

GWA Gymsports Meeting Notes

Brief Notes of Meeting held on 4th March 2014

No.	ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.0	Attendance	<p>GWA President: Steve Chetkovich (SC) Executive Director: Ruth Gibbons (RG) Gymsports Manager: Karyn Murray (KM) Services & Development Manager: Paula Dick (PD) TC Liaison: Melissa Read (MR) MAG: John Carroll (JC) WAG: Heidi Rose (HR) & Tracy Holmes (TH) RG: Erica Morrissey (EM)</p> <p>KM commenced by welcoming Paula Dick (S&D Manager) and new RG Technical Director Erica Morrissey to the meeting.</p>	
2.0	Apologies	Susan Watts (TRP), Debbs van Hagen (ACR), Kieran Gorman (AER)	
3.0	Acceptance of Previous Notes	The previous notes (both Gymsports and Judging Co-ordinators Meeting Notes) were accepted by JC & HR	
4.0	Business Arising from Previous Minutes	<p>4.1 Club of the Year points Deferred until June meeting as LZ is not present</p> <p>4.2 Coach Encouragement Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed at Nov 2013 meeting, but final decision was deferred until this meeting due to a lack of gymsports present. • Cost of additional awards and its impact on the sponsorship packages for the Awards Night was discussed. • TC's to review the Gymsport Coach of the Year criteria and see if any changes need to be made should the encouragement awards be implemented. Suggestion that whilst the option for several awards be there, that each gymsport be restricted to a maximum of two awards each year. 	TD's to review annual coaching awards with each TC and make recommendations for implementation in 2015.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GWA Coach of the Year criteria – needs to be reviewed and updated so that easier comparisons can be made between the coaches of each gymsport. 	GWA (KM/MR) to review criteria and provide feedback at June meeting
5.0	Strategic Planning Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RG presented a series of club / member statistics for GWA from last year's GA Club Survey. A final version of the GWA Strategic Plan was also presented. The first two pages will be going out to the clubs shortly. All TC's will be asked to do a certain amount of strategic planning over the next few months to assist GWA with meeting targets. 	
6.0	For Decision Making	n/a	
7.0	For Discussion	<p>7.1 Gymsport P&L from events in 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each gymsport was provided the unaudited P&L statements from their events from 2013. First time that this data has been made available to TCs prior to the Annual Report and hopefully will assist TCs planning for future events <p>7.2 Youth Olympic Games – International Representation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HR requested that Youth Olympics be included in the GWA Regulations – Association Awards as an eligible event for the GWA Award of Merit – International Representation. As this event is an IOC event (and not FIG or AOC), this event can be categorised as a more prestigious event than other world junior events. Decision was made to submit a proposal to the Board to have this event added to the Award Regulations <p>7.3 Updating Points for Talent Squad Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HR tabled the question as to whether Talent Squad sessions could continue to accrue updating points for Technical Members attending / observing the session. PD went through the recently released GA Updating Policy and the requirements that need to be met in order to clinics to receive updating points. HR to discuss further with TC to establish what changes need to be made to the structure of the Talent Squad sessions to enable updating points to be given. 	KM to submit proposal ready for the March Board Meeting

		<p>7.4 Purpose of General Committee members on the TC KM tabled the purpose of the General Committee members on each TC and whether each TC uses the General members in an effective fashion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion that a TC consist of the 4 main roles – TD, JC, EC & Secretary to be the four main roles, with the remaining general members forming a sub-committee that could operate under the TC level - i.e. Events Sub-committee. • TD's to discuss further with their TC's and give feedback at next meeting. • HR tabled that some more professional development workshops should be set up for the TD's in 2014. Suggested topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Effective use of time – keeping to a time limit for Agenda items and therefore a limit for the entire meeting. • Other suggestions of ways to improve meeting effectiveness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of Action Sheets post meeting ○ Clear Explanation / Sufficient Background information provided well in advance for Agenda items which require significant discussion or decision. This would enable members to come to the meeting more prepared and the meetings are run more effectively. <p>7.5 GWA Branding Guidelines on Partner Logos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be sent out via email. Reminder that TC's are not allowed to alter the templates (or the logos on the templates) in any way. 	<p>MR to circulate General Member 'surveys' to TC members to gauge their effectiveness on the TC.</p> <p>TC to provide feedback on possible new structure at June Meeting</p> <p>RG to investigate PD options for TD's in 2014</p> <p>MR to take into consideration when setting Agendas for TC Meetings</p> <p>RG to distribute guidelines to TD's via email</p>
8.0	For Noting	<p>8.1 Technical Director Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports were provided by MAG & WAG (attached) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Perth International Review Meeting requested from WAG. <p>8.2 Advisory Committee Meetings 2014 The date for the 2014 meeting has been circulated by GA – 11& 12 October</p>	<p>TC to follow-up on potential meeting</p>

8.0	Next Meeting	June 2014 (Combined Gymsports & JC Meeting) 12th June 2014.	

Gysports meeting – MAG – March 2014

Strategic

- Due to GA's requirements regarding the required number of judges for qualifying competitions and MAG's low number of FIG qualified judges, MAG needs to fly in an interstate judge for each qualifying competition.
- MAG has submitted a proposal to the board to allow MAG not to bring interstate judges in for State Championships (given that we will be bringing judges in for each qualifying competition and State Championships is not a qualification event for National Championships).
 - o This strategy is required in order to save funds for the development of WA judges in order to address the underlying problem of the low numbers of higher qualified judges. Further and in any event, the gymnasts will benefit from interstate judges over the three qualifying competitions in order to progress to national championships.

Risk Management

- Given that MAG level 6 will be run with levels 2-5 this year, GWA queried the technical committee at the February meeting whether a sports medic is required for level 6 gymnasts.
 - o The committee determined that a sports medic will not be required.
- Following the meeting the MAG TC was informed that a board proposal must be submitted for this change.
 - o It is expected that a proposal will be submitted for the next board meeting.

Finance

- *Judge Budgets:* Updated budget has been submitted to GWA.

Performance

- *Events:* planning for Q#2, run by the MAG TC, is on track.

Education

- N/A



GYMSPORTS/JUDGING CO-ORD REPORT

WAG – MARCH 2014

Strategic

- Elite & State Team Operational plans outstanding. State Team plan to be reviewed at March meeting. Elite will require more liaising/discussion with GA given recent GA position changes.
 - More information regarding GWA plans also required in order to ensure appropriate alignment.

Risk Management

- NA for this period.

Finance

Judging & Judges Committee

- *Judge Budgets* – WAG Budget has been reviewed, submitted and approved by the GWA Board for 2014.
- *Jl P/L Statements* - Under review by Judging Committee. Some queries attached to expenditure listed under “Perth International” items.
- *Judge Travel Subsidy* – All judges applying for travel funding for National Championships must submit funding request form to GWA & WAG Judging Co-ordinator by 10th March. Judging Committee to review all travel requests against criteria Travel Funding policy.
- WAG has selected the partial travel package for Nationals this year – GWA to book accommodation, ground travel and insurance only.
- *Judges Invitational Budget* – being prepared by Colleen Ballantyne (Jl Co-ordinator).
- Request by GWA for WAG to purchase chair trolleys for judging chairs – waiting on quote from GWA then quote to be presented to Judging Committee for consideration.

WAG TC

- Planning for Fundraising activities: in order to make WAG Talent Squad less financially dependent on the WAG Judges Committee.
- WAG TC to outline budget for WAG Talent Squad. Requires input from GWA Office.

Performance

- *Events* – NA for February
- *Event Statistics* – WAG TC unable to comment as statistics have not been provided.
- *State Teams*
 - *Plan* – this will be key agenda item for March meeting. Review of 2013 plan to be conducted, review of key issues encountered with Elite team required.
- *High Performance* - NA for February. WAIS Athletes traveling in GA teams though ☺.

Planning

- *Calendar* – NA for February
 - *Note:* WAG TC would like to start investigating holding the Perth International in 2015
- *Tech Regs / Event Handbooks* – NA for February
- *JC Action Plans* – 2013 plan reviewed and 2014 update completed.
- *Annual Awards* – WAG would like a review of ‘Award of Merit’ competitions. YOG is an IOC event, with only one Oceania place. This should be considered as an appropriate competition for recognition.

Education

- WAG Talent Squad 2013 #2 Training – 9th February. Well attended with very good Club coach engagement and involvement. Issues with Expert Coaches accreditations though.
- National 7 – 10 judging workshops to be held on March 4th and 9th to prepare judges for upcoming Qualification events.

Judge Coordinator – RG – 03/03/14

Strategic

The TC is working towards a “talent” squad for our level 5 and 6 gymnasts to prepare them for level 7. At this stage it is not cost effective and would not be able to run without depletion of Judges Assembly funds. It is understood that Services and Development will be assisting in this area for gymsports.

The TC strongly urges that this is looked at as soon as possible by Services and Development, so that we can hold the event at the end of this year.

Risk Management

NA for this period.

Finance

Includes the following:

- *Judge Budgets* – Judge Budget was updated and approved by the Board in February. This has been revised since due to the need to bring Teresa Evans over to run the Advanced Silver course, and adjusting the cost of course presenters.
- *JI P/L Statements* – Received at beginning of the year. Budget updated accordingly. It is noted that it is still not clear what the charges are. It was be more beneficial if each item was labelled so we have a clear understanding what the cost was for.
- *QC#2 Fundraising* - it has been recently understood that if funds are not used in the calendar year, then the money is put into the greater gymsport pool. It is understood that as this is the first year that RG and other gymsports have tried to use the raised funds, the money will be put into the Judges Assembly budget. RG does not raise significant amounts due to the low number of people and spectators involved in the sport, and therefore requires a couple of years to accumulate money. It would be more beneficial to the sport if this money is allowed to accumulate in the Judges Assembly, and not the gymsport.

Performance

Includes the following:

- *Events* – NA for February
- *Event Statistics* – No statistics provided.
- *State Teams*
 - *Plan* – Action plan and KPIs were reviewed in the February TC meeting. Size of the team is expected to be greatly reduced from 2013, however goal is to still to improve performance and team enjoyment.

Planning

- *Annual Awards* – no comment

Education

- RG Advanced Silver course was held on 14-16th Feb. Course was run by Teresa Evans and 4 participants attended. All passed.
- The Intermediate Bronze course was originally scheduled for the 1-2nd February, however repeated delays in receiving the course materials from GA has meant that the course has had to delayed until the 15-16th March.

Gymsports meeting – ACR – March 2014

Strategic

- Acro are struggling to get numbers for judges to judge at the qualifying events and athlete entry numbers are very low. The committee are in the process of coming up with ways to recruit for both issues.

Risk Management

- None.

Finance

- *Judge Budgets:* Updated budget has been submitted to GWA.

Performance

- *Events:* planning for Q#2, run by the TC, is on track, the first event was cancelled as there were no entries. To date there are only 2 entries for the second qualifier as many senior acrobats have retired and a lot of the clubs are focussed on entering National clubs and not Nationals.

Education

- The advanced course was cancelled as the course was not ready and we are planning on running a beginner course in march and an Intermediate bronze in May. We also need to run an advanced silver as soon as we can to get judges accredited for the trials.