Women's Technical Panel Meeting held on

Sunday, 14th August 2011, at 10.30am

At Scottish Gymnastics Office, Airthrey Castle, Stirling.

Present: **Sally Flint (SF), Scott Harper (SH), Katrina Harper (KH), Ruth Griffin (RG), Shona Regan (SR), Dawn Telford (DT), Kirsty Sime (KS).**

Apologies: None

TP Secretary: Adele Tolometti (AT)

1. **Welcome and Apologies:**

SF welcomes Jackie Archibald at start of meeting and later welcomes the administration staff represented by Christine Davies, Lorna Whyte and Anita Frigyik

2. **Matters arising from Previous Minutes:** None

3. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda:** None

4. **Agenda Item 1: SGA Education and Development**

Jackie Archibald spoke to the Panel regarding 2 proposals for SGA Club and Coach Development that she is presenting to SportScotland. The first one called SG Club Futures Programme (Bridging the Gap) is to provide clubs support through workshops aiming to increase coach engagement, knowledge and expertise leading to a greater number of gymnasts following the competitive path and raising gymnast's ability levels overall.
The second proposal is for a Coach Potential Programme 2011-2015. This is a programme investing in coaches that can make a difference for the future legacy of the sport. Coaches that are selected will have to meet the criteria set by SG. The chosen coaches will be supported by the Talent Development coaches. Jackie will keep the Panel informed on the development of the programmes. **Action JA**

Agenda Item 2: Competition Administration from January 2012

The SGA Office Administration Staff talked to the Panel regarding

2-1 Closing dates for entries – Having Wednesday as a closing date gives more flexibility for staff.

2-2 Format of entry forms and method of payment – Admin Office happy to accept forms by email. Payment still required by cheque by the given closing date. Clubs to be informed once the e-mail option is available. **Action AF**

2-3 Membership status during annual SGA Registration period – The process time for membership registration is long and time consuming. During this period when there are many competitions entry forms to process it is difficult to fully check membership status of the gymnasts. A solution is to have the closing date brought forward for the competitions with current entry dates close to Membership Registration.

Level 6 Team Competition 12th or 13th November, (moved from October 29th to coincide with the installation of the new scoring system) **Revised entry closing date 21st Sept.**

Level 5 Team Competition 12th or 13th November –Revised entry closing date 21st Sept.

Gordon Forster Team Challenge 12th or 13th November – Revised entry closing date 21st Sept.

N.B. The day on which each of these competitions will take place will be confirmed once entries are received and a balanced programme can be achieved for each day.

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Scottish Beginners & Intermediate Floor & Vault, 19th Nov, **Revised entry closing date 16th Sept.**
Improvement to the SGA Office system for receiving entry forms continues. Information re changes to be sent to Clubs and displayed on the SGA website.

Action AF/SR

2-4 Other relevant discussion points re administration of WA Domestic competitions.

Concern was raised over qualification and insurance for coaches. Clubs have to ensure that all coaches and other relevant personnel have the cover required, and work within their qualification. Lorna Whyte may be contacted for more information. Action LW

New Trophy for Gordon Forster Team Challenge – it was agreed that necessary insurance must be in place when Clubs take responsibility for the Trophy. SF to liaise with C.D. **Action SF**

Agenda Item 3: Competition Handbook 2012

A first draft of the Handbook was available for discussion. The general layout and the calendar dates were approved. Closing dates will be in line with previous discussions (as above).
SR to email final draft of Handbook to other Panel members for approval and/or comments on further improvements. **Action SR**

Agenda Item 4: SGA Competition Rules – Eligibility/Requirements/Progression/Entry Fees

4-1 Development Competition – Considered a good competition for first entry into 4 piece. Possible changes to deductions to be considered at next meeting
4-2 Beginner & Intermediate Floor & Vault – Additional moves for Floor - Kick to handstand (no hold required) Beginners only, Tariff 0.2; a Handstand held for 2 seconds – Beginners Tariff 0.5 and Intermediate Tariff 0.4. Changes to be incorporated into rules in Handbook & notified to Clubs **Action SR**.
4-3 Level 5 & 4 Competitions – score for mandatory progression from Level 5 to Level 4 confirmed as 43.00. Information in rules section of website is correct. Information in Handbook to be amended. Action **SR**
4-4 Scottish Championships – no change.

4-5 Gordon Forster Team Challenge 12th/13th – Rules are per Bill Slater competition.
4-6 Other relevant discussions – criteria for eligibility of gymnasts entering 4 piece and 2 piece competitions – deferred to next meeting

Agenda Item 5: National Club Grades
5-1 Team Manager – SR agreed to continue as manager for 2012 Finals.
5-2 Selection Process, Team Training sessions, Uniform – SR will make all necessary arrangements **Action SR**
It was noted that letters re selection for finals must go via the Personal Coach.
It is the decision of the Personal Coach as to whether selected gymnasts should be entered for the BG Finals
It was agreed that gymnasts entered as a member of the Scottish Team for the BG Finals must attend any Team Training sessions organized by the Team Manager. Competition fitness will be assessed during these sessions and, if a Team member is not fully fit and ready to contribute positively to the Team Score, the reserve may be substituted. **Action SR & WTP**

Agenda Item 6: WTP Budget 2011/12

New document presented with potential additional funding available. SH to contact Rod Smith for any requests for funding in squads eg further help for International/Invitational competition expenses.
SH to agree new WTP Budget with C.O.S. Action SH

Agenda Item 7: New Scoring System

6 people have shown interest in helping with the system. Need more time and training to build up team. Sound system delivery expected in November for the Team competitions on November 12th/13th.SH to liaise with Robert Stockwell re progress **Action SH**
Storage facilities to be investigated **Action SH**

Agenda Item 8: Judging

8-1 Domestic Competitions – 54 active judges on list. There have been sufficient positive responses for the Level 6 Competition to allow double Panels to be in place and therefore shorten the competition. Action KH
(Floor Manager required for 8th Oct 2011 and 19th November competitions – SR)
8-2 Mentored Practice – Low response to date – another email to be sent out to gain more interest.
8-3 Club Judge Course @ Airthrey Castle – 14 candidates have applied. MH & SF to tutor -KS to assist with exam, as preparation for running future courses.
8-4 Judge Analysis Sheets – To be used to identify general weaknesses in performance. Will be tried out at Level 6 competition on September 17th - . **Action MH**

Agenda Item 9 AOCB
9.-1 **Technical Assembly** – possibly evening of 29th October
9-2 Awards Evening – Date – 18th February 2012 after first day of Scottish Championships .
Possible venue is the Bell Library in Perth. AT continuing to check out other possible venues. TBC
There was discussion regarding criteria for Awards. An agreement was reached, but following a later proposal by e-mail and several responses, a final decision will be taken at the next WTP Meeting.

9-3 Eligibility of Falkirk gymnast approved to compete in Intermediate Floor & Vault Competitions.
9-4 Technical Panel Handbook – awaiting outcome from SGA
9-5 R & C Resit National Grades – 5 gymnasts registered from Meadowbank, Auchterarder & Zippy's. SF & KH to judge on August 28th at Bruce Street. Action SF & KH

Next Meeting – Airthrey Castle, on 3rd October 2011 at 5pm