

ERTC COMMITTEE MEETING

MSC IPSWICH

16TH FEBRUARY 2014 10.30AM



Apologies: KG, NP, PK, AH

Present: SK, TF, NW, PD, EA, DK, RP, RA, SJ, CW

MINUTES

1. CHAIR'S REPORT (SK)

Brentwood comp feedback – Issues with overrunning of school/previous booking, computer issues etc. Feedback has been noted, response sent back by Neil. Hopefully issues will be resolved for Hitchin.

2. ECGA REP REPORT (NW)

SK/NW attended meeting in January – Pre-meeting with treasurer and chair to explain the new competition structure in East region. ECGA treasurer and Chair are supportive of Trampoline-East actions. Competition cost discussed and kept at £7.50 (will be reviewed in July 2014 for all gymnastics disciplines). ECGA have taken pressure from BG on new structure and continue to be supportive of Trampoline-East running the trampoline structure for the region. Finance - £5204 paid out in support of mentoring, £11K in bursaries for L2 course. – this bursary has now stopped. Judging bursary – for judges qualifying in 2013/14. Application/details will be on the ECGA website. Bursary for L1 – full course fee - one per club may be available.

Can ECGA cover a DMT course? NW to ask ECGA if they could consider funding this. TF to discuss with Michelle Ellis.

Performance pathways – clinics will run in the region for pathway performers, by regional pathway tutors/coaches. No discussion with coach-ed although supposed to be tutor-led.

3. COMPETITIONS

3 panels will run at Hitchin. Request for staging at Cambridge but cost £400 to hire. AJ will speak to Andrew Aistrup for dimensions and further details. Agreed in principal.

Should TPD wear shorts or leotards? SJ has asked for clarity. For this next comp, it's probably too late to change any details, so will clarify in more detail before Cambridge. For Hitchin comp, will allow shorts and t-shirts until we have further clarification. – We need to ensure that performers are aware that this is a short term ruling and may change for the next comp, and certainly for the National comp.

Coaches affiliated to ECGA – list from Jenni Morgan which shows those up to date with affiliation and SPC. According to ECGA rules, anyone who is not approved in this manner should not be judging or coaching at competitions. Coach taking responsibility for the team should sign in and list all coaches on the floor. All those actively coaching/matting etc should be minimum BG and ECGA members. Those over 18 must have current safeguarding course. This will be in force for Cambridge. KG to devise a form for clubs to complete.

Is there any way that those competing in each grade can be checked to ensure that they are qualified into that grade? It was reported that at Brentwood there were competitors who had not qualified to compete at grade D. Decision that this should be handled on a case by case basis if any instance is highlighted by individuals at the event, through a technical committee (see note later on). A note will be sent out to clubs before next week's competition to warn of this. Any competitors entered into grades they are not qualified for will be given an

option to move to the level they are qualified to compete at for next week's competition. If any performers are subsequently found to be in a grade they are not qualified to compete in, their result will be null/void.

DMT at Cambridge? Probably more cost effective to run a further competition at Hitchin or Ipswich before closing date of the last comp in the spring series, to enable those to qualify for level 7. PD/NW to organise details/date etc.

ECGA may be changing suppliers for the trophies.

Agreed that regional competitions should be spaced out more for competitions next year – 3 comps in 3 months is felt to be too close. NDP comps will still need to run as per BG schedule. Another regional comp is likely to be held later on in the year.

Regional finals 22/6/14 at Easton. This needs to encompass DMT – will need to transport in the equipment. Trophies for regional finalists from 2013 should be returned by March regional comp. Need to decide grades for Regional finals – G – A from last year, Levels 7 and 8 need to fit into C and B respectively and compete those routines, not level 7 and 8. They may move up, not down. DMT criteria to be discussed separately and agreement reached between those committee members associated with DMT.

Disability DMT? Potential inclusion at Regional championships.

4. JUDGE ED REPORT (AJ)

First grading now run – AJ happy with judging across all panels. NPD had limited experience in judges. No course planned as no interest logged with BG

<http://www.british-gymnastics.org/component/content/article/369-coachsteachersvolunteers/coaches/2742-declaration-of-interest-for-courses>

AJ pleased that all judges were dressed in correct attire at Brentwood comp. Look at having a feedback form (probably through SurveyMonkey) for parents/coaches/performers following competition

5. COACH ED REPORT (TF)

Module 3 course is next to run in March. John Beer and TF tutoring. M1 or more likely to be M4 may be running in June (TBC), with M1/2 later on in year. Some trainee tutors are close to being signed off, we have a full complement of tutors on paper.

PD has been proposed to ECGA for DMT tutoring by TF.

Disability awareness course has been set up but not advertised on BG website. Need to register for 'I'm in' before eligible.

6. DMT REPORT (EA)

No competitions so far this year. Will be reviewed after next week's comp. Squad in process of being set up.

7. WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (DK)

Still running, technical upgrades recently. If we want to expand on survey/analysis we may need to pay (e.g. SurveyMonkey)

May look at putting the competition entries onto the website. In the future, there will be one entry form for all entries, rather than separate forms for synchro/individual/DMT etc.

Can we have a search facility to include documents? No access to search individual words within documents at present, but DK can tag words, or change title of document to include particular words so these are able to be searched.

8. SQUAD REPORT (PK)

PK/JK pleased with reactions from new coaches attending squad for first time. Biggest concern is on numbers – 29/30 attendees last time, plus clubs are nominating wild cards/performers also. May look at needing to cap the numbers in some way. Do we look at those at squad who are not actively competing but still eligible for squad?

Survey has gone out asking for feedback from last squad. 16 replies to date, mostly positive. Can we send coaches who are not linked personally to the performer? Response is yes – they must however be ECGA registered. It is preferred however that their usual coach attends.

HPC coaches are not too senior to benefit from the squad.

9. NATIONAL/REGIONAL COMP REPS REPORTS (GROUPED TOGETHER AS NO NATIONAL COMPS SINCE AGM) (SJ/RA)

Big thank you to NP for generating much of feedback from performers. NDP levels are low, with H-C much higher. Feedback from competitors is more about those who have dropped away from the system rather than those still in.

Can we set up a survey to see how many people are intending on competing, either National League/Friendlies etc, or not competing?

Can we handle FIG B at regionals? This would need to be assessed on venue by venue basis due to facilities required.

National League dates as follows:

- 30/31st August – Cardiff
- 4/5th Oct - Perth
- 25/26 Oct - Gillingham
- 1/2nd Nov - Liverpool
- 6/7th Dec - Cambridge (Finals)

Hitchin comp – Disabilities comp running, will be programmed in first, to be reviewed afterwards if this is most suitable.

10. DMT SQUAD – CRITERIA/INCLUSION

16 competitors entered in Hitchin, 12 of which are at level 6 – not huge numbers actively competing in the region. Probably not sufficient numbers for 2 squads presently. Level 4 is first level where there are all somersault passes, so could start the squad at this level initially and refine this later on if/when necessary. Include Grade D performers also, if they can perform 4 somersault passes. SK will approach ECGA for funding for DMT squad also.

Dates will be set up to no conflict with current events as much as possible. Hitchin will host the squad. Once budget arranged/funding obtained, invite will go out to all clubs with criteria. DMT squad email to be set up (PD to speak to NP)

11. REVIEW/DECISION ON COMPETITION STRUCTURE – REVALIDATION; MIXED AND INTER-CLUB SYNCHRO PAIRS; RETURNING PERFORMERS TO COMPETITION ETC.

Revalidation panel to remain in place. Synchro members from mixed clubs approved. Technical committee to be set up to have final word on approval of where performers returning to competition should fit in. NW will set this up. Review of Grade E qualification – this may be reduced to 49.0. DK to look at analysis from Brentwood, further discussion via email after we see how many would be affected from Brentwood.

12. NDP REGIONAL FINALS – DO WE SUBMIT A TEAM?

East region needs to put the entry in rather than individual clubs. If individuals who have qualified wish to attend they are welcome to, and Trampoline East can submit the entry on their behalf, however Trampoline-East/ECGA will not be financially supporting.

13. AOB

Club Welfare Officers day is set for 15th June, in Hertfordshire. Please can all clubs encourage their welfare officers to attend? Karly please confirm venue and details to the committee.

Shorts for females – BG rules state NDP level 5 and upwards should not wear shorts, will lose 0.1 from total score for a breach, however persistent breach of rules may result in disqualification. At regional level, agreed that shorts should be allowed AS LONG AS they match in style and colour to the leotard for this season, and without individual pattern/adornments. This will be reviewed at next AGM.

Any open competition dates to be forwarded to DK who can add to the diary.

English Championships – EA to see if a date has been set/is known yet.

Next meeting 25th May in Hertfordshire – venue TBC

Meeting closed 13.10.

