



XCEL COMMITTEE  
Indianapolis, IN  
May 9, 2017

- I. Meeting was called to order by Claudia Kretschmer at 8:00 AM.  
Roll Call:   Region 1   Jill Preston  
              Region 2   Dianne Palmer  
              Region 3   Louise Janecky  
              Region 4   Paige Roth  
              Region 5   Nancy Gibson  
              Region 6   Gail Caspare  
              Region 7   Jane Caruso  
              Region 8   Elaine Wulf
- II. Claudia expressed her gratitude for the committee's commitment and work on behalf of the Xcel Program. She welcomed Gail Caspare, the new representative for Region 6.
- III. Claudia reviewed the Xcel athlete numbers and the growth over the past year. She also made the committee members aware of the fact that the national office has received some complaints/concerns regarding the number of awards given at some Xcel meets (up to 50% of an age group). The concept of "more awards is better" can sometimes create embarrassment for the athlete or a sense that their award did not reflect a meaningful accomplishment. The committee recommended that a better alternative is to create more age groups and reduce the placements awarded.
- IV. Regional reports were given and the committee is working on the preparation of philosophy statements for the Program and its Divisions which will be voted on at the August 2017 meeting in Anaheim.
- V. Committee discussed the possibility of adding another Division above Diamond. A sub-committee was appointed to draft a proposal and establish a survey for our Professional members. The final proposal will be brought to the August 2017 meeting in Anaheim.
- VI. Committee discussed the value of Special Requirements for the *2018 Xcel Code of Points*. No action was taken at this time.
- VII. VAULT
  - A. Judging of the run at Bronze and Silver was discussed, but no action was taken.
  - B. Effective August 1, 2017 - Amend pages 14,15 in the printed *Xcel Code of Points* and pages 16-19 in the digital *Xcel Code of Points* regarding Vault 1B and Vault 2 for both Bronze and Silver Divisions: Change "Failure to land in a straight lying position on the back" to read, "Failure to land on flat back."
- VIII. Recommendations to the Technical Committee  
Committee finalized its proposals for each event to the Technical Committee for changes to be implemented in 2017 and recommendations for the 2018-22 *Xcel Code of Points*.
- IX. Mobility from Jr. Olympic Program to the Xcel Program  
Recommendation that, effective August 1, 2017, Jr. Olympic Level 3 athletes be allowed to enter the Xcel Program in the Silver or Gold Division.  
Motion: Dianne Palmer  
Second: Louise Janecky  
PASSED

Meeting adjourned on Tues. May 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm.