

# ERTC AGM 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

**Committee Present:** Stuart Kelly, Nicki Weller, Paul Kitchen, Dave Kingaby, Andrew Jones, Neil Pike, Sue Jay, Rachel Paul.



**Committee Apologies:** Nicki Uglow, Tony Fagelman, Amanda Jay.

**Guests:** Non Committee Representatives from Sprung Loaded, Levitation, Cambourne Comets, Ipswich Four, Pegasus, Kangaroos.

Meeting started at 4pm with a welcome from the chair and a thank you to the committee.

## 1. CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome all to the 2012 AGM.

First I would like to thank the Committee for their hard work during the past 12 months, in getting Trampoline-East up and running. I feel we are now on our way to our goal of getting the Eastern Region back to being one of the Top Regions in the Country and putting the foundations down to start producing future champions both National and International.

Not only do the committee members attend the Trampoline-East meetings they also sit on other committees on behalf of the region, this again is purely voluntarily and without them the region would not have a say in the future development of our sport.

I feel that one of the best things that we managed to get up and running, even though it did cause concern to our regional governing body, was the Trampoline-East web site and I hope this will grow in time to be the first port of call for any information that our members need to know about regarding Trampolining in the Eastern Region. By the way this site doesn't cost the region any money to run as it's hosted by Cambridge Kangaroos and is managed by Dave Kingaby of Brentwood Trampoline Club. Dave's efforts as webmaster are much appreciated.

I am also pleased to see that the regional squad is moving forward with the help of Jack Kelly despite some early teething issues. Thanks to ECGA, especially Alf Dyer, for the funding assistance in getting this off the ground.

Last but not least a big thank you needs to go out to Neil Pike who has made competition days in the Region much easier to run with his laptops, wireless networks, score projection and automated entry forms.

## 2. REPORTS FROM 2012 COMMITTEE

1. Regional competitions – Gone from strength to strength. Disappointing news about the validation panel but no choice. Neil expressed his thanks to Chris Edwards for the design of T-Score, the system we use which is much easier than the official software
2. Squad development - First of all a big thank you for your support for the Regional Squad this year. Whilst we have had enthusiastic but sporadic attempts in past years to make these events part of a regional program - attempting, with great difficulty, to run alongside hosts of other events ranging from National Galas, Regional qualifying and Open Competitions - fitting into a timetable has and will always prove difficult. However, with continued effort over the next couple of years we should see a structure developing that will enable other committed coaches to take the region forward.

### **STARTING OUT**

When setting the criteria for selection, we looked at the region as a whole and compared it with others already running tried and tested squads. We used a diluted criteria others had successfully used, giving scope for selection during the course of the year. With eventual filtering dependant on testing and competition results, we were hopeful of creating a crop of young gymnasts who, along with their coaches could form the basis of a long term development strategy closely linked to and mirroring the Excel program.

## **LOOKING FORWARD**

Whilst it has been encouraging so far, we need to look towards next year and beyond. Before setting the criteria and dates for 2013 we need to wait to discover what is being planned by BG at National level. It is almost certain that the World Class and Development Squad Criteria will change as funding priorities are reassessed (once again), potentially/probably creating a knock on effect to the Regional Squads.

If as we suspect, the criteria for National selection is raised, logically the bar at Regional level will also rise. One outcome we may see is that those already working in the Excel Program may have to drop down to Regional should the Excel Program become a casualty of the redevelopment. This being said, we then see the first raising of the bar at Regional level which will see the new criteria for 2013 placing greater demands on coaches and gymnasts to meet new targets, and as such, we need to have strategies in place to deal with this.

## **JACKS COMMENT**

*Thoughts are that this would place greater emphasis encouraging the re-emergence of the County Squad System and the need to identify coaches in each County who might lead these sessions. They would be responsible for developing our younger gymnasts and preparing them for future placement into the Regional Squad and beyond, and working closely alongside the Regional Squad Coaches. In effect adding a layer to the process which identifies gymnasts early.*

Of course we are still operating in the dark but feel we need to inform all coaches and gymnasts that changes are likely and that we will inform you as more details emerge.

## **IN CONCLUSION**

We had the task of delivering 3 squads, and, sometimes with great difficulty, will have achieved this once the October Squad is complete. Feedback has been sparse but very encouraging when given.

Numbers attending have remained high particularly with coaches who simply turn up to benefit from Jacks experience.

Hopefully Jacks involvement has been a major factor in this which is why I was determined he would be part of rebuilding some of the success the region once enjoyed. A different task today but none the less achievable if the foundations are laid now. We feel the days have been valued and encouraging and certainly look forward to the final squad and into next year.

3. Judge Education – 5 club courses run this year, 50 new club judges, 11 new county judges. Next club judge course is 12/13th January in Ipswich. There are potentially new judging code of points which, once agreed will be talked through before the first grading of the new year. Andy thanked Neil for his efforts with the competition organisation and smooth running, and Dave for his analysis, and also the judging and officials who have volunteered for judging at the English Championships.
4. Welfare – BG are currently in the process of rewriting their CP and W policy, currently in draft stage. A new social media policy is now available and on their website. Carly praised the actions of a county welfare officer during issues raised recently. There is another regional welfare conference in next few months (date TBA) for both county and regional welfare officers, and 2 TTL courses scheduled in November and January.

## **3. CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY**

Stuart informed all that a new code of conduct policy was available on the website and had been written specifically for events.

## **4. DATES AND VENUES FOR 2013 AS FOLLOWS:**

1. 3/2 - Brentwood
2. 3/3 Saffron Walden

3. 21/4 Ipswich (Possibly just D, or E and D) with DMT
4. 26/5 – Easton
5. 27/10 – Hitchin

Gala competition dates and venues are on the Brentwood TC website if anyone needs them. There is still some discussion as to whether the British Championships venue is confirmed or not.

## 5. SAFEGUARDING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AT NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

This is in effect from 2013 at National competitions. AJ will defer a decision on regional level until next meeting, once a better idea of how many are affected is evident.

## 6. ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION

Squad was announced at the Brentwood competition and all members congratulated on their positions. ECGA have agreed to pay for the entrance fee, and Stuart Kelly has obtained money from sponsors to pay for T-Shirts for all competitors and volunteers. Date is 27<sup>th</sup> October in South Shields, Tyne and Wear.

## 7. 2013 COMMITTEE

2012 Committee was disbanded and (previously received) nominations were read out for 2013 positions. Committee voted in as follows:

Stuart Kelly	Chair
Nicki Weller	Vice Chair /ECGA Representative
Rachel Paul	Secretary
Karly Good	Welfare Officer
Neil Pike	Competitions Coordinator
Andy Jones	Judging Coordinator
Paul Kitchen	Squad Coordinator
Tony Fagelman	Coaching Coordinator
Sue Jay	Veterans comp coordinator
Dave Kingaby	Communication Coordinator
Competition reps:	Amanda Jay (National), Vacant (Regional)
DMT Regional Coordinator	Emma Armitage

## 8. AOB

1. Veterans' competition has not been run yet due to time constraints, apologies, this will happen in 2013. Discussion on a new 'Regional Championships' competition to help fund the squad and possible future events. Sue Jay agreed to take on this role. The competitions may be run all together (i.e. Veterans/Syncro/Regional Championships) or separately.

Meeting closed 5.30pm