



## GENERAL GYMNASTICS DEVELOPMENT MINUTES 11<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30AM

### 1. Welcome & Introduction.

#### Present

		07/11/2021	11/12/2021	12/12/2021
Lisa Davis	NLGA	X	X	X
Charlotte Barker	Aireborough	X	X	
Kirsty Whittles	Phoenix			
Helen Monks	Rothwell	X	X	X
Rachel Revell	Brumby	X		?
Evie Lane	Eclipse	X	X	X
Toni Wignall	Barnsley	X	X	?
Heather Clough	Stocksbridge	X	X	X
Josie Beaton	SIV Stars	X	X	X
Kirst Thornton	TK Gymfit	X	X	X
Christine Bowker	Greenhead		X	X
Allison Hickling	Allegro	X	X	X
Gabby Welch	Allegro			
Celine	Allegro			
Peter Brooke	Goole GC	Not looking to enter any comps this year		

#### Apologies

Kate Storr – Grimsby  
Susan Shaw – Barnsley Premier  
Tracy Ashton – Ashton Gymnastics

### 2. Approval of Minutes from 18<sup>th</sup> July

- Approved, no objections

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

- New YGA Ltd appointed Secretary– Vasliki Schofield from Barnsley
- The new Code of Conduct has been completed. The new role of Professional Standards Officer has been created. This is a new role for YGA Board to manage and track any complaints received in the Region. The applicant needs to be safeguarding trained and welfare officer trained and any nominations from GG club members. A job description will be available when the advert for the role is promoted.
- Next YGA Ltd AGM will be 11<sup>th</sup> November and the GG AGM ideally should be 6 weeks before to allow time to get the accounts in to the finance officer.

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

- The edited version of the handbook has been updated and 2021 competition dates uploaded to the website. The 4pc information will follow soon.
- Are there any volunteers to take over this role or is there anyone within your clubs that you think might like to take on the roles of looking after the website? Please let us know if you have a technical whiz kid who can help out with this role.

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

Had some useful information and feedback from the clubs spoken to and the following points were raised.

- Courses & Workshops – smaller clubs that have only just been able to get back into the gym have asked if there could be workshop / refresher courses?
- Workshops where L3 coaches, for example, can get together to share tips, drills and skills etc.
- Coaching Courses – L1 courses have been online but there haven't been any L2 / L3. This has led to more coaches being ready for L2 but not the courses / spaces available.
- Funding is also an issue at the moment due to long closures because of covid.
- There is a lack of course in the region. This is due to a lack of venues and tutors. I have offered both her club as course venue and offered to tutor.
- The timings of the available courses have also been a problem, they all seem to be daytime during the week, which isn't useful if applicants work or attend college/university. Those that have attended have said they didn't really get anything from the online courses.
- GG will look at the feasibility of financial support for its club and discuss this with the Exec committee. LD
- Kirsty T has offered her clubs as a course venue. West Yorks. have had closed courses – will investigate and gather more info to see if it could be a possibility for GG – KT
- CB also offered both her club as a venue and her skills as a tutor. She will also broach the issue of lack of tutors with Sports England. Christine was told to watch the website for further information. CB to contact Iain Simpson-Banks
- LD to call BG to help assess the progress to bring on more Tutors in the Region
- EL has a meeting with Jack Duggan coming up and will bring it up with him.

## 6. 2021 Competitions

GG Regional Heats – 7<sup>th</sup> November at Eclipse & Aireborough and Dronfield as additional venue if needed.

- GG Final & Boys Comp – 21<sup>st</sup> November venue TBC
- Holding 2 heats at the moment due to current numbers. We have the ability and resources to hold a third heat if necessary due to high numbers.
- We're looking at volunteer facilities for future comps. Allegro, Barnsley & TK GYMfit, all offered the clubs as comp venues.

### Questions

#### Regional Heats 7<sup>th</sup> November & 21<sup>st</sup> November (Boys Competitions & Finals)

- What covid restrictions are there at the comps? CB  
We may need to revisit this as recommendations are constantly changing. The government has put emphasis on personal choice rather than restrictions. – LD  
We will need to work with the venues and have risk assessments from them.  
Information will be communicated out the clubs prior to the competitions. – HM
- It may not even be practical to hold competitions if we have to go back to social distancing – CB If that becomes necessary again, we may need to defer the competitions. Safety comes first but this may be dependant on the venues and what restrictions are in place – LD

#### 11<sup>th</sup> December Novice Zinc – Concord, Sheffield

- Would like to work with someone and have some advice regarding the criteria and to make sure they're doing everything correctly. – JB  
Zoom meeting to discuss routines and requirements further possibly over Zoom 26<sup>th</sup> September? – LD  
Judging the next WA comps, will let you know how it goes and what the routines are like – CB  
LD to receive an update from CB to feedback to GG Clubs following her experiences.  
LD to forward information to the GG Clubs

#### 12<sup>th</sup> December GG 4PC Teams – Concord, Sheffield

- Received questions about only competing one piece and it was asked if we could have them compete 2 pieces with the highest score to count.
- **All present have agreed to this proposal.**
- Entries will be made through the BG system.
- Reserve Competitor – would warm up and possibly compete on one of the quicker apparatus but wouldn't pay entry fee. Good idea for shy / nervous gymnasts.

## 7. AOB

- Will there be GG 4PC comps that are not teams? EL  
It depends on what the demand for them would be. GG comps are led by the demand of the gymnasts and member clubs. December is a bit of a test run to see how it would work. We are also looking for a 4PC Competition Manager. - LD  
Evie has offered to help out with in the role which is much appreciated.

- Is the Zinc comp limited to numbers? – AH  
It would be the same as the GG comps, 5 gymnasts per age group/difficulty category with a sheet for additional gymnasts. Music for Zinc floors is up to 90 seconds – LD
- What entry fee would we be charging for the Novice Zinc? RR  
Novice Zinc - £25  
F & V - £12.50 individuals & £15 for teams entries  
GG 4PC - £12.50 each / £50 per team
- Are those competing in the Novice Zinc allowed to compete in the GG 4PC teams? – AH. The discussion followed
  - Looking at the Zinc comp as an experience rather than a steppingstone to WA – JB
  - In agreement with Josie, but also looking at it as a test to see if they're ready for WA – EL
  - Could we have 2 levels of teams? – CB  
It's already split by difficulty level and age group. – LD
  - What's the reasoning behind having the same gymnasts competing both days? Not allowing the ones in the Novice Zinc to enter the 4PC teams would open it up to more gymnasts. – HM
  - Is it fair to the GG gymnasts for them to compete against gymnasts that are strong enough on all 4PCs to compete Novice Zinc? AH
  - Should we say no to gymnasts being able to compete at both comps? HM
  - They would have to have different routines for both comps and it would be too much and confusing for them – CB
  - We wouldn't be entering the same girls in both Comps – TW
  - We will say no for this competition and see how it works. We've had requests for this comp from clubs that primarily compete WA. LD
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- The atmosphere and contributions from everyone at these meetings are brilliant, and everyone feels like they can contribute – CB

Next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> October – AGM  
Meeting Close 12.01pm

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