

# GISGA AGM 2007

10am, April 29<sup>th</sup>

Maltman's Green School, Gerrards Cross

## 1. Chairman's Welcome

Libby welcomed everyone to Maltman's Green and thanked Maltman's for their generous hospitality.

## 2. Present

Libby Craig- Stamford  
Emily Burman-Habs  
Dorothy Woollard-BSB  
Joe Village-Wycombe Abbey  
Gordon Finch-BSN  
Helen Le Page- Highfield  
Kate Smithard- Royal Masonic  
Linda McNally-St Mary's  
Tara Walsh- Guildford  
Laura Timmins- Maltmans  
Trudy Smith- Stamford  
Lisa Dybdall-Battle Abbey  
Tess Sales- Battle Abbey  
June Walden-Castle House  
Stuart Dunkley-Treasurer  
Verity Trevor-Morgan- Trophy Secretary  
Marion Charafeddine- Judge's Convenor  
Wendy Cook- Maltmans  
Stephanie Carter- St Catherine's  
Sue Jenkins-Wycombe Abbey  
Particularly appreciate arrival of Gordon and Dorothy from overseas.

## 3. Apologies For Absence

Stephanie Grugeon  
Lucy Anne Doyle  
Vikki Cook  
Stella Sullivan  
Sam Athawes

## 3. Election of Officers

Chairperson- Libby Craig  
Secretary- Linda McNally  
Treasurer- Stuart Dunkley  
Judge's Convenor- Marion Charafeddine  
Technical Director- June Walden  
Senior School Rep- Sue Jenkins  
Trophy Secretary- Verity Trevor-Morgan  
Development-to be confirmed (**action-Libby**)

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Four schools dropped out. Five schools joined.

Propose fees staying the same

Pay back 'wine' loan from St Mary's. (action- Linda McNally)

June questioned judges' expenses. Maybe could we ask Port Regis to cover the unexpected expense incurred when judges needed money to pay for their meal at IAPS as they could not arrive at Port Regis in time for 5pm dinner.

#### **Acceptance of treasurer's report (enclosed)**

Proposed- Marion

Seconded- Tara

June suggested that we need to be sure that we follow up IAPS expenses as they do not really fall under the GISGA umbrella.

#### **Adopt balance sheets- signed by Libby and Stuart**

#### **5. Report on 2006/2007 Competitions**

IAPS- Port Regis. Great competition. Perhaps doing in one hall or one day would streamline the competition. Food was great. Facilities great.

Competition wonderful. Thanks again to Coral and her team for all their hard work.

#### **Under 9**

Stamford-Great atmosphere. Friday night opening ceremony- novel and greatly appreciated by all who attended.

#### **GISGA**

Various comments were thrown in the air and recorded below.

a) Well organised.

b) Suggestions that there should be a blank section on entry form- comments available. E.g. for schools who feel their draw has been unfair every year to plead consideration of this fact.

c) Suggestion from Linda that she could offer an overview on the draw to avoid the same team getting an early draw each year.

d) No opening ceremony- some liked this. Some didn't.

Libby pointed out that it was a marketing tool for the Host School and as such is very useful.

- e) It was pointed out that GISGA is massive and lots of people can help- perhaps includes a space on the entry form for people to offer their help.
- f) Kate suggested her Junior Sports Leaders from Royal Masonic School could be enrolled to help on the door and as runners etc. This would definitely work if the venue were accessible to the schools offering help.

## 6. Trophies

- a) People need to contact Verity if they have problems getting their trophies back.
- b) Remember: Combined floor and vault awards are no longer in operation.
- c) Look at giving out certain trophies on one or other day when the competition is split over two days.
- d) Signing for trophies- do we still we need this? Committee feel this is really important.
- e) 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies in most age groups were originally donated from June and her Gym Club. She feels they are in need of replacement and the new trophies will need back dating. She was looking for volunteer schools to take on this expense. 6 volunteers came forward:  
(6 trophies- extra heavy- a silver salver £50- to back dated Castle House, Stamford, Maltman's, Wycombe, BSN, Battle Abbey GISGA will pay for these and these 6 schools need to pay £50 to Stuart (payable to GISGA).)  
Verity wanted to minute thanks to Lynn Barrett for all she does.  
The Trophy from Gordon and his daughter Kathryn for Nikki Towner taken by Battle teachers

## 7. Rules

- a) Emily Burman brought up the fact that including the required strength, flexibility, balance – each to be held for 3 second each slow down the pace of the sequence.  
Is this requirement a good idea? **ASSEMBLY DECIDED: YES**
- b) Someone asked whether you make up your own elements or must you be restrict yourselves to the list? **IN THEORY AS LONG AS IT CLEARLY FULFILS STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY OR BALANCE: YES**
- c) New school- rules are daunting.
- d) Have to have good judges to judge vol. floor.
- e) Helen Le Page suggested Set Vault: waste of time?  
Someone countered that it was such a good preparation from Vault.

It was pointed out that the transport of the set vault equipment was expensive for the organiser.

Libby decided we should re-visit this issue in years to come.

f) Kate Smithard wanted to know 'Why do 4 people do the group and not 5.?' It was pointed out that there was a built in reserve in the team and if someone were ill or injured the team would still be able to compete in all sections of the competition.

g) June raised an issue: Set Floor-cartwheel and round-off start in same manner. She asked 'if do round off in wrong place then must the gymnast do the cartwheel later?'

Marion responded ' If Round off- in wrong place – the judge will ignore it and will expect to judge the round-off in its proper place.'

h) Advice for group sequence: Don't do anything that could be misinterpreted... if a round-off star jump is in then it counts as one move not two.

i) Dive forward roll- gets counted as an 'A'

j) Just to clear up a misunderstanding from March GISGA:

In the Group Sequence:

There is no expectation for 3 move tumble I the group sequence

k) Gordon asked about Voluntary Vault-  
Would we ever move to use a vaulting table?

**Decided -general opinion NO.**

## **8. Venues and dates for 2007/2008**

IAPS- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec-? 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec one day if possible IAPS. ? LEH

Under 9 date and venue: 17<sup>th</sup> Nov- U9 at Maltman's Green.

Request from June: If possible can we go back to the normal U9 dates in future years-June

GISGA-1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> March- BSB. Dorothy has kindly agreed to take this on.

Request to do it over 2 days.

Opening ceremony on Friday night.

### **Future Competitions:**

2008/09 GISGA-letter to Chris Still (**action: Linda**)

2008 U9 Stamford

## **9. Age groups**

a) Question from Emily Burman: Why is the Age group thing as it is? E.g. only two children can be out of age group and NO-ONE can move up into the Over 13 age group.

Why are there no younger children in older girls' age group? - Response: humiliation of older girls to be beaten by younger gymnasts.

b) Any exceptions to the rule: Ask Libby for dispensation.  
An Under 9 can be in an Under 11.

c) Should we take out 'B' teams at O13? Take out 'B' teams from hat. Hosts have priority if necessary.

### **10.Disclaimer to be signed**

Schools need to receive a disclaimer. With entry form there will be a disclaimer to signed by Head teacher (this is covers the hosts in anything you enter....except if negligence can be proved.)

Need to check your Head/Bursar that you have enough insurance to cover your trips away. Every school needs to sort out what's good for them.

### **11.AOB.**

a) Bodiam Manor-thanks to all schools for support for coaches at Bodiam for their problems. Resigned from Bodiam. Appointed someone at Bodiam... still follow up.

b) **Courses for improvement.**

September INSET. ? Details for this will follow. **(action: Linda)**

Workshop for Coaches related to Judging. **(action Marion)**

Judges related to rules. **(action Stuart and Marion)**

Introduction to the coaches related to the rules. **(action Marion and Stuart)**

Video of set floor **(action Trudy)**

c) **UK School Games**

Libby talked about the UK School Games. This is an initiative to get young and cutting edge athletes competing 'between home nations' in a run-up to 2012 Olympics. The UK school games however do not select their teams through school organisations but through 'The National Governing Bodies'. Very little school input. Speaking on behalf of IAPS Libby felt it important to approach the DfES and say -although we are not in a position to supply competitors for the UK school games as our school sport does not produce four piece gymnasts we need to know what is going on in this event.

d) **Disney Music**

Remember this cannot be used. It would be helpful to put on the music case the origin of it. The music will not be turned off if it is illegal. Instead a deduction of 1.0 will be made.

e) **Helen Le Page**. Helen will be leaving Highfield once she has had her baby. She offers her help in the Guildford area.

She also wished to record her thanks for all the support she has received from everyone else in GISGA.

f) **Stephanie Carter** suggested that it would be helpful for new teams competing in GISGA if they were not in first round. Others sympathised but felt that it probably was not possible to follow this suggestion.

**BISGA**

Gordon- brought up.

Gordon- 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> April in Holland

GISGA would wish to encourage this.

**GISGA shall invite BISGA to lunch and meeting after lunch.** ?? don't remember this?

**12.Date of Next Meeting.**

*27<sup>th</sup> April 10am Maltmans Green.*

*This date will have to change... more info later*