

**Region V Committee Meeting  
September 28, 2008; 1:06 – 4:09 p.m.  
Indianapolis, IN**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bobbi Montanari, RACC at 1:06 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

*Present*

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)  
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)  
John Geddert, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)  
Enrique Trabanino, Regional Elite Committee Chairman (RECC)  
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)  
Ed Gibson, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)  
Cap Caudill, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)  
Douglas Rowe, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)  
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)  
Hilary Carlson, Region V-NAWGJ Judging Director  
Kittia Carpenter, Assistant Regional JO Committee Chairman  
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary  
Bret Norman, Regional Webmaster  
Kristin Moore, Regional Apparel Coordinator

**III. OVERVIEW OF REGION 5 CONGRESS**

Bobbi Montanari, RACC, thanked the committee for all their hard work in making this years Regional Congress successful. Comments and suggestions for the 2009 Regional Congress are presented below.

- A. This years Congress was excellent. The quality and variety of speakers was awesome.
- B. A number of people expressed the comment that the banquet was the best they had ever attended.
- C. Exhibitors were very appreciative of having their meals provided.
- D. Kristin Moore will need to know if spouses of the honorees or presenters will be attending.
- E. The Regional Administrative Committee should sit at a table on the front side of the Banquet room so they can help with the presentation of the awards.
- F. Athletes and honored guests should be seated at the center front tables.
- G. Guests should be informed that they have reserved seating.
- H. The RSVP's will be more specific so Kristin Moore will know who will be in attendance.
- I. A table should be provided for speakers and vendors.
- J. Gary Warren was mistakenly not acknowledged at this years banquet.
- K. All legal papers that are to be signed by Bobbi Montanari should be available for review prior to the start of the Regional Congress.
- L. Since the Regional Congress is a joint effort between the USAG and the Regional Administrative Committee, a contact person from the USAG office should be in attendance throughout the entire Congress.

- M. Communication between the USAG and the Regional Administrative Committee needs to be improved.
- N. The Regional Administrative Committee was not informed of the banquet room set up (i.e.- number of tables, extra ticket holders). Nina Dent did not know if some of the tickets had been paid for or not. There may have been duplicate tickets.
- O. A check-in table should be provided at the entrance to the Banquet where tickets would be exchanged for a wrist band.
- P. Additional suggestions should be E-mailed to Bobbi Montanari.
- Q. Awards should be engraved with the name of the award.
- R. USA Gymnastics should always be on the awards since we are a portion of USAG.
- S. The suggestion was made to have one trophy for the All Star Team. This trophy would be presented each year with only the year changed. Some of the committee felt the gymnasts would rather have different awards each year. The suggestion was not acted upon.
- T. The cost of the awards was discussed. The question was raised if the Committee could purchase awards from a company other than A-1 Awards. Bobbi Montanari will check with Kathy Ostberg. If a different awards company can be used, three bids will be solicited.
- U. Region 5 paraphernalia will be available for purchase at the 2009 Regional Congress.

#### **IV. HALL OF FAME**

Augusta Lipsey felt the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony went better than anticipated. The 2009 Hall of Fame nominations will be solicited immediately. Nominators will be recruited. Cap Caudill will help. The Hall of Fame Selection Committee must also be established by the Regional Administrative Committee. The Regional Administrative Committee will be informed of the deadline dates for the Regional Hall of Fame. The dates may be revised. The Hall of Fame page on the regional website will be updated with pictures and biographies.

#### **V. REGIONAL MEET BIDS**

The Regional Administrative Committee received two bids for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships. The bids were from DeVeau's Gymnastics of Indiana and Geddert's Twistars of Michigan. DeVeau's Gymnastics was awarded the meet when John Geddert took his bid off the table. He felt that it would not be fair to be awarded the meet two years in a row. The bid was submitted because the apparel distribution is easier if done at Twistars.

**The Level 9/10 Regional Championships will be held in Muncie, Indiana hosted by Deveau's Gymnastics.**

There were four bids submitted for the Level 8 Regional Championships. Two bids would conduct the meet in a modified capitol cup format, and two bids would conduct the meet in a traditional format. A closed vote was taken. The results of the vote are as follows.

<b>Halkers Gold Gymnastics:</b>	<b>7 votes</b>
<b>Gedert's Twistars Gymnastics:</b>	<b>1 votes</b>
<b>Branch Gymnastics:</b>	<b>0 votes</b>
<b>Peoria Area Convention Bureau</b>	<b>0 votes</b>

**The Level 8 Regional Championships will be held in Findlay, Ohio hosted by Halkers Gold Gymnastics.**

## **VI. JUDGING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Char Christensen presented a list of all the judges that have participated or will be participating in the 2008 regional camps. After Kittia Carpenter, Nina Dent, and Augusta Lipsey were excused from the meeting the remaining Committee Members discussed and voted on the judges to represent Region 5 at the National Championships. The following judges were chosen.

### Level 10 Junior Olympic Championships (listed alphabetically)

Hilary Carlson  
Char Christensen  
Nancy Gibson  
Donna Trevethan

### Level 9 East Championships (listed alphabetically)

Debbie Campbell  
Jeanne Johnson  
Carole Liedtke

### Alternates (listed alphabetically)

Kittia Carpenter  
Judy Dobransky  
Augusta Lipsey  
Sandy Oldham

## **VII. REGION 5 TRAINING CAMPS**

John Geddert reported that all the Training Camps are full. A few extra gymnasts were accepted into the High Tech Camp. Terry Russell's organization has helped immensely. David Rawles has done an excellent job staffing the camps. Terry Russell will no longer be the Director of the Regional Camps. He may be used in a different roll. Glenn Wilmeng is being considered for the Camp Director position.

Hilary Carlson apologized for Illinois scheduling the Illinois Judges Cup the same weekend as the Forward Progress Camps. It was not intentionally done. The facility had already been contracted when the Illinois NAWGJ realized that the Forward Progress Camps would not be on October 31-November 2 but on November 7-9.

There has been more involvement by judges year after year. It is up to the head clinicians on each event to use the judges as they choose.

## **VIII. ALL STAR TEAM**

### A. Update on International Trip

John Geddert reported that the All Star Team will be traveling to Cost Rica October 29<sup>th</sup> through November 4<sup>th</sup>. The gymnasts will be involved in a training camp and possibly an intra-squad. Airline tickets were purchased for approximately \$380.00 per ticket. Because the tickets were so inexpensive, John asked to increase the number of gymnasts to represent Region 5 on the All Star trip. The original All Star Team consisted of 15 gymnasts with 5 alternates. All of the alternates have been absorbed onto the team. The addition of three gymnasts would be affordable and would make the rooming assignments effortless.

**Motion was made to add three gymnasts to the Region 5 All Star Team providing**

**the tickets are affordable and can be purchased for the same flight.**

**Motion: Cap Caudill**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Char Christensen**  
**Passed: Unanimous**

**B. Review of All Star Team Criteria**

The All Star Team criteria was discussed in length. It was decided by the Regional Administrative Committee that the criteria for selection of the All Star Team will remain the same. This is due to the feeling, by the Committee, that the criteria is serving the intended purpose.

**IX. Individual Event Specialists**

Char Christensen asked the State Chairman how many event specialists competed in the 2008 state meets.

IN: None                      IL: None                      KY: None                      MI: None                      OH: 4-5

Newsletters should be used to spread the word that event specialists can participate through the Regional Championships. ~~If a Level 9 event specialist wins her event at the Regional Championships they can qualify for the Eastern National Junior Olympic Championships.~~ It is the states rights to determine the qualification procedure into the state meets.

**Motion was made to raise the Regional qualifying score for event specialists to 9.0.**

**Motion: Norbert Bendixen**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Char Christensen**  
**Passed: Unanimous**

**X. Fall Newsletter**

Newsletter information should be submitted to Bobbi Montanari by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**XI. New Business**

Char Christensen asked the State Chairman if their Committees had developed a professional member dress code for meets below the state meet. At this time none of the states have developed a dress code for meets below the state meet. The Illinois Administrative Committee tabled their discussion of this topic to await Regional Committee input and to research the issue further. At the present time there is no penalty for violating the dress code at state meets and above.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 PM

*Respectfully Submitted 10/7/08*  
*Augusta A. Lipsey*  
*Regional Secretary*