SCOTTISH GYMNASTICS
WOMEN'S TECHNICAL PANEL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd June 2011, 10am at Bruce Street, Dunfermline

Present: Sally Flint (SF), Scott Harper (SH), Adele Tolometti (AT), Ruth Griffin (RG), Shona Regan (SR)

Apologies : Pauline Clark (PC), Katrina Harper (KH), Tommy McGill (TMcG)

1. **Minutes of the Meeting of April 28th** – approved by e-mail
2. **Matters Arising**
   - **Head of Performance – post not filled.**
   - **Response from Jean Forster** – Delighted and honoured to have the Open Age competition renamed after Gordon. A new trophy to be purchased. **(SF)**
   - **Date/venue for National Grades R&C resit – 8 eligible – Garioch, Falkirk, Auchterarder, Zippy's, Aberdeen, Meadowbank. Needed 45.00 incl 9 R&C.** Possibly use Bruce Street facility on a Sunday – date tbc **(RG, SF)**
   - **R & C Video – who? where? when**? Suggested videoing of nominated gymnasts (tbc) to perform grades and compulsory R&C and be available to clubs for training purposes.
     Ongoing
3. **Finance**
   - **Final Budget for 2011/12 –** to be amended due to SG agreeing to purchase new scoring system.
   - **Surplus for 2010/11 -** Various travel expenses to be submitted and the purchase of a new trophy for Gordon Forster Competition to be expensed before end of June.
   - **Progress with purchasing items for new scoring system –** SG has agreed to spend £25k. WTP will include some additional equipment in the 2011/12 budget.
4. **WTP Awards Evening**
   - **Plans for 2012 – date (probably February 18th) -** Enquiries are to be made regarding a suitable venue and costs. **(AT)**

5. **Representative Competitions**

   Isle of Man Invitational – Team 2nd Shannon 1st Floor, 3rd Beam; Carly 2nd Bars & Floor. Eilidh 4th Beam. – reports circulated MH KH, RS.

   GBR v Sweden – congratulations to Shannon Archer – 1st overall

   Pozuelo, Madrid – Shannon Archer 2nd (1st Beam/Floor) Aimee Bryce 11th

   Shannon selected for GBR v GER v FRA v ITA v SUI in Germany

   UK school Games selection – Team to be announced.

   Domestic Competitions

   - **May 15th – Grades 14/13 –Review (Letter from East Kilbride - SF responded)** New scoring system worked really well and was positively received by parents and clubs – a few people have shown interest in helping with the running of the system at future competitions. To be followed up. **(SF)**
   - **June 4th – Grades 12/11/10/9 –Review –** Beam apparatus proved to be a challenge for many gymnasts. Further coach education required to improve gymnasts' scores.
   - **June 18th – Floor & Vault** – review – Letter to be sent to a Club regarding two gymnasts eligibility. Also noted that handbook needs to be updated to avoid confusion over requirements for each age group. It was also brought to our attention that coaches need to be reminded that questions over judges' decisions should be directed to the head judge **and** only regarding their own gymnasts.
   - **Confirm competition entry fees from September 2011**
     Individual Competitions - £25 for 4 piece and £30 for 5 piece
     Floor & Vault - £12 per gymnast and £12 per team (5/5/3)
     Voluntary Level Team – 6/6/4 @ £140 per team
     Gordon Forster Team Challenge – 6/5/4 @ £140 per team

6. **New format of Domestic Programme for 2012**

   Issues re workload for SGA Office Staff and WTP Competition Organiser and production of competition programmes **Ongoing**

   As three nominations had been received for the two available places for General Members, it was agreed that whoever was third in the election proves would be invited to accept co-option onto the WTP for one year.

7. **Club Grades Finals**

   - **Report from Team Manager.** SR thought the teams performed and held themselves very well. Results a definite improvement on previous year.

8. **Competition Handbook 2012**
   - New format for 2011/12 – SR to form a Sub-Committee from WTP Members to prepare a draft for the Review Meeting**.** **(SR /SF)**
9. **Judging**
   - Scores analysis proposed by M. Heath- draft attached for discussion
     Suggested that Marie Heath (MH) along with RG and KH (& possibly Pauline Smith) to form a subcommittee to discuss score analysis. **SF**
   - BG Judge Symposium – report and request for financial support.
     Agreed that mileage should be claimed.
   - **Mentored Practical Judging Workshop – initial session Oct 1st, Dundee**
     This is for Club and Regional Judges qualified on the current Code..
     It was suggested that a coaches would welcome a workshop to clarify routine construction and tolerance in the rules for crediting element values.
     Possible venue and time would be West Lothian on 27th August.
     J.A. to be contacted re organisation of the event. **(SF/RG)**
10. **Technical Assembly**
    - **Report from Regional Squad Discussion Group** – Further discussions required to agree general direction. The panel felt that a coach based format would be of most benefit for all clubs and gymnasts. Another meeting to be arranged with Janine Robertson, Scott Telford, Fiona Cameron with AT and SH. Tba **(AT)**
11. **Technical Panel Elections**
    - **Nominations –** All nominations in – results to be announced

13. SGA Event Panel – report

Planning for future events is in progress – a comprehensive planning timeline in place.
Scottish Champs February 18th/19th 2012, Bell's – R. Stockwell is available. Booked.
N. Euros – probably 20th/21st October 2012, Bell's booked provisionally, R.S available. Booked.

14 A.O.B.

15 Date of next meeting – Sunday 14th August at Airthrey Castle – 10.30am

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