



Region 8 Committee Meeting Agenda

9:30 AM

June 25, 2026

Board Room

Westin Gwinnett Atlanta

6450 Sugarloaf Pkwy

Duluth, GA 30097

770-709-6322

I. Welcome

II.

Roll Call

Mike Holdefer – AL

Toni Rand – FL

Becky Oppenheimer – GA

Jackie Latino – LA

Cynthia Dedeaux – MS

Karen Pleasants – NC

Mendi Knisley – SC

Larry Corrigan - TN

Michelle Pomerantz - RACC

Brad Harris - RDPCC

Evelyn Chandler - RTCC

Pam Kitchen – RXCC

Guests:

Diane Thompson – RJD

Elaine Wulf- incoming RXCC

Amanda Povall- incoming MS SACC

Cell phones off

Secretary: Karen Pleasants

All in attendance

Meeting began at 9:25am

III. Regional Committee concerns

Item #	Issue/Suggestion	Reference/Proposed Action
1	Emergency Address List/Web/R&P	Reviewed
2	Contact information from Region 8 Webpage & R&P	Reviewed
3	NAWGJ – Regional Contractor	(Diane recused at 9:43am- back in at 9:45am) MOTION: Approve NAWGJ as our regional contractor Jackie, 2nd Mendi PASSED - unanimous
4	Region 8 Financial reports	Reviewed
5	2026 Regional Competition Financial Statements	Reviewed

6		Regionals	
	a.	Xcel	Discussed Regional meet format and how it is impacted by Xcelebration(P/D/Sa). MOTION: If there are more than 64 Sapphires registered for 2027 State Meets, then follow percentage format to qualify to Regionals. Larry, 2nd Toni PASSED unanimous MOTION: To approve Larry's proposal for 2027 Regional format (There will only be a team competition for the Gold division). Cynthia, 2nd Mike PASSED unanimous
	b.	Level 9/10	Discussed lowering qualifying score. No action taken. Re-visiting from 2025
	c.	Regional Entry Fees	Discuss 6/7/8 head tax (Mike recused at 10:17am - back in 10:23am)
	d.	Regional Gate Fees	MOTION: For all R8 Regional meets, Meet Directors may charge an additional \$1/person for credit card fees Becky, 2nd Brad PASSED unanimous
	e.	Awards	New change to Xcel rules of 40% minimum
	f.	Using 2025 numbers for 2026 allotments	MOTION: The regional entry allotments will be determined from the current year's state meet entries. Larry, 2nd Mendi PASSED unanimous Break: 10:35 - 10:50am
	g.	Judging panels at 6/7/8 Regionals	MOTION: Move to 2 judge panels for L6/7/8 Regionals Larry, 2nd Mike PASSED, 9 in favor, 2 abstentions
7		2028 Regional bids	Presented from google drive
	a.	9/10	Award TBT L9/10 Regionals by acclamation
	b.	6/7/8	MOTION: Award USA Competitions for L 6/7/8 Regionals Larry, 2nd Toni PASSED unanimous
	c.	Xcel	(Mike recused 12:48pm) MOTION: Award GAA for Xcel Regionals Larry, 2nd Becky PASSED unanimous

			(Mike back in 12:58pm)
8		Revisit Regionals for Bronze and Silver	MOTION: The Tim Rand fund will host a Bronze/Silver Regional Championship in 2028. Location TBD. Mike, 2nd Cynthia PASSED 10 approve, 1 abstain
9		Xcel Training Camp	Discussion on Region 8 hosting an Xcel Training Camp in 2027
10	Evelyn	Regional judges selection	State selections distributed
			LUNCH: 11:30am - 12:00pm Becky and Mendi recused 12:10pm MOTION: Approve L 9/10 regional judges as presented Jackie, 2nd Karen PASSED unanimous 12:12pm Becky and Mendi back in Toni, Karen and Diane recused at 12:12pm MOTION: Approve L 6,7,8 regional judges as presented Mendi, 2nd Larry PASSED unanimous 12:14pm Karen and Diane back in MOTION: Approve Xcel regional judges as presented Pam, 2nd Cynthia PASSED unanimous
11	Evelyn	Guideline concerning each judge receiving only one meet	MOTION: A judge can only receive one regional contract initially. Evelyn, 2nd Jackie PASSED unanimous
12	Evelyn	Adjustment to the timeline of Eastern National Judging selection	Recommend changing to a two year selection cycle
13	a.	Recommend changing to a two year selection cycle	MOTION: Move to a 2 year Eastern/National rotation for judges. Select 8 for Easterns split between 2 years, 8 for Nationals split for two years. Two additional judges will be selected as alternates for each meet. Evelyn, 2nd Toni PASSED unanimous
	b.	Recommend selecting 16 judges	

Reports

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1	Evelyn	RTCC	
2	Brad	RDPCC	
3	Pam	RXCC	
4	Michelle	RACC	National Meeting & Notes

State Chairman Concerns

[illegible]

State Chairman Workshop/Phoenix– Thursday, August 6th

National Congress/Phoenix - Women's Program Reception

*Thursday, Aug 6th in the evening following the Workshop

Winter Region 8 Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, December 8th, 2027 10:00am EST via Zoom

Other Business: none

Motion to Adjourn: Karen, 2nd Brad

Meeting adjourned 1:47pm

2027 Regional Sub Committee

Item #		Issue/Suggestion	Reference/Proposed Action
1		Equipment	Meet Authority
2		Vendors	GK, shirt vendor, Medal engraving, Kendra Scott, others
3		Staffing	
4		Committee Volunteer Assignments	Food, door, awards, judges coordinator,
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