated that state championships information will be listed by February 1, 2024. At that point, you should at least have the date(s), location, and entry information. Session information can be posted at a later time. **State directors, please send Craig your state championships information by January 30<sup>th</sup> 2024.**
- Billy gave an update on what is needed on his end for securing judges and making sure the meets are properly supported. How many judges for each championship? Billy reported that we will have enough judges to run each championship event.
- Entry into regional championships- State directors will be responsible for entering their athletes into regionals within 48 hours of the conclusion of the state meet. State directors will be responsible for making an ACH transfer for the dollar amount of athletes attending regional championships. Gym clubs will give ONE check to their respective state for entry into regionals.

### 4. Regional Championships updates

- Quota system for compulsory athletes- **State directors, please send Craig your athlete numbers (levels, age, division) by February 5, 2024.** \*This is extremely important to create an allotment (quota) for the compulsory levels and to make sure we set the correct session times based on proposed numbers of athletes per level.
- Quota system percentages. Tom- go by numbers is the fairest way to do it. Need to pay attention to age groups. Use age groups for dev. national qualification in level 8,9,10. Other levels we can create our own age groups.
- Quota system for optional athletes- Members discussed the pros and cons of having an allotment system for levels 7-10. Pros include preparing athletes for the reorganization with Region 7 (already have an allotment system), having a qualification process can be motivating, and making it have a championships feel. Cons include leaving athletes out, we will have a lot of changes next year so why change now, and it will be hard to have specialists with an allotment system.

Lorenzo put a motion forward to make no changes to the optional quota system for entry to regionals (take all optional athletes)

Dan seconded the motion

Official vote: Yes: 1, 2, 3, 4,

No: 1, 2

Motion **approved** 4 to 2

Tom made a motion to have a quota system for compulsory athletes into regionals (system will be developed after all state numbers have been received)

Danilo second the motion

Official vote: Yes: 1,2,3,4,5,6

No: 0

Motion **approved** 6 to 0

- Championship feel- We want regionals to have the feel of a championships meet. This includes signage as well as a solid awards presentation. Athletes should feel special attending regionals.

- Regional Championships Funding- income estimates

**Income (approximate Total= \$96, 700)**

Individual athlete entries @ \$150 per athlete = 498 athletes \$74, 700

Estimated numbers based on 2023 regionals- Level 3 (72), Level 4 (132), Level 5 and 6 (67), Level 7 (77), Level 8 and Plat. (46), Level 9 (54), Level 10 (50)

NO team fee (if we did a lower athlete entry fee (say \$145 but added a blanket team fee per club of \$40 we would make less, and smaller clubs would have to charge their athletes more)

Door= approximately \$20,000 (\$15 entry fee, \$10 for children and seniors)

T-shirt sales Northwest Designs= approximately \$2000

- Regional Championships Funding- expenses estimates

**Expenses**

Springfield College- \$12,000

Dress up the meet- signage, curtains, balloons, chair/table rentals as needed

Meet administration- Carolyn Chin and Tom Greet

Lodging and travel- Judges, JNCS, regional chair

Judges- \$12,000 estimate (6 judges @ 9 sessions, 6 judges @ 3 sessions)

Trainer- secured Ian Thomas for all three dates.

Food and Volunteers- Suffield Gym for food, Western Mass for volunteers

Awards- \$5000 A-1 awards for individual and all-around medals and team banners

Gifts- senior gifts, shirts for all athletes, plaques for award recipients (Jon Redmon service award).

- Funding- fees and honorariums to consider (once determined these will need to be approved by the BOD)

1. Meet administration- Carolyn Chin
2. Meet administration- Tom Greet
3. Meet administration- Craig Thibaudeau
4. Trainer- Ian Thomas
5. Senior Gifts
6. Western Mass parent volunteers
7. Food- Suffield

5. Reorganization updates

- Timelines- elections for regional chair will happen the week of April 5-7 2024 (see next bullet). State account balances reconciled and confirmed by Hillary Quick by 4/30/24. Regional account balances reconciled and confirmed by Hillary Quick by 5/31/24. New Regional chair assumes official duties on 6/1/24.

- Regional chair- send bios to the national office (attention Lisa Mendel and Jason Woodnick by February 12, 2024). Elections of regional chair will be completed by USA Gymnastics. State directors will each have one vote.
- Committee structure- this is currently being worked on at the national level and through a task force based on litigation. There will be athlete representation as a requirement. Treasurer will also be a requirement at the regional level.
- Events discussion- Reorganization committee (state and regional chairs) are currently working on the regional team program as that is the first item in the calendar when the regions combine. Part 2 of the meeting will take place 1/17/2024.

6. New Business - none

Danilo motion to adjourn

Dan second

Meeting adjourned at 10:35pm