

R4 Advisory Committee
13 April 2023
Hilton Milwaukee – Milwaukee, WI

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.

Present: Megan Bankole, Kathy Nelson, Robin Smith, Todd Crouse, Rick Nelson, Paige Roth, Tom Koll, Audra Rew, Kathy Sanford, Todd Beyer, Ryan Rohloff, Whitney Beck, Windee Weiss

1. Minutes – Cedar Rapids, IA – 6.22.22

- a. Megan, Paige seconds. Unanimously approved.

2. RACC Report

- a. State Head Tax – Reminder to get it sent in.
- b. No current financial report.
- c. R3 + R4 Congress
 - i. Combined this year – prepare questions/discussion points for Committee Meeting in Cedar Rapids.
 - ii. State Program of the Year Awards – Winners need to be reported to R4 Admin Assistant (shelly@high5meets.com) -- submitted by May 15th.
 1. Team Sportsman of the Year
 2. Optional Program of the Year
 3. Compulsory Program of the Year
 4. Xcel Program of the Year
 5. Sportsperson of the Year – Pro Member
 6. Judge
 - iii. R4 Committee Meeting will be Thursday prior to Congress.
- d. Flags for Regionals
 - i. Flags of Colleges/Universities that Seniors are committed to will be displayed at awards.
 - ii. Paige moves that the Region purchases the existing flags (~\$600 value) from this year's meet host for future use with future annual tracking & inventory updating to be done by R4 Administrative assistant. RACC to be responsible for storing & transport. Kathy seconds.
 1. Unanimously approved.
 - iii. Whitney moves that the region recognizes all athletes committed to NCAA sanctioned programs within disciplines that fall under the USA Gymnastics umbrella. Todd seconds.
 1. Unanimously approved.
- e. Received donation (\$2000) from AAI for using AAI branded equipment at Regional Championships.
 - i. Discussed naming specific preferred equipment vendors for R4 Championships.

3. RDPCC Report

- a. Questions regarding petition scores for IES athletes – tabling until after National meeting.
- b. R4 Training Camps
 - i. Location is important when selecting hosts for future camps.
 - ii. R4 Camp Committee will prepare plan/proposal for Fall 2023 to be discussed at June meeting.

4. RTCC Report

- a. Discussion of expanding judging panels for Lv. 6-8 meets at Regional Championships. Will

review P&L from this year's meet at June meeting to provide further insight regarding whether entry fees would need to be increased to cover expenses.

b. Guidelines for "ranking" judges to submit for Championship consideration.

c. Discussion regarding per diem for judges. Proposal of meet host considerations for R4 R&P.

5. RXCC Report

a. Will vote on full adoption of Sapphire division at upcoming meeting. Please ask states to submit feedback.

b. Discussion regarding starting an R4 "Welcome Wagon" to help introduce new clubs to R4 policy & procedure.

6. State Reports

a. Iowa is healthy. ~500 Dev Program Athletes, ~1500 Xcel Program Athletes.

b. South Dakota is working to recruit judges and provide financial support for continuing education, etc. Numbers are good, new gyms are popping up – split state meet for the first time this year. ~850 total athletes.

c. Nebraska is working on reorganization – updated head tax to make bookkeeping easier. Problems getting bids for State Championships. ~1200 total athletes.

d. Minnesota has had a quiet year. First 10.0 awarded in 15+ years! ~2800 athletes.

e. North Dakota has also had a quiet year. ~550 athletes.

f. Missouri had a great state meet. ~3100 total athletes. Judging community is growing – judges are motivated to work together & take advantages for continuing education for judges. g.

Wisconsin is fabulous and so are the Wisconsin judges. ~2800 athletes.

7. Old Business

a. None.

8. New Business

a. Region 4 R&P – Review R&P Individual and submit suggestion to Megan – will cover proposed changes at June meeting.

b. 2024 Championship Bids

i. Xcel 2024

1. Ryan moves to award the 2024 Xcel Championships bid to IGN to be held at the Alliant Energy Powerhouse Arena in Cedar Rapids, IA. Windee seconds.

a. Unanimously approved.

ii. Dev 2024

1. Whitney moves to award the 2024 Dev Program Championship bid to MWT to be hosted in Bettendorf, IA. Ryan seconds.

a. Unanimously approved.

c. 2025 Championship Bids

i. Xcel 2025

1. Whitney moves to award the 2025 Xcel Championship bid to MWT to be held at the Alliant Center in Madison, WI. Audra seconds.

a. Unanimously approved.

ii. Dev 2025

1. Megan moves to award the 2025 Dev Program Championship bid to TCT to be hosted at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Whitney seconds.

a. Unanimously approved.

Whitney moves to adjourn the meeting. Megan seconds. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04pm.