

Committee meeting 1st May 2016

Venue; Hitchin Boys School; 12.00 noon

Apologies: Karly, Dave, Ann, Kim, Andrew, Paul.

Present: Stuart, Pat, Phil, Alex, Tony, Neil, Nicki, Rachel.

Minutes

- Last meeting minutes approved.
- Committee reports approval and matters arising from.
- Tie Break rules (following last NPD competition)
 - If we follow BG rules there will be issues with trophies, however we should be following the BG rules so the system will be changed to reflect this.
- Competition Dates and Venues 2016
 - Proposed 2/10/16, 8/1/17 or 15/1/17 or 4th or 11th December. Problem is January too close to many clubs closing down for Christmas, then 19/3/17. Probably go with 3 comps 2/10; 11/12 and hopefully 15/1 Stuart will talk to Andrew Aistrup, otherwise this will be on 8/1.
- Competition costs
 - DMT is a drain on the costs hiring of van to move the DMT and mats was expensive and few people competing. No actions to be taken, just to inform committee.
 - ECGA are looking at medals rather than trophies which will be standard across all disciplines. It's up to us if we use them but this will be a reduction in costs.
- Regional T-Shirt donation from Schools fund?
 - Clare has been contacted and has agreed in principal. Stuart will email and confirm the amount.
- Regional Championships
 - Possible November date at Hitchin or Brentwood Stuart will check dates and options with both.

- AGM date
 - Dependant on competitions
- Constitution changes.
 - \circ Nicki will chase with Andrew
- AOB
 - Schools committee still needs to be set up.
 - No other business meeting closed 13.10.



Reports for meeting 1/5/16

Chairs Report

Welcome all and thank you for giving up your time on a free Sunday to attend this meeting. I would also like to thank you all for your combine efforts on putting on and supporting both formats of the competition structure that we have run this season. Hopefully we have had a balance of competitions which have suited all the competitors in our region.

Stuart Kelly

Welfare Officers Report

British Gymnastics are due to be holding a South Conference for all Club Welfare Officers to attend. The date was originally set for the end of February, then the 5th March and still no date or venue has been confirmed or advertised yet, so watch this space for a bit longer...This conference will run instead of this year's Club Welfare Officers Day.

Litsa Downes has not completed the Time To Listen Tutor Update Course and therefore is no longer qualified to tutor these courses. This means that I am again the only TTL tutor in our region.

BG are introducing a new reporting mechanism for RWO's to report monthly case types so I would encourage all clubs in our region to contact me with any welfare issues that they deal with in clubs, even if it is not severe enough to have to be reported on, it will help BG to understand the issues that clubs are dealing with at low levels.

Karly Good

Website report

Little to say other than that I have changed the way competitions are listed in order to ensure that the site is not constrained from showing future year competitions. All upcoming competitions are now listed, together with entry forms etc, on an 'Upcoming Competitions' page, whilst all completed competitions are moved to the relevant year Page.

Dave

Squad Report

Little to report other than we have continued to create opportunities for those who fell short at the trial day.

We appreciate clubs/coaches are keen to benefit from the days and this is a way of helping maintain their presence. Although this cannot be guaranteed squad to squad we will use the spaces left by none attendees as fairly as possible.

There have been some introductions into the Tier 2 group by gymnasts who, for various reasons were absent on the trial day but have attended as wild cards in order to be assessed, clearly showing the benefits of being flexible and open minded.

We will continue to identify developing gymnasts at competitions and invite as wild cards where space and opportunity permit.

We have also introduced a £5 levy on those gymnasts who fail to attend or withdraw late, giving us little opportunity to invite through our wild card system. Dave tries hard to balance the books and introducing this amount allows him to avoid raising the £15 standard fee. Dave will elaborate more in his report.

Paul.

Squad Admin Report

This year we started with a surplus of just over £185 which we mostly used up in subsidising the squad trials since there were a lot of folks attending (45) and not much development work undertaken by squad coaches (who were more focussed on selection). This trial reduced the surplus significantly, the March squad ran at a deficit of £29 and, despite charging those cancelling in the week prior £5, the April squad ran at a £20 deficit, leaving us just over £5 in cumulative deficit. The May squad will again have to have a 'flexible' approach to charges - if all those eligible attend we can charge just £12.50 but if we get significant drop-outs, it may need to be nearer £20. Dave

Treasurers report

The account has a healthy balance of £3535.61. This has dropped slightly from the last meeting as judge expenses have now been paid.

The account name has been changed and is now 'Trampoline East Schools Account'. I have been issued with new stationery to reflect this.

Ann

ECGA report

Are there any DMT individuals who may be selected for international competitions? There are some gymnasts who are being funded so if there are any eligible people PD will let NW know.

Eastern committee looked at our scoring system.

Alf Dyer, ECGA treasurer is retiring. If there is anyone interested please let ECGA know.

Commonwealth games will be self funded.

Regional finals are self finals but anyone who has qualified for the NDP finals will be funded by ECGA. Individual clubs need to apply to ECGA for funding.

Nicki

Competitions

NPD entries are going up, increase in fees will help reduce the shortfall. Region supported Fenland Flyers open competition last month which was well attended.

Neil

County reps

Herts Rep - High Springers new club been approved. Contact details to be added to regional database – Alex to forward to Neil.

Suffolk/Norfolk/Cambridgeshire nothing to report.

DMT rep

No of people competing is going up. 40 people representing region – more qualified but have turned down their place – is there anything we can do to encourage participation? Issue with collapsed groups – people missing out on a place as they didn't know they had qualified and so didn't do R&C.

Most of the DMT groups are less than 8 so many will qualify for the finals.