

1. ERTC MINUTES 28TH APRIL 2012

Present: Stuart Kelly, Nicki Weller, Andy Jones, Tony Fagelman, Neil Pike, Paul Kitchen, Dave Kingaby, Sue Jay, Amanda Jay, Rachel Paul.



Apologies: Karly Good, Nicki Uglow, Vanessa Lewis, Chrissie Law.

Guests: Sally Echlin.

Meeting started at 7.15pm

1. MINUTES

Last minutes approved.

2. E-VOTES/MATTERS ARISING

1. No e-votes since last meeting.
2. Discussion on extension of validation panel for Grade D. Decision – no validation panel for Grade D to be conducted for June competition, and clarification will be sought at next Trampoline National Technical Committee.
3. Confirmation that the veterans competition will run as an ECGA competition.
4. Dave Kingaby voted in as webmaster.

3. CHAIR'S BUSINESS

SK welcomed Sally Echlin to the meeting.

NP, NW and the Kangaroos committee were thanked for their efforts in preparation and during the March Grading.

SK attended the ECGA meeting in March – minutes were circulated at the time.

4. COMPETITIONS

AJones raised a concern that we were spreading officials too far in running 4 panels at each competition, to the detriment of competitor scoring. Decision to run a longer day and 3 panels at Hitchin to see how this goes, maybe with an earlier start.

Late Entries – no late entries to be allowed in future. No entries accepted without fees paid either by cheque to Alf Dyer, or by BACS, by closing date.

Hitchin will run a DMT competition – competitors will need to enter separately (and pay separately) for DMT and TRI. DMT entrants must be registered with ECGA. There will be no validation panel.

Discussion on covering wear and tear/maintenance/damage on trampolines used at competitions. This will be raised at next ECGA Finance sub-committee meeting.

5. JUDGING

DK was thanked for his analysis on competition results.

Club/County level judge course currently running – after this, AJones should be able to run club judge courses for the region.

Concern over competitors being nominated for judging, as this affects the panel – will see if this continues to be a problem when 3 panels are run at next grading.

Query over whether host club should have to provide officials, as many are already helping with the organisation of the competition – Decision – still provide qualified judges at required level, but no non-qualified officials required as it is assumed that they will be used in the competition organisation.

6. DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

First squad day has been run. No feedback on the day, one after the day feedback. Generally thought it was run well and will be used as the basis of future days. There is a problem with using other venues from a consistency point of view, so a decision was made that the squad days will run from Brentwood for the immediate future.

The squad is self funding. Regional clubs may be asked to contribute to this (whether they have a direct participant or not) in the future, but this is yet to be discussed/voted. Other funding opportunities may be available for individuals, through individual development grants etc.

Squad coaches will remain in position for a period of 2 years before re-voting due to the nature of the role.

7. COURSES

Course dates to be put on the website.

Level 2 minimum age is 17, not 18. Reminder that there is an option for a free level 2 course for each club in the region – a claim form is on the ECGA website.

Some confusion on which update day is required for each level. TF confirmed 'Skills update' for cycle 5 level 2 coaches; 'Technical update' for cycle 5 level 3 coaches. TF will write an explanation

8. WELFARE

2 points raised – should officials (coaches and judges) be CRB checked/BG members? Response – Yes. Query on whether they should also have Safeguarding training – KB please check.

Event welfare officer should be named on the programme for each competition. KB and NP will cover this between them.

9. COMPETITORS' FEEDBACK

National feedback – 9 clubs in region at galas, currently 46 qualifiers, 30 at Nat C. It was requested that this was put on the website as a note of achievement.

AJay queried if chairs were necessary in the competitor warm up area, especially at Cardiff, as space was tight. Also, why were trampolines together at gala events but not at Nat Finals – this disorients performers as they are used to training and competing with trampolines together. It was agreed that AJay would bring these points up with Andrew Wood, the National competitions organiser.

10. WEBSITE

Still more information required to add to the website – please send any details to Dave Kingaby.

DK will talk to Jenni Morgan about linking the Trampoline East newsfeed into ECGA news so news posts do not need to be doubled.

11. COUNTY COMMITTEE REPORTS

SK informed committee that he would be looking for another Essex Rep if possible to take on this role due to work commitments.

12. VETERANS' COMPETITION UPDATE

SJ will circulate plans for the veterans' competition for discussion, which have been drawn up. Competition will include a recreational and an elite section. Date TBC but probably September 2012, This may include a Syncro competition, dependant on interest, and will be coupled with the East Trampoline AGM.

The meeting closed at 21.15 as venue needed to be vacated. Any AOB not covered during the meeting should be emailed around for email discussion to the committee please.

13. NEXT MEETING

Pencilled in for 14th July, venue to be in the Cambridge region this time.

