

ERTC MINUTES 12TH NOVEMBER 2011

Present: Stuart Kelly, Nicki Weller, Andy Jones, Paul Kitchen, Graham Parker, Dave Kingaby



Apologies: Tony Fagelman, Neil Pike, Rachel Paul, Carly Good, Chrissie Law, Vanessa Lewis, Nicki Uglow

Meeting started 7:05 pm

1. MINUTES

Last minutes approved.

2. NEW MEMBERS

Apologies to Amanda Jay, Stuart didn't have contact details to advise of meeting.

3. CHAIR'S BUSINESS

Stuart welcomed all to the meeting, no other business at this time.

4. COMPETITIONS

4.1 COMP DATES

Dates for 2012 have now been fixed. Hemel Hempstead is too expensive so October will probably be at Easton instead:

- January 22nd – H – D at Brentwood
- April 1st – H – D at Saffron Walden
- June 10th – H – D at Hitchin
- October 14th – H – D at Easton

Gala in Hatfield 28/29 January – any volunteers to help set-up and de-rig please advise.

BSGA comp 4th December.

Any clubs organising other competitions are asked to advise Rachel Paul for publicity.

2012 English Championships will be in November – this needs to link in to squads. **Action: Paul/Graham**

4.2 INTER-COUNTY

Tony has suggested the possibility of an inter-county competition – in discussion it was felt that there might be a shortage of weekends to accommodate. **Action: Tony to put forward proposal to committee for 2013.**

4.3 COMPUTER SUPPORT

All thought the computer support at competitions had been very good despite the glitches at Easton which were down to wireless interference (Neil will take appropriate workarounds for future Easton competitions until resolved). Neil does, however, need a helper at competitions – Adam Day from Ipswich 4 might be able to help. Other IT-literate volunteers needed. **Action: Rachel to provide an IT contact at Easton that Neil can discuss the wireless issues with.**

5. COMP JUDGES / COURSES

5.1 COURSES & TUTORING

Peter Heames and Mel Alesi having been coming into region to deliver courses and so far this year there have been 3 x club judge courses & 1 x county course. The next course in Sawston (a combined club/county course

probably being held in Sawston) will be run by Peter Heames but Andy will deliver & after that will be able to tutor.

Anybody arranging course directly with Michelle are asked to please also advise Andy.

5.2 QUALIFYING

Although the region now has more judges it was generally agreed that there is still some inexperience and occasionally performers who deserve to qualify fail to do so. Andy had previously issued a document proposing an extra panel at the end of the day to permit those only 0.5 or less below the qualification score who wish to, to be reassessed in grades G to E. Performers can repeat either their set or vol, if scores lower original scores will stand, if score is higher the results submitted nationally will be changed to reflect the higher score. **Proposed Andy, Seconded Stuart, Agreed.** Based on recent competitions it is expected that there would only be around 10 people fitting this category and in order to create the time without extending the day thought will be given to doing away with finals at E. **Action: Andy.**

5.3 JUDGING STANDARDS

Andy has been actively monitoring panels and if he notices a panel is at variance with his view of where the marks should be he will wait until the end of that particular group and then raise his concerns through the chair.

All judges are encouraged to practice judging in between competitions – this is in the judges code. **Action: All judges in region.**

In discussion about the possible use of unqualified judges and possible child protection issues it was suggested that it would be handy if all clubs provided Andy with a list of current judges, their qualifications, CRB status etc.... **Actions: Stuart to ask Karly to check on CRB requirements for judges & officials (although BG only specify judges rather than other officials); Andy to ask all competitive clubs to provide list of qualified judges and qualifications.**

5.4 DMT

Andy will look at running a DMT judge course.

6. DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

In past few years there has been little activity beyond a development day at Pipers Vale and also Brentwood. It was felt that there had been political issues getting in the way of getting squads running.

Paul has been having conversations with other regions, South & North in particular, they are both operating a diluted version of the Excel programme and since this would naturally lead into Super-Regional he is proposing to build on that model. Selection will be based on fixed criteria and they will not be set low simply to permit numbers – this will be to set a challenge to coaches and to improve standards.

Thought is being given to whether to have a trial or to use grading results. It is likely that selection will be from top-end of Grade D. Consideration still to be given to those in National C who are not in Super-Regional. Also there is the possibility of having a mini-squad at lower grades for those who show strong potential.

Target is to use January grading for selection – criteria to be published before Xmas.

It is likely that squads will be held at Brentwood for now mainly because of the facilities available at this time. Funding is to be sought from region and after brief discussion it was thought that each would probably cost around £400. There will probably be 3 squad days in 2012 with first around end of May. There is also the possibility of visiting clubs, for example those whose kids fail to qualify for squad.

7. COURSES

Tony had submitted a report which was reviewed. Copy attached to these minutes.

8. WELFARE

Karly to be asked to look into judges, officials, CRB & Safeguarding requirements (See 5.3 above). **Action: Karly**

9. COMPETITORS FEEDBACK

None received to date, Chrissie & Amanda at national and Vanessa & Nicki at regional.

10. WEB-SITE UPDATE

Dave had previously circulated some ideas about content and structure, domain name, colours etc...

Website categories to include those suggested and specifically :

- Committee – password protected
- Welfare (Karly to have her contact number on there)
- Development Squad – password protected
- Comp results
- DMT
- Links – BG, ECGA, DE etc..., clubs

It was decided to apply for the domain Trampoline-East.org

Committee approved the logo design.

AOB

Acknowledgement to work of Neil Pike with computers.

Schools – region to not get too involved in these competitions since they are a discrete organisation. Next zonal round to be held in East will probably be in 2013.

DMT – Ipswich & Hitchin are able to hold Grade E & D DMT comps in region, it is a requirement that each region runs at least one every year. Any clubs running DMT to let region know.

ECGA (Sally Echlin & Jenni Morgan), TTC (Martin Laws) and National Comps (Andrew Wood) to be advised of the new committee.

Travel expenses to committee meetings to be claimed from Alf – 30p per mile.

Officials' expenses to be discussed at next meeting. Alf to be asked how other disciplines work this. **Action: Nicki W.**

Bursary proposals from ECGA Finance supported by committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be agreed by email.

Meeting closed 9:03pm

COACH EDUCATION SEC REPORT

The region has 3 active tutors and 2 trainee tutors at present.

- Tony Fagelman – Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 M1, Tutor, Assessor
- Robin Atkins – Level 1 & Level 2 Tutor, Assessor & UK Tutor trainer & IVC
- Barry Bryce – Level 1 & Level 2 Tutor

- Charlie Mussino – Level 1 & Level 2 trainee tutor
- Louise Pennell – Level 1 & Level 2 trainee tutor

- Glenda Mayo – Level 1 & Level 2 Tutor (rtd), Assessor

NEW FOR 2012:

In April 2012, in the new financial year, ECGA will no longer be responsible for running the courses. These will revert back to BG. First for Sport, the qualification body will continue to manage the courses and the regional workforce coordinator (Michelle Ellis) will continue to administer them. However, all fees will now go direct to BG and all charges will go direct to BG.

What does this mean for us:

It's possible that the courses will be run with less numbers, as BG is more tolerant of break-even/loss making courses than ECGA.

Course fees across the UK should become fairly standard, so regional members will be less likely to seek qualifications out of region due to the price differential and we should retain more.

At the higher levels (L3 and above) Coaches will be required to demonstrate that the performers they are using for examination are

- (a) competent at the level that they are being examined at,
- (b) that they are not significantly above the level and
- (c) that they are coached by the student coach, so that the student coach can explain the quirks and issues that a performer may have and work around any issues. Assessors have been requested to defer a candidate coach if they feel that the performer is not well known to the coach.

(It was discussed that competition records may be employed to see who works with who, but this can only work across clubs and not within clubs.) As we are all aware, this sort of support can only come from the clubs themselves. Coaches should be encouraged to bring performers through the ranks, to prepare them for higher qualifications.

COURSES PLANNED FOR 2012:

- 2 x cycle 5/6 skills up-grade course Level 2 (Feb & Oct)
- 2 x UKCC technical up-date course (these should start to fall off after this year) (March & Sept)
- 2 x L1 (Feb & Sept)
- 2 x L2 (April & Nov)
- 2 x L3M1 (May & Nov)

Michelle is keen for the courses to move around the region. But this poses a problem for me, so this has yet to be agreed.

Barry is intending to run 1 x L1 course a year in January in Cambridge, (but not in 2012).

At this point in time I am unaware of what Robin's intentions are, but it looks unlikely he will run any courses in the region this coming year.

Michelle is concerned about the number of cancelled courses we have had in 2011, especially those put on to cater for demand and then cancelled when the demand has not turned into course entries. BG is looking into this, but has no suggestions to overcome this at present. BG is also very keen to avoid using out of region tutors where possible as this increases the costs significantly. Therefore it looks like I may have to be more mobile in 2012.

The region has to let BG know if there is a need for a Level 3 M2-M4 tutor. If this is recognised, then (a) BG will run courses in the region to satisfy the current need and (b) will train the current suitably qualified tutor for future courses.

If there is a demand beyond those suggested above, please let me/Michelle know ASAP as I will be planning dates in the next week or so.

Tony Fagelman

Coach Education Sec

12/11/11

