

GWA Gymsports & Judging Co-ordinators Meeting Notes

Brief Notes of Meeting held on 26th June 2014

No.	ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.0	Attendance	Executive Director: Ruth Gibbons (RG) GWA Board: Karon Williams (KW) Gymsports Manager: Karyn Murray (KM) Education Officer: Danielle Atturo (DA) TC Liaison: Melissa Read (MR) MAG: Matt Lean (ML) WAG: Tracy Holmes (TH) RG: Conor Rawlins (CR) ACR: Kate Ryan (KR)	
2.0	Apologies	Susan Watts (TRP), Debbs van Hagen (ACR), Kieran Gorman (AER), Erica Morrissey (EM), John Carroll (JC), Heidi Rose (HR), Kath Arendt (KA)	
3.0	Education Update	See Attached PowerPoint Presentation provided by DA. DA gave an outline on the recent National Education Meetings and the changes that will be rolled out over the next few months. Query regarding RPL for Judging Accreditations – not much info available in this area – requires follow-up with GA	DA to follow up with GA and provide any feedback to TD's & JC's
4.0	Acceptance of Previous Notes	The previous notes (both Gymsports and Judging Co-ordinators Meeting Notes) were accepted by TH (Gymsports) & CR (Judging Co-ordinator)	
5.0	GWA Strategic Direction	5.1 Overview Strategic Activities starting to roll out in each area of the GWA office. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing & Communication Grant Application submitted – request for a company to assist GWA in this area, as it is an identified weakness within the community. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Regional Tour recently completed by YPC Nicole Colev and GA Participation Manager Robyn Tribe. Case studies completed and will be available on the GWA website shortly. • Brief Discussion regarding visits to regional areas by MAG & WAG Coaches / Judges. GWA not always aware of when visits to regional areas are being conducted. Better communication to GWA required. <p>5.2 TC Strategic Activity – Athlete Pathway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline from KM regarding this strategic activity which falls under the ‘Engage & Enthuse’ pillar. Main objective of the activity is to create a Gymsport Pathway document, which GWA can use for promotional purposes. Will be on the Agendas for each TC over the next month. MAG & ACR have already commenced with this. Pathway document from Gymnastics Victoria (GV) was provided as an example. • KM explained GWA’s thoughts regarding the purpose of the pathway and how it could assist clubs with the promotion of the gymsports available in their clubs. TC’s encouraged to think of other ideas to compliment the pathways. <p>5.3 GWA Event Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline from KM regarding this strategic activity which falls under the ‘Excel’ pillar. The Event Review commences at the beginning of July and will look at the following areas of events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pricing - Competition Structure / Timing of Events - Judge Requirements at Events - Floor Managers / Volunteers • Surveys being distributed to clubs to provide feedback and recommendations for GWA to consider for implementation. • Surveys are also being distributed to all TC’s and it is planned to discuss this feedback at all TC meetings. • GWA will be also researching what other states are currently doing in regards to the pricing and delivery of their events. <p>5.4 SGC Equipment Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from RG regarding the plan for the new layout of the State Gymnastics Centre. Several members of the gymnastics community assisted with the creation of the plan. Completed plans are now with J&F, Gymnova & Acromat to provide quotes. Equipment 	<p>Regional visits – communication to GWA (MR to add to TC Agendas)</p>
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		upgrades hopefully ready by the end of the year. Priorities are the MAG PH and PB area, as well as the WAG Beam area and RG Floor.	
6.0	Business Arising from Previous Minutes	<p>6.1 Official of the Year – Tie Breaker Suggestions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from TC's discussed, but difficult to find a suggestions which suited each gymsport. Solution therefore was for the TC's to provide more specific information along with the nominations to help separate any ties. A template to be provided by GWA so that Gymsports can list specific supporting information which make the decision for the Selection Committee a little easier. • Recommendation that a reference needs to be listed for each official in case any further information is required to assist with breaking a tie. • Request also that WAG circulate the spreadsheet that they currently use to select the GWA Official of the Year, as it shows a detailed breakdown of the point allocation for each person. <p>6.2 'Mid-Level' Judging Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response from TC's for this award was not overwhelming – Decision made that this is not required for 2015 <p>6.3 Judge Funding for Australian Championships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from gymsports discussed. KM to put forward proposal to the Board to request flexibility for funding amounts to a maximum of \$700. • Query from ML regarding the MAG Judge Funding Criteria to attend National Championships. He indicated that MAG may need to update their criteria to assist with deciding which judges are eligible for funding each year. WAG Selection Criteria to be sent as an example. <p>6.3 Fundraising from Class 3 Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All gymsports happy for any funds raised to be transferred into Judges Assembly account so that the fundraising amounts can accumulate over several years rather than having to be used in the calendar year. • However, problems have arisen for some gymsports when the money is not clearly identified when submitted into the GWA office. Suggestion from CB that a form to be created for fundraising money, to assist GWA with tracking the money into the Judges 	<p>MR to provide template to J C's and indicate that a reference is a requirement for the nomination of the Gymsport Official of the year TH to send WAG spreadsheet out to JC's as an example</p> <p>KM to submit proposal for July Board Meeting</p> <p>MR to send out WAG Judging Criteria to ML to assist with their review</p> <p>GWA to provide a form for TC's to use when sending in funds to deposit into Judges Assembly account.</p>

		Assembly account.	
7.0	For Decision Making	<p>7.1 TC Professional Development Opportunities RG requested suggestions for PD workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective Chairing of meetings clearly identified as an important workshop to assist with a more effective Technical Committee, both at and in-between meetings. • Conflict resolution • How to be an effective volunteer <p>7.2 Awards Ceremony Order at State Championships Request made for the AA (Overall) awards to be presented after the apparatus awards to assist in building suspense/excitement during awards ceremonies. Everyone in agreement for this to occur. KM to request from Board at future meeting</p>	<p>RG to action suitable workshop for a future meeting.</p> <p>KM to do proposal for July Board Meeting</p>
8.0	For Discussion	<p>8.1 Youth Olympic Games – International Representation Requested by HR. Recent proposal to the GWA Board for this event to be included under the ‘GWA Award of Merit – International Representation’ was unsuccessful due to the fact the Youth Olympics is not an event for Senior International athletes, only Junior.</p> <p>As HR was not present at the meeting, the item was deferred to a future meeting.</p>	<p>MR to add to Agenda for November meeting.</p>
9.0	For Noting	<p>9.1 Judges Invitational Competitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief discussion around Paid Door People at these events, rather than a volunteer – this is a change for 2014 and was made for governance and auditing reasons. Person is responsible for money and door people are accountable for the funds. Having a paid employee at GWA events over the past few years has greatly improved the accuracy of the spectator entry reconciliation. • Judges Invitational Budgets – not every gym sport was able to meet the March deadline for budgets drafts. GWA will review the effectiveness of the early budget submission, but JC’s also requested to give feedback as to whether this was too early. The RG TC indicated the timelines for their budget submission was too early. WAG also found it difficult, particularly with spectator number estimates. • Reimbursements & Purchases – Despite this being reviewed at previous meetings, there are still errors being made by some gym sports. Document outlining the process for purchasing / reimbursement to be created by Gym sports section to ensure every gym sport 	<p>GWA to review timing of budget submission for JI events in 2015.</p> <p>Document to be created by GWA for use at future JI (and</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GWA Board involved in National Membership review. ASC funded company assisted with this review. Mark Rendell to visit States to go through the review findings. All states must be in agreement with the recommendations before they are rolled out. <p>9.3 Technical Director Reports Reports submitted from MAG, WAG, TRP & ACR attached</p> <p>9.4 September Gymsports & Judging Co-ordinator Meeting This meeting will be strictly for calendar planning for 2015. GWA to create calendar template, as well as the applicable event & education course statistics and recommendations in July, ready for TC Meetings in August when draft dates will be selected by each gymsport.</p>	MR to send out template for TC's once completed.
10.0	Next Meeting	4th September 2014 (Thurs)	

GYMSPORTS AND JUDGING COORDINATOR MEETING – MAG – JUNE 2014

This period had the MAG community busy with qualifying competitions leading up to the Australian Championships Competition held in Melbourne in May / June.

Finance

- Budget amended to allow 3 judges to attend Australian Championships with \$700 funding.

Performance

- *Events and Event Statistics*
Recent Assessment day had 110 athletes from level 2 – 6 in keeping with recent years. MAG also saw the addition of gymnasts from Contemporary Gymnastics, Active Gymnastics, and larger numbers from Spirit Gymsports at these levels.
- The MAG Australian Championships held in Victoria saw the MAG community sending 18 athletes with some exceptional results.
- The second half the of the competition year has begun with Assessment Day.

Planning

Includes the following:

- *Calendar*
All items had been entered into the calendar but due to lack of numbers and availability of courses this has had to be changed several times.

Education

- MAG Beginner Judging Course ran with 12 candidates all who passed. Good to see 8 of these candidates officiating at MAG Assessment Day.



GYMSPORTS/JUDGING CO-ORD REPORT

WAG – JUNE 2014

Strategic

- GA have released some details regarding new National Levels Program. Requires impact analysis and planning ASAP by GWA & WAG TC.
- Elite & State Team Operational plans outstanding:
 - State Team plan reviewed and updated at March meeting.
 - Draft Elite plan completed. To be discussed at July TC 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

- Clubs/Coaches/Judges making assumptions & jumping to conclusions regarding National Program. WAG TC & GWA Office to reinforce same message to all. Utilise Survey opportunity to raise concerns.

Finance

Judging & Judges Committee

- *Judge Budgets* – WAG Budget has been reviewed, submitted and approved by the GWA Board for 2014.
- *Jl P/L Statements* - Reviewed by Judging Committee. Some queries attached to expenditure listed under “Perth International” items.
- *Judge Travel Subsidy* – 5 Judges applied for, and received funding for Nationals
- *International Experience Scholarship* policy drafted. To be submitted by WAG Judging Committee to GWA Office for review.
- *Judges Invitational Budget* – prepared by Colleen Ballantyne (Jl Co-ordinator).
- Request by GWA for WAG to purchase chair trolleys for judging chairs – approved by Judging Committee.

WAG TC

- WAG TC drafted budget for 2014 WAG Talent Squad. Requires input/approval from GWA Office.

Performance

- *Events* – no significant issues with GWA events run April – June. Use of Music Playlists successful.
 - Issues at Nationals due to GA mistakes and official team management hierarchy not followed.
- *Event Statistics* – WAG TC unable to comment as statistics have not been provided.
- *State Teams*
 - *Plan* – unable to review 2014 with intention of planning for 2015, due to unknowns with National Program.
- *High Performance* - NA for April - June. WAIS Athletes traveling in GA teams though ☺. Olivia Vivian, Lauren Mitchell and Martine George selected for Commonwealth Games.

Planning

- *Calendar* – NA for April to June
 - Dates/months for Talent Squad training sessions considered.
 - *Note:* WAG TC would like to start investigating holding the Perth International in 2015
- *Tech Regs / Event Handbooks* –
 - Notes collated on GWA State Team policy, WAG State Teams (reserve athletes)
- *JC Action Plans* – 2013 plan reviewed and 2014 update completed.
- *Annual Awards* – WAG would like a way of acknowledging YOG athletes/coaches/judges. YOG is an IOC event, with only one Oceania place. This should be considered as an appropriate competition for recognition.

Education

- Intermediate Bronze judging course held Saturday 14th June.
- Beginner judging course held Sunday 15th June.
- Intermediate judging course to be held 28-29th June.
- WAG Education day (13th July) in planning. Issues with Clubs planning events on the same day.

TRP Gymsports Report June 2014

The Trampoline community are pleased to report a unified environment that has allowed us to work together to produce good competition and to support the development and growth of our many talented athletes.

The Judges Invitational (June 21 & 22) ran smoothly and on time with all Clubs and volunteers working well together to produce an enjoyable event. Entry numbers have increased significantly. Unfortunately it didn't provide us with much of a financial surplus. The TC will get together to discuss a more viable proposition for 2015. Holding the comp at a Club is certainly a financially better option.

Our WA girls Abbie Watts and Jayden Cooney did us proud winning gold at Pacific Rim in Canada. Abbie went on to make finals. National Championships saw us bring home 22 medals and numerous finalists; WA is certainly making its mark on the National stage. Tamara Nicholson, Jack Petrie, Cleo Thornett and Issac Ricketts head off with coach Aarron Wake to South Africa to represent Australia at the Indo Pacific Championships in July. Abbie Watts will head off to China in August to represent Australia at the Youth Olympics. Awesome representation from our WA athletes!!

EDUCATION

The judges courses have all been updated with Tumbling introduced. This will allow us to run Tumbling comps where athletes can badge test in all levels. We may even have tumbling athletes on the State Team competing at 2015 National Championships!

We have introduced an upgrade course for the current Intermediate Bronze judges to enable them to add tumbling to their judging repertoire.

PLANNING

Laurie has worked hard to develop new and existing judges; in 2015. We hope to have enough judges to run qualifying competitions with several panels. We are also looking forward to introducing tumbling to our competitions. The Trampoline Technical Committee has rallied together and will be holding an informal meeting next month to discuss issues (particularly tech regs) prior to the August TC meeting. This will ensure a well-informed and focussed meeting enabling numerous issues to be presented.

As with all the Gymsports, TRP have had an extremely busy year, as a community we have achieved much and our athletes are achieving well. We look forward to continuing success and growth.

Laurie Zagari Judging Co ordinator

Susan Watts Technical Director

GYMSPORTS AND JUDGING COORDINATOR MEETING – ACRO – JUNE 2014

This period had the ACRO community busy with qualifying competitions leading up to the National Championships Competition held in Melbourne in May / June.

Finance

- No new budget amendments are available.

Performance

- *Events and Event Statistics*
Numbers in general throughout the clubs have decreased. Some Clubs had lost their coaches and therefore not continuing with ACRO as a discipline was also a factor.
- The ACRO National Championships Competition held in Victoria saw the ARCO community only sending 5 athletes.
- 2014 competition season was too early and most clubs had not been able to have their athlete ready for the National Championships.
- The second half the of the competition year hopefully will see an increase in numbers as indicated with a “interest to compete” email reply collated.

Planning

Includes the following:

- *Calendar*
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Education

- The new appreciate ACRO Level judging courses were not ready in time for the first competition and therefore ACRO was limited to 3 judges for the trials qualifying for National Championships.
- The ACRO community is small and the requirement to have a minimum of 6 person to do a course has led to cancelling of courses and the higher level of qualified judges has diminished.
- A draft document has been completed to address the problem of numbers for judges, athletes and volunteers for ACRO. This will be presented for further discussion at the next ACRO TC meeting on 20 June 2014.