

RHYTHMIC XCEL COMMITTEE MEETING

Via Conference Call, August 6th, 2018

Meeting called to order by Paula Lord (Committee Chair) at 1:00pm

Roll Call

Paula Lord (Chair)

Michele Zapple

Sophia Minevich

Ada Salie

Kristina Sklioutovskaya

Jayne Vincent (Rhythmic Program Coordinator) – Non-voting

Absent Cindy Bickman

- A. Reading of the Core Mission Statement and Objectives, focusing on accessibility. The Xcel committee believes it is responsible for making education & training available and affordable. The committee will begin work on video projects that will be helpful for people new to the sport.
- B. Recommendation that it will be the Meet Director's responsibility to email judges in advance of a competition reminding them to read and understand the Evaluator's Guidelines and to watch the webinar online to ensure a positive experience for all.

Motion: Kristina Sklioutovskaya

Second: Ada Salie

Passed Unanimously

NOTE: Score totals needed for each achievement level will be included at the bottom of the score sheets so the judges will have easy reference. A goal of the year's video project will be to assist judges also with understanding the mindset of the Rhythmic Xcel evaluation system.

- C. Recommendation that athletes are only allowed to compete in Xcel and JO competitions in the same meet on the same weekend IF they are performing with different apparatus (including FX and Group).

Motion: Sophia Minevich

Second: Michele Zapple

Passed Unanimously

- D. Discussion regarding End of Year events. Rhythmic Xcel will be included with the Rhythmic Open Championships some time in June. In addition, committee members will work to host some type of year end event in their area. All Rhythmic Xcel events should include both Gala Performances plus educational workshops to promote and expand rhythmic gymnastics opportunities for all.

Meeting adjourned at 2:39pm.