

# MINUTES OF ERTC MEETING 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2012



## PRESENT

Stuart, Paul K, Paul V, Emma, Dave, Sue, Andy, Nicki, Neil & Tony.

## APOLOGIES:

Rachel & Karly, Amanda Jay

## LAST MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Last meeting was the AGM – approved for submission to next AGM

## E-VOTES AND MATTERS ARISING

None

## CHAIRS BUSINESS

NTTC meeting – notes issued, to go on T-E website.

Fenland Flyers are rejoining the region and are awaiting 'inspection'.

## COMPETITIONS

NEIL/NICKI

All 2013 gradings have now been agreed, Ipswich will host only D & E but plus DMT.

T-Score now outputs compatible SweScore output and is now expected to be acceptable to BG (Andrew Wood).

Schools 9<sup>th</sup> December – have space for 4 panels at Hitchin – conflicts with Welsh Nationals.

Acknowledged English Championships – and congratulations to Josh Newman at Flanders Cup finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in individual and winning synchro.

## COMPETITION JUDGES/COURSES

ANDY

Club judge course 12/13<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

New FIG code of points was released in October – it does, as expected, include requirement for 'not dark' coloured trousers and a 0.1 point reduction on total score each round for wearing incorrect dress. The new BG code has not yet been released, if these reflect FIG, as expected, then T-E will give a period of grace to comply until National Finals.

There are also some changes to DMT code of points mainly in respect of a longer landing zone.

The revised FIG code also includes some changes to form judging that will require some revalidation for judges and these will almost certainly impact on BG code.

The Technical Committee have invited Andy to do the Brevet course in March. Suffolk Sport may be able to provide some funding to support this and region may also be able to assist. **ACTION:** Andy to provide Nicki with some words to enable a submission to be made.

Time of Flight (ToF) is definitely coming down to National C and there have been some thoughts that it might extend to D although with obvious cost implications for regions.

The Zonal judge level is being scrapped but in place of this, the National 2 & National 1 levels will be same course with qualification to 1 or 2 depending on exam result.

## DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

PAUL K

2013 dates have now been agreed and published on the website.

It is now necessary to agree criteria for selection and it is pretty certain that there is no Excel squad and so they may need to drop down to region. The primary objective remains development of the region which means developing the coaches. Jack wants to see county squads and a strong focus on regional squad being the best performers and this could have the effect of reducing numbers of coaches attending as the number of clubs affected will be smaller.

Criteria to be agreed by Xmas. **ACTION:** Paul & Jack.

Funding from T-E might be possible if we re-brand it as coach development rather than performers. **ACTION:** Tony to draft an application to Jenni Morgan.

Emma mentioned that West Midlands were impressed with the stats analysis - <http://trampoline-east.org/2012/08/jacks-review-of-squad-test-results/> and intend adopting that themselves.

Evaluation form to be provided for future squads. Consider SurveyMonkey or similar. **ACTION:** Dave to implement.

## COURSES

TONY

Dates for Tony's courses have now been set for 2013, other coaches also have some dates agreed but have not been provided.

There is to be a UKCC update course on January 13<sup>th</sup> at Bury.

There are now 3 qualified tutors in the region, Trisha Sharpe, Tony Fagelman, Robin Atkins and 2 trainees Charlie Mussino and Louise Pennell. John Beer & Jack Kelly are approved to tutor Level 3 modules, Robin Atkins HPC but not Level 3 modules.

National conference announced that the HPC qualification is to be split into 2 – Performance Coach will cover up to 1½ twisting flips, HPC is then above that but candidates must have FIG B level performers to qualify.

ToF – should be included in courses 2013/17 code.

## WELFARE

KARLY

### NEW LEGISLATION/GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE/BG UPDATES POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

British Gymnastics are in the process of rewriting their Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. Not yet sure when it is due out, it is only currently in the draft stage still. They have recently also produced a new Social Media Policy which is now available on their website which provides guidance for parents as well as for clubs.

### WELFARE MATTERS:

There have been a few testing welfare issues to deal with over the last few months, during one of which, one of our new County Welfare Officers became involved and dealt with matters very well despite little experience so well done to them.

### EVENTS:

BG will be holding another Regional Welfare Officers Conference in February. Our County Welfare Officers have also been invited as well as Verity and I so hoping that will be a well attended day by our region with lots of positive information to report back at a later date.

### OTHER POINTS / MATTERS TO REPORT:

There are currently two more TTL courses booked for our region, one in Cambridgeshire in November and the other in Essex in January 2013. Any Time To Listen Course interest must be registered with Michelle Ellis, Regional Workforce Development Co-ordinator.

## NATIONAL/REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

AMANDA

Nothing to report.

Emma reported Finals will be at LG Arena 6/7 July – just waiting for NEC to sign off.

Stuart felt Brentwood did a good job in managing floor space at their Open.

## DMT

EMMA

There is an undercurrent of demand for more DMT competitions, Lorraine George is happy to hold one on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2012. Neil confirmed that minor T-Score glitches with DMT have now been sorted. **ACTION:** Emma to liaise with Lorraine, all entrants will need to be ECGA-registered if it is supported and able to be used as a grading.

Sarah Jones has also mentioned that she could run a DMT-only comp but has not made any further contact.

Stuart raised point that as a region the priority should be to run more DMT coach courses so more clubs are able to compete – Lorraine has been approached by Andy but doesn't get around to it – Lorraine George, Toby Eager, Nick Earle, Jason Richardson. Nicki believes best to set dates and ask Michelle to find a tutor, Paul V has access to a lorry that can transport additional equipment if required. **ACTION:** Tony (leads), Nicki & Emma to work together to ensure a coach course takes place.

## WEB-SITE UPDATE

DAVE

Dave had previously sent a Google Analytics report. From this it seemed that:

- peaks are event driven (comps or squads);
- whilst Google (38% visits) is the biggest search contributor (all search 41%), more visits (47% referral & direct) are based on knowing the site is there in the first place (fine for a closed audience but not if you want to grow your audience);
- the 12% from 'campaigns' is inbound links originating from RSS feeds so important we try to get all clubs using these.

Dave asked clubs to add the RSS feed to their Facebook or newsfeeds wherever possible (the link is <http://trampoline-east.org/feed/>). **ACTION:** All.

Discussion of storing competition results on website. **ACTION 1:** Neil to send Dave results (done for 2011 onwards). **ACTION 2:** Dave to post past results on website.

## COUNTY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Paul V – was unable to attend the Cambridgeshire Gymnastics meeting.

## VETERAN'S COMPETITION UPDATE

SUE

Now to be expanded to be Regional Championships & synchro. It was suggested that that this could be a qualifier for English Championships and so could usefully be held just before National Finals – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2013 was provisionally agreed.

## ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

Report provided as Addendum to these minutes.

Rachel did an excellent job together with other volunteers whose assistance was gratefully received:

- Karen Bevan
- Simon Burson
- Sara Waldock
- Jackie Plunkett
- Celia Bradbury

- Françoise Lucas
- Ann Harvey
- Andrew Aistrup
- Sue Jay
- Craig Carter
- Olive Law
- Jane Armitage
- Andrew Jones
- Rosemary Bramble

Sue felt that there was lack of clarity about how the competition was organised but this was, in part, that it was published on the new BG-Coaches website and not elsewhere.

## 2012 BSGA COMPETITION

Alex Deller is now regional rep for BSGA and the 2012 Regional Schools competition is being managed by T-E but organised by Alex at Hitchin. Stuart proposed that Alex is co-opted to committee membership – seconded by Andy this was, agreed by all present.

Deadline for entry Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

## AOB

Sue Jay – reported some confusion on S&PC course with all members seeming to be asked. Clarification is that it is only required for those in a role that gives some control over young people, this formally includes Judges and Coaches but not Marshalls. BG enforce at Gala's and ECGA could enforce for regional.

Stuart – proposal that Trampoline-East should have a Treasurer and a bank account, suggested Nicki & Dave to run this between them. Neil speaking to Barclays Community on Monday and can ask for pack to be sent through to Nicki. **ACTION:** To put together proposals for next meeting.

Paul – Josh Newman has been selected for AYOF in Australia next year. Congratulations offered to Paul. Official announcement due 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Emma – request from Andrew Wood that only club officials and coaches are to contact him with queries or issues.

## NEXT MEETING DATE

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2013 after Brentwood Grading in Brentwood.

## ADDENDUM

### TRAMPOLINE EAST PERFORM AT THE ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

SOUTH SHIELDS, OCTOBER 2012

Trampoline-East acquitted themselves well at the recent English Championships held in South Shields. The competition started behind schedule on a cold and snowy day with competitors having to delay warm ups and wait around. With the format of the competition not recognising national grades the competition put together National C competitors versus Fig A including international team members, it was a day to produce your best and measure where you stand nationally.



The East region took a team of 24 trampolinists and 11 DMT team members each sported the regions leotard and commemorative shirts thanks to our chair, Stuart Kelly and our regions sponsors. It was a good opportunity for the region to form a team when usually against each other individually, there was a good feeling of a team that was bonded for the competition.

The day's best individual results for the region came from the girls performing in the Ladies and Junior Girls competitions, whilst the Ladies was won by top international Bryony Page, who convincingly beat Olympian Kat Driscoll, our own Kayleigh McCarthy went into the final in 7<sup>th</sup> place and performed a 9.5 difficulty vol with strong form to push herself up to fourth place, a tremendous result considering the competition. In the same group both Georgina Hardiment and Chrissie Law both performed well and Chrissie increased her difficulty for the final to hold her relative position. Susanna Badley qualified for the final of the Junior Girls in 11<sup>th</sup> place and continued to perform well being able to improve her position to 8<sup>th</sup>, unfortunately both Emily Plunkett and Naomi Waldock narrowly missed out on the final.

Success was harder to find in the Mens and Junior Boys competition where despite strong set routines Nick Ledwold and Callum Murfet were not able to hold onto their positions in the competition final where both failed to complete their vols. Maybe the region's biggest hope was for Josh Newman to deliver a good result in the Junior Boys but despite a great set routine an error in his vol left him way outside of the final and his fellow team mates were also unable to be close to the final scores required which was disappointing.

More success was assured from the Ladies Synchro where Kirsty Peacock/Kirsty Smith delivered fantastic scores to finish second to Bryony Page/Vicky Payne. Quite a result to be proud of considering the huge difficulty advantage the leaders had. Finally in the Mens synchro East delivered a creditable third place with Philip Dodson/Nick Ledwold scoring three good routines to secure third place in a very tight competition.

In the Junior Girls and Boys synchro Susanna Badley/Victoria Bramble finished equal second with the synchro girls from South West, having performed three strong routines with good consistent scores. Matthew Burson/Thomas Verdicchio were fifth by just 0.1 splitting them from fourth place.

Finally the DMT competition offered the region mixed results but with some really good performances to take heart from. Result of the day for the region was Sarah Jones's 5<sup>th</sup> place in the ladies & Luis Pires 10<sup>th</sup> in the Men's. Other creditable performances were Lucy Bevan and Shelby Skeggs in the junior girls 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> respectively, and Donna Clark, Yumi Giles and Rebecca Harvey in the senior ladies. Performers like Trinity Kelly performed well under pressure after recent training issues whilst Matthew Burson and Thomas Verdicchio were running between their trampoline performances and the DMT track. For several of the DMT performers, it was their first competition at this level, and they acquitted themselves well against strong opposition.

When all was said and done the region was placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 9 regions. North West were the regional champions. For the region this competition offers the opportunity to match themselves against other regions and determine just how to improve as a region to climb that league table in two years' time when the next English Championships are held. Our thanks to every single competitor for proudly representing the region, that everyone made their best possible performance on the day and hopefully the experience will help make the region stronger all round. Trampoline-East would also like to thank all those officials and coaches who made the trip north so that the region could take part in the event. With a special thank you to Robin Atkins,

Nikki Weller and for the huge amount of work that Rachel Paul put into the squad during the summer.  
Onwards and .....upwards as they say!



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