

ERTC AGM MINUTES 1ST APRIL 2021



MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM AT 20.30

Committee attendees: Nicki Weller (NW) – Chair; Charlotte Canniford (CC), Dave Kingaby (DK), Pat Dodson (PD), Phil Dodson (PhD), Karly Good (KG), Andrew Aistrup (AA), Tony Fagelman (TF), Rachel Parker (RP) – minutes.

Club attendees: Robin Atkins (RA) - Levitation, Helen Sharman (HS) – Comets.

DISCUSSION POINT	RESPONSIBILITY
<p>AGREEMENT OF AGM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS AGM 2019 Previous meeting minutes were approved.</p>	
<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS. Attached</p>	
<p>POSSIBLE EVENTS TO BE HELD IN 2021. An Email to be sent to BG to clarify a return to competitions within 6 months of returning to training, as separately BG have supported a reduction in returning to full training for up to 6 months, however there are BG sanctioned events planned to take place in October, due to the selection process for Worlds/World Age competition. Some clubs with FIG level performers have expressed concern about a return to this level so soon. It was agreed that a competition would be planned for mid-End November 2021, avoiding the time of the Worlds/WAG competitions. It was agreed that any competition run in 2021 would adopt the 2022 structure and code of points. It was agreed that the competition would run with ToF as a test run as all competitions will need to run with this from 2022</p>	<p>NW to circulate a draft email for committee approval. PD to confirm dates to avoid, NW to investigate potential venues. ToF options to be considered.</p>
<p>WAYS TO SUPPORT AND WORK TOGETHER AS REGIONAL CLUBS, E.G. THROUGH SHARING RESOURCES. A questionnaire will be agreed and sent out to clubs to understand the issues each club is facing. Some clubs have not been able to return to training for over a year and some have lost their venue. Cambridge Kangaroos have facilities which can be made available.</p>	<p>NW to circulate the draft questionnaire to committee for approval.</p>
<p>2021 COMMITTEE ELECTION. 2019/20 committee was disbanded and 2021 committee voted in. A list of committee positions is attached.</p>	

<p>QUESTIONS/QUERIES FOR COMMITTEE FROM REGION (IF ANY).</p> <p>CC asked if any clubs had received funding through Sport England. There are some clubs who have successfully received funding. It was agreed to add a question on funding to the club questionnaire for circulation.</p>	<p>NW to add a question to the club questionnaire to be sent out.</p>
<p>AOB.</p> <p>There had been a reduction in fees for BG membership in September, Helen Sharman asked if there would be a further reduction this year, given that clubs had not been able to train for part of the year. NW advised that nothing had been confirmed as yet.</p>	
<p>Meeting closed at 21.45</p>	



COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Chair's Report

Well....it's been a long year.....with not a lot of activity.

Looking back East region had just completed the regional competition season for 2020 with the Regional SemiFinal, and we were due to have our largest group of gymnasts at the 2020 Team and Individual Finals, and had high hopes of retaining the Team title.

This was before what is now known as Lock Down 1, and the start of something that no one understood at the time.

There have been challenges over the past year and some clubs will have difficulty recovering, some clubs have been able to enjoy some intermittent training....others have had no opportunity at all with much depending on the training environment. Many local authority halls and sports centres are currently being used for testing or vaccination centres, leading to more uncertainty about a restart date as we hopefully return to some sort of normal activities.

East Region Gymnastics have acknowledged the difficulties that clubs are having and have waived the regional fee for clubs and individual club members for 2020/2021, this is welcomed as I think we all have members who have paid BG membership fee for very little training time.

On a sadder note, we stand with Brentwood Trampoline Club in mourning the loss of Paul Kitchen who passed away after a long illness this year, Paul was valued in club, region and nationally for his knowledge and understanding of trampolining and his willingness to share his expertise.

East region also sends congratulations to Tricia Sharpe who has been awarded the British Empire medal in the new year honours list 2021 for services to gymnastics for over 40 years and her work fundraising for Recoil Trampoline club and disability trampolining.

I think we all hope that the next 12 months will give a return to more normality and we can move forward into 2021/2022.

ECGA Representative

A physical meeting was planned but cancelled during lockdown. ECGA have waived their fees for 2021, and also stopped the regional bursary scheme for this year. If any regional events are held before October 2021, the regional fee will need to be paid.

Judging Coordinator

Revalidation will be taking place in early/Mid 2022. The competition structure will be changing at FIG level however the Code of Points will not be changing too much.

DMT Development Coordinator

4 gymnasts were selected to compete at the European Championships and have been allowed to train through lockdown through having Elite status. The competition was postponed, then BG took the decision to not enter a squad so these performers were not able to compete.

The new competition structure for DMT will be quite different to the present structure.

Coaching Courses Coordinator

Courses have only been held until the first lockdown. Assessments have been extended to allow for the limits on physical coaching presently. BG are considering a video assessment however nothing has been agreed.

2021 COMMITTEE ELECTION.

The following committee positions were voted in for 2021:

POSITION	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chair	Nicki Weller	RP	PD
Vice Chair	Charlotte Canniford	RP	DK
Secretary	Rachel Parker	NW	TF
ECGA Representative	Vacant position*		
Regional Team Manager	Louise Overall	RA	NW
Competitions Coordinator	Neil Pike and Tim Mann	NW	RP
Communications Officer	Dave Kingaby	RP	NW
Welfare Officer	Karly Good	RP	PD
Courses coaching coordinator	Tony Fagelman	RP	RA
Judging Coordinator	Andrew Aistrup	RP	NW
DMT Development Coordinator	Phil Dodson with Sarah Jones co-opted to position.	RP	NW
Disabilities Representative	Jenny Newman	NW	SK
Advisor	Pat Dodson	RP	SK

*Stuart Kelly to assist Nicki Weller with ECGA role in attending meetings.