

R4 Advisory Committee
 15 April 2021
 TBK Sports Complex – Bettendorf, IA

Meeting called to order at 6:24pm.

Present: Rick Nelson, Megan Bankole, Paige Roth, Todd Beyer, Kathy Nelson, Whitney Beck, Ryan Rohloff, Kathy Sanford, Audra Rew, Carol Balerud, Robin Smith, Tom Koll, Linda Thorberg

1. RACC Report

- a. Head Tax -- \$6.00/DP Athlete; \$3.00/Xcel Athlete
- b. Financials
 - i. Checking account is positive, still not staff available at the National Office to assist.
 - ii. Please provide feedback on accounting system (and suggestions!) for National meeting.
- c. Apparel Bid
 - i. End of this year marks end of contract with Apparel Vendor – time to update contract.
 - 1. Update website with Call for Bids for Apparel Vendor
 - a. Need a form/parameters of what’s provided, what kickback they’ll offer, expected event participation, etc.
 - b. Rick will look for documents from previous cycle bidding process.
- d. DP Schedule
 - i. Bids for 2021-2022 Events (Fall Training Camps, Regional Championships) should be submitted to RACC no later than June 15th, 2021.
 - ii. Future Events – (Tentative) Schedule
 - 1. Ryan moves to approve following calendar. Carol seconds. Unanimously approved.

2022	
Last weekend of 9/10 State	3/25-3/27
Last weekend of Xcel State	4/8-4/10
DP Regionals	4/21-4/24
Xcel Regionals	4/29-5/1
East / West	5/12-5/15
Nationals	5/19-5/22 - Central/West

2023	
Last weekend of 9/10 State	3/24-3/26
Last weekend of Xcel State	3/31-4/2
DP Regionals	4/14-4/16
Xcel Regionals	4/21-4/23
East / West	5/5-5/7
Nationals	5/12-5/14 - Central/West

2024	
Last weekend of 9/10 State	3/22-3/24
Last weekend of Xcel State	3/29-3/31 (Easter)

DP Regionals	4/12-4/14
Xcel Regionals	4/19-4/21
East / West	5/3-5/5
Nationals	5/10-5/12 - Daytona Beach

2025	
Last weekend of 9/10 State	3/21-3/23
Last weekend of Xcel State	4/4-4/6
DP Regionals	4/11-4/13
Xcel Regionals	4/25-4/27
East / West	5/2-5/4
Nationals	5/9-5/11- Central/West

2026	
Last weekend of 9/10 State	3/20-3/22
Last weekend of Xcel State	3/27-3/29
DP Regionals	4/10-4/12
Xcel Regionals	4/17-4/19
East / West	5/1-5/3
Nationals	5/8-5/10 - Central/West

2027	
Last weekend of 9/10 State	3/19-3/21
Last weekend of Xcel State	4/2-4/4
DP Regionals	4/16-4/18
Xcel Regionals	4/23-4/25
East / West	5/7-5/9
Nationals	5/14-5/16 - East

iii. Camps

1. Camp Committee will put together a plan to submit at June meeting (Compulsory Workshop).
 - a. Whitney, Ryan, Paige, Kathy

2. RDPCC Report

- a. R4 National Apparel
 - i. Apparel will be provided to places 1-8 (National Qualifiers + 1st Alternate)
 - ii. If the 2nd Alternate plans to travel/would like to purchase the National Apparel, they may do so if they size/order apparel on-site at DP Regionals prior to the end of the meet.
- b. Region 4 R&P
 - i. Carol will review the R&P and put together notes for June meeting (Compulsory Workshop).
- c. DP Regionals
 - i. Paige moves that DP Regional meet hosts be required to award placement awards out to 40%. Audra seconds. Unanimously approved.

- ii. Linda moves that future Level 6-10 Regional Championships will be combined. Paige seconds. Unanimously approved.
 - iii. The DP Regional Championships prep work (checking qualifiers, etc.) needs to be delegated to State Chairs to spread out the workload.
 - d. DP Level 6-10 State Meet Reporting
 - i. State Results are difficult to collect/combine because of various scoring system.
 - 1. Paige moves that State Meet Hosts for Regional Qualifying Levels & Divisions must use an approved scoring system (approved systems and/or data output requirements can be found in R4 R&P). Megan seconds. Whitney is opposed. Motion passes.
 - e. Please submit State DP Program of the Year Clubs.

3. RTCC Report

- a. Judges are to turn in resumes to State Chairs by May 15. Committees should meet to rank and select judges for 2022 Regionals and submit lists to RTCC by June 1.
- b. May meetings will begin work on 2022 Code of Points and Xcel Code. Any recommendations/suggestions should be sent to respective Regional Chair (RTCC, RDPCC, RXCC) ASAP. Reminder: May is the only time rules are re-evaluated!
- c. Should there be a DP Update session at the Compulsory Workshop?
- d. From Tom: Please speak with your coaching community about the current debate regarding allowing shorts in Competition and provide feedback from your state.

4. RXCC Report

- a. Xcel Regionals moving forward – the meet size continues to grow, and the size of the meet/space requirements will begin to limit possible meet hosts.
 - i. Is it time to eliminate Bronze & Silver from Xcel Regionals to control meet size? Or do we raise qualifying scores?
 - ii. Audra moves to remove Xcel Bronze from 2022 Regionals. Carol seconds. Unanimously approved.
- b. May meetings will begin work on 2022 Code of Points and Xcel Code. Any recommendations/suggestions should be sent to respective Regional Chair (RTCC, RDPCC, RXCC) ASAP. Reminder: May is the only time rules are re-evaluated!
- c. Should we add more Xcel sessions to the Compulsory Workshop/Xcel Clinic to add value for the Xcel only clubs?

5. State Reports

- a. Iowa – Nothing to report.
- b. Minnesota
 - i. DP Regional Schedule – Clubs would like to see the new schedule mimic the old schedule (10's Friday, 9's Saturday, 8's all on Sunday).
 - ii. MN Judges have asked the committee to consider sending RTC to Nationals every other year so that we can give other judges a chance.
- c. Missouri
 - i. Debate about equipment for State Meet – current state R&P requires AAI. When does AAI contract expire? Will there be a new equipment vendor for DP Nationals?
 - ii. Young/New NAWGJ reps/judges – would love to see camps include judging education as well – to help raise the level of gymnastics in R4 as a whole.
- d. Nebraska
 - i. Just voted to move Compulsory season from fall to spring.
- e. North Dakota
 - i. New(ish!) SJD is still doing a great job!

- ii. Questions about Xcel – limiting training hours, etc. to keep competition fair/preserve integrity of the Xcel Program?
 - f. South Dakota
 - i. Question about inquiry that wasn't approved – but should have been. Can't change scores later.
 - g. Wisconsin – Nothing to report.
6. Old Business
- a. Compulsory Clinic – will schedule a Video Conference meeting following Xcel Regionals to discuss Committee assignment for Compulsory Workshop/Xcel Clinic.
 - b. Meeting schedule – will discuss at Post-Xcel Regionals Video Conference Meeting.
7. New Business
- a. Elections – Meetings
 - i. Whitney moves that in the event that new Regional Chairs are elected to the contested positions, that the Region will fund both outgoing and incoming Chairs travel expenses to respective meetings. Kathy S. seconds. Unanimously approved.

Next meeting set for Thursday, April 22nd at 2:00pm in Cedar Rapids. Details coming soon.

Megan moves to adjourn the meeting. Todd seconds. Unanimously approved.
Meeting adjourned at 10:04pm.