

GWA Gymsports Meeting Notes

Brief Notes of Meeting held on 13th June 2013

No.	ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.0	Attendance	Executive Director: Ruth Gibbons (RG) Gymsports Manager: Karyn Murray (KM) TC Liaison: Melissa Read (MR) MAG: John Carroll (JC) WAG: Heidi Rose (HR) RG: Conor Bush (CB) AER: Kieran Gorman (KG) TRP: Laurie Zagari (LZ) & Susan Watts (SW) ACR: Debbs van Hagen (DvH)	
2.0	Apologies	Karen Gilgallon, Steve Chetkovich	
3.0	GWA Effective Communication Workshop	Run by Jan Collins from the JGC Group and dealt with effective communication skills (face-to-face, over the phone, via email) and running productive meetings.	
4.0	Acceptance of Previous Notes	The previous notes were accepted by JC. Seconded by LZ	
5.0	Business Arising from Previous Minutes	<p>5.1 Item 5.3 from previous notes – Changes to Official of the Year</p> <p>DSR Official and Coach of the Year Awards do not fit within the GWA Regulations timelines and as to what the focus of these awards should be. In future years, dual winners will also not be permitted – i.e. must be an individual coach, not a coaching team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can the awards be separated into Olympic and Non-Olympic Gymsports? • GWA to check with DSR and put forward some ideas regarding selection criteria for the 5 community awards for the next meeting <p>5.2 Go for 2&5 ® Champion Club Leader Board</p> <p>The release of the GWA Leader Board on the website has been delayed due to discussions with</p>	Item to be placed on Agenda for November

		Healthway and GA regarding branding. However, the current GWA plan for the leader board is going ahead and the leader board will go live on the website shortly. This Leader Board will be updated at the end of each month but will not reflect the final competition of the year to ensure the clubs do not know the final winners prior to the Awards Night.	
6.0	GWA / GWA Board Updates	<p>6.1 GWA Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GWA are currently liaising with the PCYC's, Challenge Stadium and Joondalup Arena to affiliate with Gymnastics WA. • GWA are also working to link Launch Pad in with the Active After Schools Program. • All Technical Committees have commenced creating their first Action Plan (regarding State Teams) which will sit behind the GWA Operational Plan. <p>6.2 Staffing Update</p> <p>Paula Dick has taken over from Sam Williams as the Service & Development Manager. GWA also welcome Matthew Jennings to the S&D section, as the new Club Development Officer.</p> <p>6.3 GWA Board Update</p> <p>Following the AGM, GWA welcome two new Board Members – Richard Bannerman & Ken Robertson. GWA are currently looking for someone with a background in marketing to fill the remaining Board vacancy.</p> <p>6.4 High Performance Update</p> <p>Gymnastics has been fortunate to receive the same funding from the ASC as in the previous Olympic cycle. This funding is only for Olympic sports and therefore medals at the Olympic Games is now a priority to retain this funding in the future.</p> <p>6.5 Education Update</p> <p>Jodie is currently over in Melbourne at GA, learning about the new courses. The online section of the coaching course will be available from the 1st July. Some Tech Directors have requested to view the content of the courses so they are aware of what is being distributed. The Intermediate Coaching Course is the next course to be rolled out by GA, with the Advanced Course due to be released towards the end of the year.</p> <p>Ideas currently being circulated as to whether Beginner / Intermediate Judges should be required to sit an entire new course in the new cycle to maintain their current level of accreditation, rather than simply sitting a new course. Thoughts that this may help retain lower level judges from one</p>	

		<p>cycle to another.</p> <p>Recommendation that there are no more than 20 in course, 2 presenters (tandem). Most courses may run at a loss as new courses roll out. No courses higher than Advanced will be run by the states. These higher level courses will be done at a National level.</p> <p>Coach Accreditation recommendations will be distributed by GA to all 2013 accredited coaches from the 1st July.</p> <p>6.6 Work, Health & Safety Updates GWA attended a workshop held by WASF, which went through the points in the new Work, Health & Safety Act. Will impact GWA members clubs (as well as the organisation). GWA to run workshops for clubs to assist with aligning with points in the new act.</p> <p>6.7 Participation Update More clubs are becoming Launch Pad providers.</p> <p>6.8 National Research Update Gymnastics Australia (in conjunction with the State Associations and Sports Business Partners) are creating a survey to distribute to clubs, technical members and athletes in 2013.</p>	
7.0	For Decision Making	Nil	
8.0	For Discussion	<p>8.1 Awards at Qualifying Competitions / Selection Trials Differs for each gymnsport – needs to be some consistency across the gymnsports, with some gymnsports ‘over-rewarding’ athletes, where other gymnsports consider qualifying events as purely a qualification purpose only. TD’s encouraged to get feedback from their committees as to what the plan for the gymnsport will be.</p> <p>8.2 Athlete of the Year Leader Board Considered at previous meeting, as not applicable for 2013. Perhaps to be considered in 2014.</p> <p>8.3 Volunteer of the Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion from HR that this could be introduced • GWA currently have a Volunteer Club of the Year, but can there be a way of rewarding individual volunteer, particularly event volunteers. 	<p>TD’s to bring feedback for 2014 to the next meeting.</p> <p>To be discussed at the next TC Meeting for each gymnsport for any</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KM outlined that GWA recently had a university student work with GWA to assist with putting together a volunteer recruitment program, as well as a volunteer reward program. This reward program will look to provide incentives for people to volunteer at events. 	further feedback or ideas.
9.0	For Noting	<p>9.1 Technical Director Reports See Attached</p> <p>KG raised the issue of the AER floor (which is waiting to be repaired) and wanted to know a timeline as to when the floor will be ready for events. The AER TC and clubs will be notified by the end of June as to whether the floor will be ready for the AER Judges Invitational, or whether the event will be held at an external venue.</p> <p>9.2 Event Statistics – Feb to May 2013 Provided to TD's at each TC Meeting for feedback to GWA on any trends which may be noticeable.</p> <p>9.3 State Team Updates - Travel, Selection, Cost Factor for Control Tests, Purpose of Personal Coaches, Dual Roles on State Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bookings all finalised and invoices will be distributed shortly for the current State Team travelling to Sydney. • Costs for control tests will be included in the Appeals and Grievance Regulations – Part B State Team Selection Appeals – State Team Injury Petition. This is due to the cost factor to run control tests. • The way GWA handles judges attending Australian Championships needs to be reviewed. GWA will be releasing a survey to all 2014 travelling judges. • Purpose of personal coaches and dual roles on state teams discussed. Gymsports encouraged to outline their purpose/need in their Gymsport Action Plan for State Teams for 2014. • GWA have contacted other states regarding feedback on dual roles. <p>9.4 Event Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn States will run 20th – 23rd June with 5 Gymsports. 	<p>Adelaide Jackson will notify all AER clubs by June 30th</p> <p>MR to including in review of State Team Policies for 2014</p> <p>MR to compile survey and circulate to all travelling judges</p> <p>MR to include in TC Agenda's</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Membership memo being distributed to all Technical Members. Memo written by the GWA Board and reminds all Technical Members of the required code of conduct, ethics etc. • Substantial amount of GWA time is being spent on dealing with various issues in 2013, rather than servicing the community. • MAG / WAG Event Officer Tahnee Cowie on 3 months leave from July 15th to October 21st. Matthew Jennings (new GWA Club Development Officer) will be taking up Tahnee's work in an events capacity. Former ECU prac placement student Lawrence Hassell will also assist with Club Levels events <p>9.5 Volunteer Update – Key Area – Event Workforce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECU Student has completed a practical placement with GWA with the aim to assist with developing the Event Workforce. Targeted areas have been retirement villages and university students. Brendan has completed a lot of the ground work in this area but further work is required to be completed. <p>9.6 Australian Championships / National Clubs 2014 and beyond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014 – 2017 Nationals and National Clubs dates have been sent. RG to distribute dates to all TD's. States will bid for the events towards the end of 2013. • The 2014 and 2016 Australian Championships will be held on podium and will be FIG sanctioned. MAG, WAG, RG, TRP & ACR - May/June 2014, June / July 2015. 18th – 23rd Sept 2014 (AER Australian Championships). • Multi gymnsport National Clubs event proposed in 2014, which will include Cheer and AER Australian Championships. Team Gym to be included – 21st Sept to 5th October 2014 (provisional dates) <p>9.7 GWA Policy Update – Disciplinary Hearing Policy, Facility Policy, Grievance Regulations – State Team Appeals & Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disciplinary Hearing Policy is currently being completed as a draft policy. • GWA Grievance Policy is also currently being reviewed. • Facility Policy in first draft. 	
10.0	Next Meeting	8th September 2013 (Combined Judging Co-ordinator & Gymnsports Meeting)	

Gymsport and Judging Coordinator Meeting

Men's Artistic – June 2013

Performance

- *Events*
 - Completed the following events since last gymsports meeting:
 - Qualification competitions (3); Judges' Invitational; Team Pennants; MAG Assessment Day

- *Event Statistics*
 - See MAG gymsport report of Melissa Read for June Tech committee meeting.
 - Slight decrease in numbers for MAG assessment Day and MAG Judges' Invitational from last year, however a slight increase in numbers for each of the qualifying competitions and MAG Team Pennants.

- *State Teams*
 - *Update*
 - State team has been selected after the qualification competitions.
 - There was disagreement within the selection committee regarding the interpretation to be given to particular selection criteria that affected one athlete. A clarification was sought from the National committee, and the result was that the athlete was selected.
 - Selection committee informed at selection meeting that GWA 'policy' is that people cannot undertake more than one role at national championships (e.g. coach and judge). Selection committee concerned as to the advent of such policy, and that it may be inapplicable to for the Men (who have limited people to undertake such roles).
 - First state team training occurred on 1 June.

GYMSPORTS & JUDGES CO-ORDINATORS MEETING WAG – June 2013

The March – June period has been very busy already for WAG. Two events run by the WAG TC, FIG Course, Beginner Course, 2 x State Team Selections, and numerous Region interactions.

Finance

- NA for June Meeting

Performance

- **Events & Event Statistics**

Events have generally run well, and there is only a very minor change in competitor numbers from 2012. Initiatives to address this are not yet expected to have impacted these. 2014 is expected to start showing growth.

- WAG NLP QC #1
 - Statistics: 75 in 2012; 71 in 2013
- WAG NLP QC #2 & #3
 - QC#2 Statistics: 76 in 2012; 74 in 2013
 - QC#3 Statistics: 37 in 2012; 36 in 2013
 - Vault: unfortunately the second vault was not in a state to be used. Recommendation made to GWA Facilities/Events sections regarding appropriate set-up in future. MAG & WAG did co-ordinate well though.
- WAG Elite QC #1
 - Statistics: 29 in 2012; 30 in 2013
- WAG Winter Challenge
 - Statistics: exact TBA. IDP 10 & Junior Athletes have travelled to Russia to compete. This will result in reduced numbers for this comp.
 - Issues:
 - Cleanliness of GTC needs to be reviewed.
 - Day 2 – lights turned off early. Represents significant safety concern.
- **State Teams**
 - *Plan:* NA for June Meeting
 - *Note:* WAG TC completed first draft of Operational Plan at May meeting
 - *Update*
 - Elite Athletes still going through GA Qualification process. This process is quite labour intensive for the judges. Analysis spread sheet sent to GA after every comp.
 - NL Athletes reaching WA Qualification Score (comparing against 2012)
 - Level 7: 11 in 2012; 13 in 2013
 - Level 8: 5 in 2012; 4 in 2013
 - Level 9: 3 in 2012; 4 in 2013 (5th pending)
 - 1st State Team Training held Sat 1st June
 - Co-ordinated well with MAG team.
 - Issues with Electrical equipment. Had obviously tripped earlier in the day. Delayed start to Floor rotation.
 - Judges involvement in the State Team needs to be reviewed. Currently its very exclusive and the issue with accommodation arrangements has caused significant angst. A more inclusive situation needs to be considered.
 - *Review:* NA for June Meeting
- **High Performance:** NA for June Meeting
 - *Note:* WAG TC initiated drafting Operational Plan at June meeting.



Planning

- *Calendar*: NA for June Meeting
- *Tech Regs / Event Handbooks*: NA for June Meeting
- **JC Action Plan Progress**
 - *7.3 Education*
 - WAG Judging Packs for all participants. All Beginner course candidates provided packs, all FIG's provided practise sheets & able to attend group practise sessions.
 - Education Day planning initiated by the JC.
 - *7.4 Events*
 - Planning for 2013 Judges invitational has started by the JC.
 - *7.6 High Performance Development*
 - Support FIG development through FIG course funding. 5 judge receiving funding.
 - Potential FIG candidates targeted. 2 new judge candidates attended course.
 - International Exposure Scholarship criteria being developed by JC.
 - *7.7 Recognition and Recruitment*
 - Recognition Pins eligibility being reviewed, ready for distribution at State Championships.
 - Desiree Jones nominated for, and voted for, GWA Life Membership.
- *Annual Awards*: NA for June Meeting

Education

- 9 WAG Judges/Coaches sat FIG Courses in March/April. All 9 attained FIG status
 - 2 x Cat II; 2 x Cat III; 5 x Cat IV
- Beginner Judges Course (26th May): x candidates. All provided DVD's and preparation packs.
- Intermediate Judges Course (26th May): cancelled due to insufficient numbers. Numbers deemed too low for JC to subsidise.

Other Items of Note

- WAG TC and JC working with GWA Facilities on the purchase of Bars (funded by WAG JC)

GYMSPORTS & JUDGES CO-ORDINATORS MEETING

AER – June 2013

The period from March – June for AER has been a busy and quite successful period. Two events have been run (AER series 1 and AER series 2), two new qualified FIG brevet judges, Beginners Judges Workshop, recent major growth of competitive participation and outstanding international results of our WA gymnasts.

Finance

- NA for June meeting

Performance

- **Events & Event Statistics**

Two events have been held within this period. The first event, AER Series #1, had a few issues which needed to be addressed before the next event so that the event was able to run more smoothly and efficiently.

There is a major growth in participation from these two events compared to 2012 with new clubs implementing AER into their gym sports program.

- AER Series #1

- Statistics: 15 routines in 2012; 28 routines in 2013.
- Having two different gym sport events being held at the same time impacted on a FIG brevet judge (in both AER and ACR) having to judge at two different events which impacted on time management.
- Scoring system was not set up correctly prior to event.
- Printer issues.
- A proper Aerobic Gymnastic floor was unable to be used as the floor in Hall 2 has yet to be fixed to accommodate an event to be held.
- No runner.

- AER Series #2

- Statistics: 29 routines in 2012; 53 routines in 2013.
- Due to late notice of the floor still not being fixed in Hall 2 at Loftus Recreation Centre, the event was moved to Northern Districts Gymnastics Club.
- Event ran smoothly and efficiently with plenty of volunteers from Northern Districts Gymnastics Club.
- Great atmosphere from all clubs.
- An Aerobic Gymnastic floor in good condition was able to be used with the dimensions of 10m x 10m. Some coaches would of preferred there to be 12m x 12m, but on short notice and with what is available, Northern Districts accommodated exceptionally well.
- Beginners Judges Workshop was also held prior to the event with the Judges Coordinator, AER Technical Director and National Technical Director all being present.

Planning

- *Calender*: NA for June meeting
- **Tech Regs /Event Handbooks:**
 - The qualification criteria for State Team Selection needs to be revised and possibly re-worded.
- **JC Action Plan Progress**
 - 7.3 Education
 - Official FIG practice sheets copied and handed out for the education of judges.
 - Beginner Judges Workshops being implemented throughout 2013. Some workshops have already been held.
 - 7.4 Events
 - Planning for the 2013 Judges Invitational has started by the JC and the AER TC.
 - 7.6 High Performance Development
 - Support FIG Development through FIG course funding. 2 x judges received funding.
 - 7.7 Recognition & Recruitment
 - Recognition Pins ready for distribution.
 - Karon Williams eligible for 15 years judging pin.
- *Annual Awards*: NA for June meeting

Education

- 2 x AER judges/coaches sat FIG Course in March. All 2 x judges attained FIG status
 - 2 x Cat IV
- Beginners Judges Workshop #1 (19th April): 4 x candidates. PowerPoint presentation was delivered outlining changes to the new COP. Official FIG notes were handed out and distributed to the candidates for education. DVD assessment was also conducted to show the direction of the sport and to deliver and understanding of score deviation.
- Beginners Judges Workshop #2 (9th June): 4 x candidates. This workshop focused on practice judging of 4 routines within the components of Artistry and Execution to deliver a clear understanding of the new FIG scale.

Other Items of Note

- AER TC was notified at their last TC meeting that the Aerobic Gymnastics floor would be fixed in time for AER Series 2 event. This was not the case and the Aerobic Gymnastic floor is still yet to be fixed. GWA need to make a time frame as to when the floor in Hall 2 will be fixed so that future events have a location determined well in advance.

GYMSPORTS & JUDGES CO-ORDINATORS MEETING – TRAMPOLINE – JUNE 2013

Events:

So far we have held 1 Levels Competition and 2 Selection Trials. We have had a number of issues to deal with and most have now been sorted. GWA having to step in to sort some of the issues.

The State Team has now been selected and the numbers have tripled from last year to represent WA.

Planning:

We will be having an update Workshop for the Advanced Judges prior to Nationals so that we can Judge at these events.

Education:

We have held a Beginners Judging Course and an Intermediate Judging Course is being held this weekend, both these courses have large numbers and will be run on the 2009 – 2012 Code of Points as the new Courses have not yet been released.

We are planning to do a Workshop later in the year to help our judges re-accredit to the next level under the new Code of Points, which will help facilitate the large number of higher level athletes competing in Trampoline this year.

Laurie Zagari

GYMSPORTS AND JUDGING COORDINATOR MEETING – ACRO – JUNE 2013

The March to June period has had the ACRO community busy with 2 new qualified FIG judges, Beginner Coaching Course, Qualifying Competitions and State Team Selections.

Finance

- NA for June meeting

Performance

- *Events and Event Statistics*
Qualifying #1 Competition was cancelled due to a low number of entries. We are finding that the events schedule for this year was not ideal and needs review in 2014. The issue is that the bulk of our events are held for selection trials for Nationals but this only caters for Levels 6 and up. Levels 1-5 are able to compete in these events but are not ready as their peak event is in October.
Qualifying #2 Competition ran with very small groups.
Loftus Challenge Competition held at Jednorog Gymnastics Club, due to the WAG/MAG Competition held at the State Centre, ran with small numbers and the actual competition ran smoothly with only a few minor problems with volunteers not fulfilling the positions allocated and the scoring computer system not working.
- *State Teams*
 - *Update*
State Team selections were held and all gymnasts that applied, qualified and were selected to go Sydney Nationals. Support team were also selected. Judge was selected and the issue with travel and accommodation arrangements has left the issue to be reviewed for 2014.

Planning

Includes the following:

- *Calendar*
ACRO WA has won the right to run the 2013 National ACRO Clubs Competition in October 2013 and plans are under way for a successful event. The event will be held at Loftus the first weekend in October. We would ask for all of the support from all clubs and gymsports where possible.
- *Tech Regs / Event Handbooks*
The qualifying criteria were amended to bring into line with the new FIG 2013-2016 cycle.
- *JC Action Plans*
JC held an updating Judges Clinic to introduce the new FIG cycle.

Education

- Beginners Coaching Course held finally. Number of clubs was well represented.
- Fiona Harling & Debbs van Hagen attended the FIG course in Canberra in March and both successfully passed. These are the first two FIG judges acro has ever had in WA.
- Debbs & Fiona ran a workshop for all coaches & judges upon their return which was very well attended and well received.

Debbs van Hagen & Kath Arendt
Acro TC and JC