



## GENERAL GYMNASTICS DEVELOPMENT MINUTES 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021, 10.30AM

### 1. Welcome & Introduction

#### Apologies

Sharon – Ecco

Kate Storr - Grimsby

		Boys	Girls 2PC	Girls 4PC
Lisa Davis	NLGA	0	15 – 20	10
Gemma Mitson	Utopia	5	15 – 20	20
Yvette Neary	Dronfield	0	8	2
Charlotte Barker	Aireborough	7	15 – 20	10
Kirstie Whittles	Phoenix	10	20 – 30	15
Helen Monks	Rothwell	12	20 – 30	12
Rachel Revell	Brumby	0	10 – 15	5
Paul Foster	Astre	0	10	0
Dorothy Wood	Nidderdale	2	12 - 15	5
Tracey Ashton	Ashton			
Gemma Powell	Sheffield Performance	0	20 - 30	10-15
Ryan Cane	Leeds	28	30+	
Heather Clough	Stocksbridge	0	12	0
Evie Lane	Eclipse	40	30	15
Suzanne Shaw	Barnsley Premier	3	12	6
Christine Bowker	Greenhead		6 - 12	
Tracy Ashton	Ashton Gymnastics –	Not returned to centre as yet and would be interested in a virtual competition		

### 2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> February.

- Approved, no amendments.

### **3. Update from BOC (Helen Monks)**

- Progressing well with the YGA Ltd structure, no specific information that needs disseminating down to the clubs.
- No queries to pass to BOC at this time.
- Paul Foster has mentioned that Terms of Reference will need reviewing across all the disciplines and bringing in line with YGA Ltd
- Christine Bowker added that the Codes of Conduct would also need sharing with members and Lisa Davis confirmed this would happen once the document was finalised at Board level.

### **4. Website Update (Charlotte Barker)**

- Charlotte has investigated the cost of email address for each executive position, and cost was coming in at around £300.00 for 5 separate email addresses.
- Other option investigated was to have 2 email address, one for the committee executives and another specifically for competitions. Cost for this option coming in around £100.00.
- Welfare issues can still be directed to Helen Monks via the usual regional welfare email address or by phone. Contact email address will be available on the GG Yorks. Website.
- Vote to spend £100.00 on two email addresses passed by majority show of hands.

### **5. Education & Development Update (Evie Lane)**

- Evie has been in contact with some clubs about the current situation & available courses.
- Feed back from online courses is that there has not been enough time/opportunity for the practical elements this year.
- A suggestion has been made that a workshop is held for coaches that have attended the online courses to exchange tips and ideas that would normally have been shared during normal courses – post June 2021 & covid restrictions permitting.
- Evie has a L2 boys coach that would be willing to hold a boys skills workshop to go through the skills on the boys criteria.
- There has been some concern mentioned over the backlog of assessments. Paul Foster offered help to clubs and coaches needing support with log book issues.
- Workshops would be a good idea, but only once all covid restrictions have been lifted and we're back to contact coaching. They would also help to rebuild support networks & bridges that have fallen by the wayside during lockdown.

## **6. Competitions**

### Girls Competitions

- Virtual Competitions – we are hoping that this option is no longer necessary with the restrictions that are due to lift in full in June. We will consider the request to run a virtual competition for those clubs who are unable to return to their premises.
- Competitions may go ahead, but perhaps with reduced audience numbers depending on restrictions in place at the time (if any)
- Dates proposed for 2021 Girls Regional Heats (Covid Restrictions Permitting)
- **07/11/2021 with the final 21/11/2021.**
- Christine Bowker advised of a potential clash as the Bronze, Silver, Gold National Comp is being held that first weekend in November and Paul Foster advised that only three teams from Yorkshire may be competing so this may not actually be of impact.

### Boys Competitions

- The boys competitions historically would not go ahead if competitor numbers were below 50. However, it was agreed that a Boys competition should go ahead in November.
- **Proposed competition date is 21/11/2021.**
- A suggestion of holding the Boys and Girls comps together if numbers were low was put forwards by Dorothy Wood.
- However since the criteria are very different it was thought it would be potentially very complicated for the judges – Charlotte & Lisa.
- Boys Coaches have requested Boys competitions in the past as a preference but it is worth keeping the idea as an option if need be - Lisa.
- Kate Storr is heavily involved in boys and has put together a full apparatus criteria with Charlotte. Will hold a separate meeting to discuss and go over criteria.

### 4 piece Girls Competitions

- It was proposed that a Christmas teams comp be held in December to try out the new criteria. Teams of four with only one gymnast to compete for each piece was suggested by Lisa
- **Proposed date for competition 05/12/2021.**
- The following feedback and suggestions were received
- Concerns were raised about participation and that gymnasts will just be sat about after competing their apparatus. Is there the potential for them to compete a couple of pieces? – Gemma Mitson
- Could they compete all pieces but only the highest score to count? – Yvonne Neary
- Enter a team and nominate a gymnast to compete each piece but have a narrower criteria? – Helen
- 1 good gymnast wins the competition – it would be better if there were more than one score to count – Christine. Enter teams of four with 3 to compete each piece and top 2 scores to count, the same as the old Lillywhite Comps? – Christine
- 4 PC individual comp. All compete F & V, and one additional apparatus? – Evie

- Girls 4 PC Subcommittee to discuss all suggestions further and come up with format for December Teams Comp. – Lisa

Update on support for Gymnasts with Disabilities  
(Christine Bowker & Paul Foster)

- There are links and references for Disability Gymnastics on the BG Website. Girls is based on Zinc, Copper, Bronze Classic. There are also Grades, both county and regional. Trampolining already have disability competitions. Links and references will be circulated to the clubs.
- Catherine Lethbridge is happy to arrange a time to speak about Disability Gymnastics.
- Information from Jo Dicken – they don't run separate comps, but slot them into existing comps as long as the skills are accessible.
- In Summary – it should be folded into existing competitions and there is information available on the BG Website.
- What is the Pathway to National Comps? – Lisa
- Similar to the lower levels of WA & the rules are similar, Zinc especially – Christine & Paul.
- Evie Lane has a contact within Disability Gymnastics and will ask what pathway was followed.
- Disability has been moved into the different disciplines and so route to National Comps should follow the same pathway.
- Are there any allowances for those that cannot cope with the noise and crowds that at competitions? – Kirstie
- Could they be judge virtually? – Helen

More information needs to be gathered and Clubs made aware that GG welcomes gymnasts of all abilities and will cater to their needs as best as we can at our events – Lisa to follow up

## 7. AOB

- Lisa to continue to send Girls criteria out to Ryan.
- Boys criteria is covered by GG L2 Coaching Qualification – Dorothy
- There are add on modules available – Lisa
- All the skills in the Boys Criteria are covered by GG L2 & MA L1. Judging guidance will be given out once the skills criteria have been confirmed. – Charlotte
- MA Technical Committee being formed – Christine – all GG Clubs welcome to join MA.
- Date of **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 12.30pm** set for Boys Criteria Meeting held via Zoom,
- Meeting date set for the Girls 4 piece criteria to complete (Bar & Beam) also to be held via Zoom on **9<sup>th</sup> May 11.00am**.

Next date for GG Development Meeting proposed as **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10.30am**