

LONDON TRAMPOLINING

Minutes of a Meeting of the London Trampoline Committee on Wednesday, 10th February 2010, at 23 Deane Way, Eastcote, Middlesex HA4 8SX.

The meeting commenced at 7.40 pm.

Present:

John Wotherspoon (JW), Maxine O'Reilly (MOR), Sabrina Dunn (SD), Jan Harley (JH) (from 7.50pm), Niki Sehmi (NS) Andrew Wood (AW), Linda Lawrie (LL) and Marian Wood (MW).

1. Apologies for absence were received from Chris Geary.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on Wednesday, 4th November 2009 were received and confirmed.

3. Matters arising on the Minutes:

3.1 4.2 We are too late for nominations for BG awards although LGF didn't send us the criteria. JW to receive criteria and ask for late nominations if possible. **ACTION JW**

3.2 4.2 This was discussed

3.3 5.4.1 This matter will be discussed at the next meeting **ACTION NS**

3.4 5.4.2 JW wrote to Wayne but only received a reply at 5pm today after a couple of reminders.

3.5 6.1, 6.4, 6.5 All matters have been dealt with.

3.6 10.2 JW replied to Sarah

3.7 11.2 Budgets have been received

3.8 12 JW to deal with this next week **ACTION JW**

3.9 17.1 The DMT service is scheduled for half term

3.10 17.2 MOR to contact Rohan's family

3.11 17.3, 17.4 These are still pending **ACTION AW, JW**

At this point (8pm), Liz Awde arrived so item 5 was brought forward

5. Coach Courses report from Liz Awde:

5.1 Liz introduced herself and said she is now responsible for setting up UKCC coach courses within London.

5.2 Coach Education & Tutoring: Liz emailed the region for a list of people interested in tutoring. Some current tutors need to qualify up to UKCC Level 2. Liz has a budget for this but it only covers about 10 people across all disciplines. We now need twice as many assessors as tutors. TRA only has three (Tony Roberts, Robin Atkins & Bill McLaughlin). JW requested a breakdown of TRA tutors/assessors. There is a shortfall in the budget to train assessors but JW requested that TRA be given high priority as some London tutors are getting to the stage where they may retire.

5.3 Coach Courses: Liz outlined the course structure. Levels 1 & 2 are under UKCC and Level 3 should

be UKCC later this year.

- 5.4 Course Organiser Role: Liz would like JH to still be involved in course organisation. Courses should be spread around the region.
- 5.5 Cost of Courses: There is a blanket cost for UKCC courses. Funding is available in some areas. Quote from JW 'The only way to get kids to be able to get on affordable courses is through handouts and grants'. If JH can source free venues then it may be possible to give some of the course cost back to the candidates.
- 5.6 Teachers' Courses: London Trampoline can continue to run these plus Core Proficiency courses.
- 5.7 Judging Courses: Liz doesn't really want to be involved in setting up Judge courses. LL to email any course details to Liz for circulation. **ACTION LL**
- 5.8 JW expressed his thanks to Liz for coming along. Liz left at 9.05pm

4. London Awards:

- 4.1 LL had previously circulated the nominations for the London Awards 2009. The committee voted on these plus any club votes received.
- 4.1.1 Coach of the Year
- 4.1.2 Competitor of the Year
- 4.1.3 Services to Sport
- 4.1.4 Special Needs
- 4.1.5 Rohan Nichol Memorial
- 4.1.6 The awards will be presented at the London Grades on 21st March
- 4.2 SD has sourced the shield for the Rohan Nichol Memorial Trophy. It was agreed that 'London Trampoline' would be engraved at the top, 'The Rohan Nichol Memorial Trophy' would go in the middle and 'Competitor, Coach, Judge' would go at the bottom. LL requested that the recipient's name for 2009 also be engraved at the same time. **ACTION SD**
- 4.3 LL had emailed the committee regarding the Competition League Trophy. At present, points are awarded for the top 10 placings in each group at every London competition. This favours clubs with large entries and it was felt that all clubs should have a fair chance of winning. It was therefore agreed that points would only be awarded to the top three places as follows: 1st place 5 points, 2nd place 3 points, 3rd place 1 point. This would be effective from 1st January 2010. Queensmead won the trophy for 2009. LL asked MOR to find the trophy as it hasn't been engraved or presented for a few years.

6. Squad:

- 6.1 NS circulated a report prior to the meeting:

Squad update pre Wednesday meeting

- Last session was held on 30 December 2009
- Location – Harlington
- 24 gymnasts attended
- 4 listen and learn coaches in the morning
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Overall summary

The session ran well, off memory I had 2/3 people not turn up for the morning without any prior notification given. Kat Smith and Gill Palmer coached in the morning and enjoyed the new experience of being part of the squad development session.

Sue Lawton enjoyed running the session and would be happy to make a return visit at a later stage. The gymnasts in the second session were given a lot to think about re training plan, competition preparation and nutrition. She carried out a group warm up using skipping ropes on the trampoline which they found fun and can used for conditioning.

Next squad session

- Saturday 8 May
- Location – Harlington TBC (it was previously at Kingston)
- To include Regional D and above TRA and DMT
- Donna and Steve Grist will be running the session giving judging opinions and coaching

Summary

I have learnt that a lot more future planning needs to be taken into account and I should be putting together sessions now for 2011 to able more people to attend.

6.2 The May squad will be moved to Harlington

6.3 JW circulated an email from Wayne Smith asking for the region's thoughts on the English Championships. JW to compile a reply and try to include positive issues for the format of the event. The committee were still negative about the event that ran in 2008. **ACTION JW**

7. Committee Meetings, Locations & Timings

7.1 Claiming of expenses was discussed.

ACTION SD

8. Judging Courses

8.1 LL circulated a report prior to the meeting:

Three judge courses have been set up:

Club Judge 13th & 29th February – This has 6 applicants and will run

County Judge 10th & 17th April

Club Judge 19th & 26th June

Grants up to 80% are now available to cover course, uniform and travel costs. This has been circulated to clubs.

I have asked clubs if they have anyone wanting a Regional Judge course but have had no positive responses as yet so I doubt that I'll run one this year.

8.2 JH has a free venue in Harrow for a judge course but LL is not willing to travel there on a Saturday afternoon after club. MOR asked if the venue could be used if a tutor from another region could be found. LL replied that it would be fine but that the course would have to fund the travel for any tutor which could then negate the free venue.

8.3 JH said that she would be interested in becoming a tutor although she would need to take the Zonal Judge course and then attend a Tutor's course.

9. Competitions

9.1 LL circulated a report prior to the meeting:

January competition went ahead despite the weather. Trophies didn't arrive but have since been received and are being distributed to clubs. There was an oversight regarding the age groups for Regional D – they should now be U15, U19 and 19+. This was corrected after the event for qualification purposes and emailed to clubs.

Programmes: The sale of programmes is getting less at each event and therefore producing little income. Although this generally covers the production costs, a lot of time and effort goes into producing programmes, many of which end up in the bin. I therefore propose that programmes are no longer available to purchase on the day but instead, ONE copy is displayed on the wall and the complete programme is either emailed to clubs or put on the London website 2-3 days prior to the event. Those who require a copy can then print it off for themselves.

We still need to discuss the issue of an official photographer (if indeed we need one).

9.2 It was agreed to experiment with not producing programmes for the next event. LL to email a complete programme to clubs about 3 days before the event and also to display one copy on the wall. If there are large numbers of complaints we will reconsider printing programmes in the future.

9.3 Photography was discussed. **ACTION AW**

10. DMT

10.1 LL circulated a report prior to the meeting:

The DMT sessions are running although not always full.

11. Coach Courses

11.1 MOR & JH circulated a report prior to the meeting:

Jan and I worked together to set up the following courses at Sacred Heart Language College, Harrow during December 2009, January and February 2010.

We will complete all the paperwork together and then Jan will run future courses.

BG Teachers Course Levels 1 & 2 (Tony Roberts)

This had 10 candidates.

UKCC Level 1 (Robin Atkins)

This had 11 candidates all of whom have paid.

The exam is booked for 28th March 2010 with Tony Roberts. A second examiner needs to be found as Rob Walker has not completed the required assessor's course. I believe that Bill McCloughlin has been approached by Robin, am waiting on clarification.

No more UKCC courses can be offered by London Trampolining as these will be provided by Liz Awde.

Future plans

There is a demand for more Teachers Courses in London. The next course will seek to target schools in LBO Hillingdon and will take place in the Summer Term.

11.2 MOR suggested that the focus should now be on Teachers' courses.

12. Annual Budgets & Finance

12.1 SD stated that she had sent out accounts up to the end of December 2009.

13. Forward Planning

13.1 JW to action this next week **ACTION JW**

14. LGF

14.1 JW reported that there was a successful tutors' forum

14.2 There is a new logo for the LGF which will be made public soon

15. News and Communications

15.1 AW circulated a report prior to the meeting:

News Letter

I did not do a news letter for the January 2010 comp for 2 reasons.

1. we were not running the competition at mass capacity
2. AVA were not in because the school was shut due the 'snow'

I plan to be doing a news letter for March. At the moment I have got the following information to be putting in:

Swescore Course

I had made plans to run this course in January 2010. However since my joining to NTCC as the scores coordinator my time has been cut short. However, I will get one organised before the end of the first quarter of 2010.

One thing I would like to add. I will run a course however I would like to be cost effective!!! I don't really want to be running this course and it being an unnecessary drain on LT's funds.

Charge to attend is £5.00 per person. To break even I would need 9 or more people to attend.

15.2 A suggestion was made that it would be nice for Swescore course attendants to receive a certificate. AW to design something. **ACTION AW**

16. Any Other Business

16.1 NS asked if those who had committed to attending a squad but didn't show up should still pay the attendance fee. It was agreed that money should be submitted to NS at least 2 weeks prior to the squad session and that there would be no refunds for non attendance.

16.2 It was noted that AW is now on the National Competitions Committee as Scores Co-ordinator.

16.3 JW attended the Club Conference in January. All clubs are now profiled although they are not allowed to know what their profile is. This could prevent funding for some clubs as funding is designated only for high performance clubs.

17. Date and Venue of Next Meeting:

17.1 Wednesday 21st April 2010 at 7.45pm (this has since been changed to Wednesday 14th April 2010)

17.2 Wednesday 23rd June 2010 at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.45 pm.