

## AGENDA

GISGA AGM – 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009

Maltman's Green School, Gerrard's Cross

1. Chariman's Welcome- Linda McNally welcomed everyone and chaired the meeting in Libby's absence.
2. Present:  
Tara Oxley, Guildford High, Anna Howarth: Portsmouth Grammar School, Stephanie Carter: St Catherine's, Emily Burman: Habs, June Walden: castle House, Trudy Smith: Stamford, michelle Nelson: Stamford, Linda McNally: BSB. Andrea Witcher: Port Regis, Coral King: Port Regis, Laura Timmins: maltman's Green, Gordon Finch: B.S. Netherlands. Marion Charafeddine, RMS, Start Dunkley :Judge. Sue Jenkins: Wycombe Abbey. Verity Trevor Morgan: Judge. Vikki Cook: Holmewood House, Natalie davies: Holmewood house, Michelle Torpey; Tormead School, Anna Deacon: St Albans, Bec Stockdale: South Hampstead.
3. Apologies For Absence  
Nikki Towner, Vinehall. Sue Downey, Battle Abbey. Joe Village, Wycombe Abbey. Jo Nordan, Blue Coat. Christine Still: Wrekin College. Stephanie Grugeon: Stormont, Sarah Portsmouth: Stormont. Kate Smithard: RMS. Clare Brazill: St Mary's. Louise Hudson: Adcote.

### Approval of 2008 Minutes

Proposed: Vikki Cook

Seconded: Gordon

### Matters Arising from 2008 Minutes

Stuart reminded everyone that the plan was to move £20 per affiliation last year into a separate 'kitty' which could be used directly for judges' expenses. This was not done last year but it was noted and decided that we must do this in 2009-10 season as it could mean a sum of approximately £700

### Election of Officers

All current officers agreed to stand and all were voted back in. In addition Marion was co-opted onto the committee. She was proposed by Verity and seconded by Laura.

The committee is as follows:

Chair: Libby Craig

Treasurer: Stuart Dunkley

Secretary: Linda McNally

Technical Director: June Walden

Trophies: Verity Trevor-Morgan

Judge's Convenor: Vikki Cook

Treasurer's Report.

This is copied direct from the report presented by Stuart.

<i>Balance at AGM 2008</i>	<i>6181.98</i>	
<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>1505.00</i>	
<i>Website registration set up</i>		<i>705.00</i>
<i>Training Day travel costs</i>		<i>117.00</i>
<i>Stuart expenses</i>		<i>50.00</i>
<i>Website annual fee</i>		<i>57.50</i>
<i>Trophy refurbishment</i>		<i>35.00</i>
<i>Vikki expenses postage etc</i>		<i>32.00</i>
<i>Medal centres</i>		
<i>Flowers for the organiser: Tormead</i>		<i>30.00</i>
<i>Income over expenditure</i>	<i>1505.00</i>	<i>1026.50</i>
	<i>1026.50</i>	
<i>Subtotal from last year</i>	<i>478.50</i>	
<i>Final bank balance</i>	<i>6660.48</i>	

*The medal centre item of expenditure that does not have costing above (89.00) will be deducted from next year's finances as no exact figures have been supplied.*

*It has been another great year for GISGA with 36 schools affiliated to the organisation. This is 6 more than last year and the highest number ever.*

*The financial statement shows that we are very healthy position with the largest balance that we have had for many years and I propose the fees remain the same for next year; £25, £35, £50.*

*I also propose that we once again offer support with financial subsidy to any schools which request help with coaching, judging etc. This offer was taken up by two schools this year and I think we need to advertise the fact more. Especially to new schools. This would be an ideal use of the website.*

*Stuart Dunkley  
Hon Treasurer.*

### Report on 2008/09 Competitions:

#### Novices: Linda

Really good response and a number of novice schools now involved. Events have been run at Queenswood and St Albans and all have been very successful. It has been fantastic to have great support from Stuart, Sam Harding, Ian Forham and Kathryn Fordham who all judged and helped with advice and coaching.

#### IAPS: Linda

Thanks to lady Eleanor Holles for hosting us for the second consecutive year. Thanks also to our sponsor who enabled us to pay for transportation of a second floor which meant the competition could be completed in one day. There is still some available funding for 2009 and this will be passed on to Coral King at Port Regis.

#### U9: Trudy

Managed to get funding of £1000. Everyone raved about the amazing T-shirts she arranged with gems on the front. Each team had different T-shirts according to the colours of their leotards. The children loved them. Trudy also arranged carnations for every child which was fabulous. Anna Deacon requested that the positions should not be announced from the very bottom in future years. This happened during the flower ceremony which everyone LOVED but Trudy appreciated her point of view and it has been noted for future years.

#### March GISGA: Michelle

Tormead was voted a wild success. Everyone had a marvellous time although everyone agreed that there were too many teams and it made the day too long for the judges. Despite this the judges were looked after really well and hospitality was fantastic.

Michelle mentioned that she spent a lot of time chasing coaches for team names, T-shirt and food orders etc. She would like to point out how annoying this is and she urges people to be more vigilant about meeting deadlines. Also mentioned there are lots of tapes still at Tormead and some spare available T-shirts if someone needs one.

#### Trophies (Verity)

Verity requests that everyone brings back all trophies to competitions in tack and clean

Some of them are still being returned in a poor state.

A suggestion has been made to replace even more of the cups with new shields. The plan would be to ensure that all old history is engraved on to the back and new material goes on the front.

Gordon from BSN offered to contribute to the costs of a new trophy/trophies. June encourages everyone to look at the trophies they won in 2008-09 and let her know if any need attention.

Also a small point; if the shield you receive is full on the front get the engravers to move the oldest mini plaque to the back and to ensure your info GOES ON THE FRONT.

Deposit cheques will be withheld till trophies have been checked at competitions and if something is missing or damaged the cheques may be kept until the situation is satisfactorily rectified.

Please could Verity inform the organiser at each competition if she is happy with the trophy returns then the organiser knows if it is OK to give cheques back.

#### Venues and dates for 2009-10

Port Regis has very kindly offered to host U9 and IAPS. IAPS will be run over two days with the possibility of a Disco on the Saturday night and even Open Gym time on Friday for children and coaches to work out. This suggestion was greeted with delight.

It looks possible that March GISGA may take place at Wycombe Abbey and will be run by a committee made up of teachers/coaches who are involved with school which are unable to host the event. If Wycombe cannot host in 2010 we are hoping for that venue in 2011 and will need a venue for 2012. One possibility is Stoke on Trent but it will be a public Sports Hall (Fenton Manor) which currently plans to charge us £3000 for the weekend. Naturally we need to look for a more central venue with a lower price tag so all offers gratefully received.

#### Dates:

##### 2009-10

IAPS :14/15 November 2009

Under 9s: 28 November 2009

March GISGA: 5-7 March 2010

##### 2010-11

IAPS: 13/14 November 2010

Under 9 27 November 2010

March GISGA 4-6 March 2011

Offers for 2010 competitions will be gratefully received at any time. Please contact the secretary with your offer.

The following people offered to help with a joint effort for March GISGA: Emily B, Anna D, Stephanie C, June ( in an advisory capacity) and Sue J if the event happens at Wycombe.

#### Affiliation Policy (Stuart)

It has been stated that a team will not be allowed to enter March GISGA if they have not affiliated to the organisation and received an affiliation number prior to entering. The organisers cannot and will not accept your entry if your affiliation number is not clearly shown.

To aid this system please note the following deadlines:

- Affiliation can be paid from TODAY  
(Please find affiliation form on website [www.gisgagymnastics.org](http://www.gisgagymnastics.org))
- In order to meet the necessary deadlines please ensure your affiliation fee reaches Stuart **on or before 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009.**

- He will ensure you receive your affiliation number by 30<sup>th</sup> September if you meet the 14/9/09 deadline for application.
- Deadline for March GISGA applications 7<sup>th</sup> October (no affiliation number no acceptance of your application)
- You will have your place in GISGA confirmed on or before 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009.
- If there are spare spaces in March GISGA these can be applied for up to and including 31<sup>st</sup> December. After that there will be no chance of getting a place.

Any team that needs to qualify for March GISGA (see notes below) will need to do so at Port Regis on 28/29 November at the same time as the U9 competition.

### Website

There will be a website manager in order to make the website more current, up to date and workable. There will be a payment of £300 per annum for that manager.

### The Future Structure of GISGA including rules and The code in general.

#### Points to consider:

- Restriction in Team numbers
- How to cope with too many teams without turning people away and putting people off.
- Setting a timetable of deadlines for affiliations and competition entries.

The executive committee met before the AGM and thrashed out the key points. These were offered to the assembled members who then broke for coffee to discuss what they had heard. Discussion then followed and that section of the meeting was drawn to a close with a promise that the executive committee would meet together to discuss full details and would present revised rules based on the vote of the AGM. The meeting was then held on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May at Wycombe Abbey.

#### Main concerns:

Very few judges want to judge Vol Floor as it is so complex  
16 teams per age group is the perfect number for a March competition- how do we achieve this.

Is it fair to have O13 B teams?

Is 1min 30 too long for the vol floor sequence?

Should the structure of the March day be altered?

With these questions in mind the executive committee proposed the following:

- Absolutely NO B teams at Nationals-
- No earrings in competition at all.

These were passed by committee without being voted on by other members.

- Floor time reduced to 50-70 secs from first move of the gymnast to end of music.
- Maximum 16 teams in an age group: If more than 16 apply automatic entry to any team that came in top 10 the previous year and then others would need to participate in a qualifier. If someone in the top 10 did not want their place it would be offered to number 11 etc.
- Qualifier will be Vol Vault and Set Floor and will take place at Port Regis on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov after U9 comp or perhaps at the same time as U9 comp.
- Any new schools or schools that did not enter age group in a particular year will need to qualify for Nationals unless low numbers of entering teams allow them direct entry
- 5 minutes warm up per team mandated for each group sequence.
- Skeleton programme of the day for March GISGA will be set out and will remain from year to year as a template with the general day running from 9am-6pm.
- Warm ups will take place directly before each piece instead of in a blocked rotation before the real competition.
- Marion asked that someone be assigned at each competition to time each sequence. (not the judges responsibility)
- Code completely revamped (please see new rules)
- Very important: Inclusion of a strength, flexibility and balance move is no longer compulsory but adds to composition moves and lack of all these elements will detract from composition so will result in a deduction from the composition mark. This is also true about the group sequence.

PLEASE take the time to read the rules carefully. Please send any questions to Linda, the secretary. These will be published on the website and answered by June in her capacity as technical director or Stuart and Marion in their capacity as Master Judges. Your name does not have to be shown with the question.

All the above appears below in short:

- Only 16 teams per age group can take part in March GISGA
- Top 10 from previous year gain automatic entry
- New teams and others need to 'qualify' by doing Vol. Vault/Set Floor comp.
- Qualifier takes place day after U9 Comp 2009 at Port Regis.
- No one can enter without Affiliation Number.
- New simplified floor code in rules. Please read and ask necessary questions.
- Floor music may not exceed 70 seconds.

After the second executive meeting it was felt that all decisions bar one were strong and should be kept for 4 years. Very few rule changes should take place in the next 4 years. However despite an AGM vote of:

MUSIC SHORTENED TO 70 secs

FOR:12

AGAINST: 5

ABSTAINING:1

People remain unconvinced that this will solve more problems than it will create. The executive committee are asking everyone to consider this point during the year and be prepared to debate it in 2010 AGM.

Any other Business:

1. Sue Jenkins asked everyone to consider letting U13s compete as O13s.

VOTE:

For: 5

Against: 8

Abstain:4

This request was overruled and the rule stands.

2. Can arms be down in the spin in Set Floor?  
YES optional arms DURING spin just have to finish up..
3. Set Vault for U11s is meant to be 1m. June stipulated that this included a mat over the top of the box and urged all organisers to make arrangements to ensure that 1m was not exceeded in this event.
4. If 1 girl in Over 13 team wears shorts does everyone have to?  
YES for group.  
No for individual disciplines

Date of Next AGM

25<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Maltmans Green School