

GENEREAL COMMITTEE MEETING 5pm

@ Velocity

Present/Absent

0.1 Present – A Rear, J Rear, J Young, V King, K Trotter, B Percival, T Clennett, J Webster, L , J Turnbull, M , R Stobbart, E Feltham, L Marsden, N Collins

0.2 Apologies – No Apologies

1.0 AR has requested all clubs to provide historical info to be engraved on shields and plates for the Northern Championships. This needs to be provided via email by the 14th September, a month in advance of the Northerns 2024. NC to get them engraved once info is received.

2.0 BP informed that Regional Squads have been decided as 5th May & 16th June, both at Velocity TGC. Qualifiers list will go out this week, along with a list of invites. Provisional entry deadline of 15th May had been noted on invite letter. AR would like to move this earlier. BG closing date 24th May. Decided as 3rd May Midday. Squad coaches will be picked by squad directors.

3.0 Hotel Rooms – AR stated coaches will need to share. These will be booked by the region in due course. Those that do not wish to share will have their room at half price of the originally booked room.

4.0 Chaperone – AR would prefer people to take on the roles that are already attending the finals to keep costs down. BP stated we do not receive many nominations for this role. We have had one apply, but not someone already in attendance. It was agreed that in this case, expenses need to be paid for the same as coaches with half the hotel room being paid for.

5.0 Team Manager – this is usually taken on by DC from tumbling. JR will check to see if she is taking on the role again.

6.0 JR asked if tumblers could merge with TRA & DMT to wear the same kit. JR will ask DC and AR to check in with them as well. However, in previous years, they wear their club leotards and own kit.

7.0 Judging – AR brought up a current issue with judges in our region not being used at regional events. Judges being used are not within our region or have their primary club in the NETTC. This is preventing our judges developing to be ready for national events such as English and League events and preparing for the step up to county and regional level. TC asked if we should be using 6 execution judges to allow for this. TL said they would struggle for judges to support this, as would other clubs, as well as there being too many judges from the same clubs on the panel.

7.1 JR suggested clubs could put judges down in preference order.

7.2 KT said judges aren't getting to move through judging levels.

7.3 TC said he has had feedback with judging not always being judged correctly and our region is very low with marking. BP stated some inexperienced judges do not differentiate and don't give the low deductions when gymnasts need them.

7.4 In agreement that judges from our regions primary clubs are used going forward. Clubs are to use primary club judges at first instance and if not a fine could be implemented by the region for not supplying correct judges.

7.5 If enough judges are on entry forms, six could be used but if not leave it to four.

7.6 AR stated more judges need to be moving up to county and regional level. This judge on entry forms should be county, with 5th judge being regional. Plenty of notice to be given to clubs.

7.7 Agreed that all clubs should have county judges in place for the Northerns 2024.

7.8 Agreed that all clubs should have regional judges in place for January 2025.

7.9 AR hopes this will prompt clubs to help their L1 judges move up.

7.10 DMT & TRA entries to remain as separate entry forms.

7.11 Proposal agreed for January 2025, in each discipline:

- First 2 judges L1
- 3rd Judge County Level
- 4th Judge Regional Level

7.12 TC raised that the FIG Code of Points will be changing soon after the Olympics 2024. Last of the county courses will be running end of May 2024.

7.13 JT asked if the display kids are included within this. AR replied no, display entrants will now be included on the end of an entry form.

8.0 Competition Dates 2024 – AR said these need to be on the radar for clubs soon. ENG 2025 dates are out to work round. AR would like to keep the dates similar to the 23/24 season, with the qualifiers commencing after the regional schools:

Proposed Months – JAN/FEB/APRIL. Bids to be in by Northerns 2024 at the next meeting. This needs to be emailed in. Northerns 2025 also to be included.

8.1 JW asked if we could mirror other regions with 3 competitions and highest ranked marks are used. It was agreed to remain the same to align with the BG structure. This could cause more confusion to the gymnasts themselves.

8.2 KT asked if scores could be reduced slightly for Regional L1 levels, 9-10s & 11-12s 0.5 off current qualifying mark. Agreed to do this, as well as Regional L2s.

8.3 RS asked if club levels qualifying mark could also be lowered as groups were empty. Agreed to drop marks to 6.5s for 8-10s as suggested by TC & KT, with 11-12 age groups needing to score 6.8 execution.

8.4 EW asked for clarification on age groups for displays. Northerns Display is 6-7yrs. All other categories are 8+.

9.0 Meeting concluded 6pm.