State Meeting
NLG Fall Meet – Nov 21 & 22 – Level 2 – 10 & Xcel
Candyland at Le Studio – Dec 4 & 5 – level 3-9 and Xcel
Non Sanctioned Meet at NLG – Nov 14 or Dec 12 - Level 1-3
Sectional 1at Kingdom – Dec 13 - Level 3-5
Royal at Regal – Jan 9&10 – Level 3-10, Xcel
Non Sanctioned Meet at Cobra – Jan 24 – Level 1-3
Meet at Sunrise – Jan 24 – Level 3-5
Groovin – Jan 31 or Feb 28 – Level 3-10,Xcel
Sectional 2 at Le Studio – Feb 7 Level 3-5 and xcel
I Love VT at Champlain Valley – Feb 14, Level 3 – 6
Hip Hop at Woodman – March 4-6 non sanctioned, Level 3 – 10 & xcel
GM Inv & Sectional 3 at GMG – March 19 & 20, level 2-10 & Xcel
State Meet Level 3 – 10 & xo – April 2 & 3– Bellows Falls or Barre Aud
Level 9/10 Regionals – April 8-10
Level 7 & 8 Regionals – April 16-17
Level 9 East/West Nationals – April 29-May 1
Level 10 Nationals – May 7-8
Xcel Regionals – May 21-22

Qualifying Scores & Age groups
Xcel will be included in the state meet, they can also attend sectionals
Age groups – 5-7, 8–10, 11/12, 13/14, 15-18, 19+
Qualifying score – 32.0 to states, Event specialist qualifying score 8.0

Level 3 will be allowed to go to sectionals if they want to.
Age groups – 5-7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12+
Qualifying score – 31.0 to states, at a sectional or any meet that is sanctioned

Level 4 – 6-8, 9/10, 11, 12+
sectional 29.0, states 31.0

Level 5 – 7-10, 11, 12, 13+
Sectionals 29.0, states 31.0

Level 6 – 8-10, 11/12, 13/14, 15+
States – 31.0

Level 7 – 8–10, 11/12, 13/14, 15+
States 32.0

Level 8 – 8-11, 12, 13/14, 15+
States 32.0

Level 6, 7 & 8 event qualifying score is 8.0

Level 9 & 10 determined later
States 32.0
Level 9, 10 event qualifying score is 8.25

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR EMAIL IS UPDATED ON THE USA GYMNASTICS WEBSITE – THAT IS WHERE I GET THE CONTACT INFO. Please use jillnlg@yahoo.com for any contact, I get it on my phone and I am trying to get rid of my other account. I don't usually check my email after 3pm on Fridays. My cell is 603 252 6075.

Green Mountain Inv. Theme will be Mardi Gras and held at Green Mountain Gymnastics, all clubs are asked to help with set up and clean up for the meet. New this year – all clubs are also required to donate $50 to the concession stand(make checks payable to USAG VT) – Green Mountain Gymnastics will be in charge of all food and supplies for the concession stand and for the judges/coaches food(judges are no longer required to bring food this year) – I will make assignments as we get closer.

All clubs are also required to supply workers for GMI and State Meet – Volunteers will not need to pay admission and clubs need to submit a list of names of their workers ahead of time so that they can be checked off when entering the meet.

We are looking to pay beam timers for states – please see if you can find anyone who will be willing to take the job – the State will pay $40 per session for beam timers at States and GMI

Set up and clean up for the state meet requires a minimum of 15 adult helpers. Based on the location of the meet I will then ask for set up and clean up help from the clubs that are closest and for concession donations if they are needed. Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation. Let me know if you have any questions.

Meet Directors
A few reminders for setting up meets:

-you must list equipment including vault runway on all meet info
-you must get a sanction from the usag office
-you must send in $1 per athlete to USAG Region 6 for every meet you host.
-you must send a copy of the sanction to USAG office, Regions 6 and to the State Administrative Committee Chairman(Jill).
-You must also send a copy of your meet results to the score tracker(Amanda from Brattleboro for out of state meets), with your qualifying gymnasts info highlighted
- all coaches must be able to show their membership card at all meets when signing in
-there is a dress code for all coaches – Acceptable: club warm up suite, khaki Pants, collared shirt, athletic shoes. Unacceptable: blue jeans, tank tops, and midriff shirts and open toed shoes

NEW***The max for fees for local meets is $36 for comp and $40 for opt. In house invitational meets (or theme meets) must not exceed $55 for comp, xcel b,s,g and $60 for opt and Xcel p,d. All theme meets must have a 2-judge panel for levels 4 – 10, you can use a 1 judge panel for level 3 and Xcel. **All meet directors must submit a write up to the State Committee Chairman for approval of all theme meets**. If you do not hear from me then you are approved. If a theme meet has a higher entry fee then the scores for the gymnasts cannot be used for State qualifying. Recommended Gate fees are $5 for adults and $3 for kids for local meets and $8 for adults and $5 for kids for Theme meets. Gate fees must be listed on meet info sheets. State Meet entry will be $8 for adult and $15 for 2 adults – kids 5-12yrs will be $5. Meet Maker costs are included into meet fees – that is the difference for Sectional meets.

Awards
For all state run competitions (sectionals, gmi and states) an achievement ribbon will be given for each event and all around no matter how low the score is for level 3 & 4.
State meet will still have small medals for event places below 3rd
State meet awards will now include all teams Level being called to the awards stand to receive their achievement awards and certificate. A participation medal will be given to each athlete in the meet instead of a gift. Event placement is 50% awards per age group and All Around is 75% awards per age group. Banners for Team Placements given to 50% of the teams entered.

Pro Score has been designated the score system for all Vermont meets. It makes score tracking a lot easier. You must send a copy of all out of state scores with your qualifiers highlighted to Amanda for score tracking. **An electronic version must be sent directly to Jill and Stano.**

It has been recommended that all clubs attend at least 2 sectionals with their gymnasts.

Regional Policy – all regional athletes will be required to give a deposit for regionals at the end of the State competition. $100 for the Xcel gymnasts and $200 for the JO athletes. All entries are now done online and are the responsibility of the club or individual. After the regional competition, when it is proven you have attended the competition, you will get your check sent back to you. This can be a club check or a family check. This is an effort to cut down on no shows at regionals.

Reminders for cell phones on the floor at meets – in gym meets – no cell phone usage by volunteers when helping at meets – this includes no videoing at all

ALL SECTIONAL, GREEN MOUNTAIN INV AND STATE MEET ENTRIES ARE NOW DONE ON MEET MAKER. PLEASE REGISTER AND PAY FOR YOUR ATHLETES ONLINE at www.meetmaker.com

Board Members and their duties
Brattleboro – Amanda Mongomery – out of state score tracker
Central Vermont Gymnastics Academy – Anissa – Education
Champlain Valley – Woodie Clifton – web site criteria set up
Kingdom – Donna Reed – Meet Director Education
Le Studio – Kathy St Pierre – publicity – Xcel rules
Northern Lights – Jill G Vanderpot – SACC and award voting
Green Mountain – Robin Bourdeau – gmi pre meet info
Regal – Laura Reeves – Donations
Sunrise – Stano Mikulas – website and in state score tracker
Woodman Athletics – Keri Woodman – Regional Recognition Awards
Cobra – Shelby Jones – onsite meet assistant
Judges Rep – Gail McGann – R&P expert
MaryLou Smith – CPE and Xcel rules

All forms are available online – you can no longer get an R&P book from the USA Gymnastics office.

NEW - no soliciting information(camps, classes etc) can be handed out at any neutral site state run functions by any club.

Judging criteria for judging at States – rating, affiliation, experience, at least 3 meets in usag, at least 1 usag sectional – committee votes with recommendations from SJD

Thanks for your input and help – I look forward to a great year!!!!!

Minutes from Meeting held at NLG on July 15 at 5:00pm – thanks for your input

Attendance taken – Jill, Keri, Lorraine, Stano, Annissa, MaryLou, Brian, Mary, Woodie, Claire

JO Update – handed out papers and discussed new items and changes

MaryLou discussed judging clarifications from Gail's notes

Level 2 – to include in the Vermont state meet - not enough clubs interested in sanctioning them at this point, wanted them to be included in meets in VT again this year. Sanctioned Level 2 will not be included in the state meet at this time. For gm include judging deduction info and have team awards, participation, and achievement only

Xcel Bronze – to include in state meet - discussion on numbers of xcel gymnasts – will be included in state meet with all others –

Discussion on date for states – early or late – late meant back to back for all level 9 gymnasts – was decided best for state to have late state meet – we must adhere to requirements set up by Regional Chairman – USA Gymnastics VT has permission to hold the L 9/10 State Championships the weekend of April 2 - 3, 2016 with the following provisions:

- SACC will send the state qualifiers and all pertinent information to the appropriate individuals prior to March 19th
- Qualified gymnasts will pay a $50 / gymnast late fee through Meetmaker
- The L 9/10 Session will be held on Saturday - April 2nd and results will be reported to the appropriate individuals at the conclusion of the L 9/10 Session
- Gymnasts are not eligible to petition to Regionals [deadline will have passed]

Discussion on site for states – new ideas looked into for mid state and Barre Auditorium is available, looking to see if it will meet the needs of the state meet besides the equipment space – Bellows Falls is available and set up in case Barre Aud does not fit the needs - all sessions will use 2 sets of equipment – all levels will have warm up/compete format

Discussion on States – like to award presentation format, discussed the amount of awards given, reduce or not, decided to keep the same this year, decided to give more time for awards so coaches can see the awards ceremony, meets will be longer and each club should make it known to their customers that this was voted on by the coaches in the state.

Discussion on Green Mountain Inv – site and theme – use new theme – Mardi Gras and same site – liked the sport tech fabric for t shirt

Regional Recoginition – names on website, place at regionals and get a certificate - coaches are required to send names and places at Regionals to Jill, Stano and Keri after the Regional competitions

Senior Recognition at states – no more speeches – call up gymnast and coach and give them the plaque – keep the policy

Discussion on regional entry policy and decided to keep the payment and have it be $100 for Xcel and $200 for JO until proven attendance.

Discussion on meet entry fees and using online sign up and payment – everyone agreed to keep doing it.

Discussion on State Policies – bad weather policy stays the same. Cancellation Policy for bad weather at Sectional Meets

1. Delay the meet 2 hours and leave a message on the gym machine
2. Decide to cancel, call SACC for approval

Refund policy for the 1st and 2nd sectionals

1. If the meet is cancelled all entries will be refunded. There will not be a make up meet
2. If the meet runs and you decide not to go there will not be a refund

Refund policy for the 3rd and last sectional

1. If the meet is cancelled there will be a make up meet for those gymnasts who have not qualified and all other entries will be refunded.
2. If the meet runs and you decide not to go there will be a make up meet for those gymnasts who are not qualified and there will be no refund or make up meet for those other entries.

Discussed that Vermont has some money to spend – could use it for education and to pay for help at meets. Ideas are welcome.

Discussion on meet ref at states and decided to keep a separate meet ref for states

Discussion on solicitation at meets and on web site – no solicitation at meets allowed by any club – web site is still being worked on

Discussion on web site and what to include on it – need a criteria and assigned someone to start working on that.

Discussion on state service award and criteria – feeling is one is needed – suggestions: what you do for the state that is above and beyond your club and contributes to the betterment of the state – more work to be done

Meet adjourned at 9:05pm