

## Minutes to the RRAC Meeting

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Tele-Conference Meeting @ 9:30pm

### Roll call:

Administrative Reps-

Suzi DiTullio: Region 4-5

Perryne Thompson: Region 3-6

Joyce Chaplin: Region 1-2

Technical Reps-

Pauline Bolte: Region 1-2

Tyana Marlowe: Region 3-6

Ellen Nymscik: Region 4-5

Nadine Davies: Judges Rep.

Caroline Hunt: Rhythmic Program Director

Discuss our role as the new RRAC (Rhythmic Regional Administrative Committee)

1. Review and approve governance procedures for regional business.

- Make up of a regional board
- All regions should have: a committee chair, state chairs, a judging coordinator, any additional as needed. Email: RAC their current board.
- Finances: current and future
- Increase of State meet entries fee (tabled) - Review after seeing financial 08-09.

Options:

1. State meet fees can apply to instate athletes only, out of state are charged at invitational meet rates.
2. Raise meet fees for all participants.

2. Review and approve qualification procedures and competition format

MM:Tyana to accept the JO Championship revisions: SS: Joyce Passes:

- JO Compulsory Championships- Levels 4,5,6 & Beginner Groups
- All individual athletes must have competed in their state and regional meet respectively.

Each region will place the first 10 athletes in rank order for each LEVEL makeup the Regional Team, a % of athletes from each region, in rank order will qualify as All Stars.

Level 4: 10 regional team athletes (+ 40 all star athletes)

Level 5: 10 regional team athletes (+ 30 all star athletes)

Level 6: 10 regional team athletes (+ 30 all star athletes)

The total from each Region will attend the JO Compulsory Championships

Groups: each region may qualify Beginner Groups from Group Championships in the previous year, or any State or Regional Meet in the current competitive year. Groups do not comprise a regional team and do not receive warm-ups.

- All Level 4,5,6 JO Regional Team athletes will be provided the JO warm-up uniform.
- All Star athletes will be provided an All Star warm-up.

MM; Tyana accept the JO Opt Championship revisions: SS: Joyce PASSED

- JO Optional Championships – Levels 7,8,9 and Intermediate/Advance Groups

Each region will place the first 8 athletes in rank order for each LEVEL on the Regional Team, the next percentage of athletes in rank order for each LEVEL will qualify as All Stars.

Level 7: 8 regional team athletes (+ 30 all star athletes)

Level 8: 8 regional team athletes (+ 15 all star athletes)

Level 9 Juniors/Hopes: 6 regional team athletes (+ all remaining Level 9 Juniors as all star athletes)

Level 9 Seniors: 4 regional team athletes (+ all remaining Level 9 Seniors as all star athletes)

Each Region may qualify Intermediate and Advance Groups from Group Championships in the previous year, or any State or Regional Meet in the current competitive year. Groups do not comprise a regional team and do not receive warm-ups.

### 3. Review Competition format for JO qualifying competitions

- State meets- athletes need to participate in one qualifying meet prior to attending their own State championship.

MM to clarify the qualification procedure to regional meet :Perryne

SS:Joyce PASSED

- In the event a state does not host a State Championships, the regional board will designate an alternative state meet. (added Section 12& 13)

MM: JOYCE revised the state meet qualification to read one qualifying meet prior to regionals. SS:Ellen PASSED

### 4. Review and approve awards formats

- States/Regionals- Awards: Level 3 receives achievement awards, Level 4-10 receive medals/placement awards :1<sup>st</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> place. (clarification)

Reminder: Awards ceremonies may be held in an area other than the competition area. Meet directors may use adjacent space for awards ceremonies to facilitate the running of sessions.

- Regionals-Reminder: The presentation of the JO Team and All Stars may be held at the end of each Level of competition.

5. Recommend Meet Referees for Regional Championships 2009 season

- Judges profile and required credentials
  - a. Ranking and proximity -
  - b. National Judges Selection committee will assign
  - c. Budget of \$500/region

1. Nominations to Judges' Selection Committee: for JO Compulsory & Optional Championships

- Meet referees
  - a. Selected by the National Judges Selection committee with regional input
  - b. Regional Meets: meet referees will not act as a panel judge.
- Judging representatives from each region
  - a. Technical reps will submit four names for consideration to National Judges Selection Committee:
  - b. Ranking, proximity to meet and cost will be considered

2. Recommend and approve policies for the Rhythmic Judges Program –

- a. TABLED.-Selection of instructors for educational instruction for each region
- b. TABLED-Expected Judges' training within each region
- c. TABLED-Discuss Judges' code of conduct
- d. Approved: adjustment of mileage expense (.48 /mile) on judges expense form:

MM:Joyce: motion to adjourn 11:46pm EST SS:Pauline