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Chairman's SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT – August 2011.

To: English Regions and English Schools Gymnastics Association.
(Chairs, Regional Secretaries and Clubs).

The current Management Committee consists of one member for each English Region plus a representative from the English Schools Gymnastics Association.

Members of the EGA Management Committee are:

Chair: Jim Moss. (West Midlands). Hon Secretary: Dr Mike Chappell (West Midlands) - Co-opted. Hon. Treasurer: Kevin Flynn (East Midlands). North AGA: - Brian Everett (wef. January 2010 – July, 2011), Enid Harrison (wef August 2011): (North West): Christine Simpkin. (Yorkshire): Christine Bowker. (East): Alf Dyer. (South): Elizabeth Scales. (London): Len Arnold. (South West): – Neil Guy, (South East): Sue James. (English Schools): Howard Todd.
Commonwealth Games – Mike Weinstock (W Mids):
England Director to BG Board: Jim Moss (2005 – July 2011): Brian Everett (North) wef August, 2011.

The last year has again presented many challenges. The Management Committee has met four times during the year 2010/11 and approved minutes of the meetings have been posted on the EGA web site.

www.englishgymnastics.org.uk . I would like to sincerely thank the Officers and the EGA Committee Members, for their work and commitment. Also, to Mike Weinstock (CG England Team Manager) for his extensive work in the preparation and leadership to the Commonwealth Games 2010 in India, which is much appreciated.

Governance and Finance:

I have commented in my previous annual reports, about the problems affecting the EGA, as a consequence of the BAGA decision to remove support and funding in September 2008 and to set up a new organisation within BG, called Gymnastics England (GE) to manage the England Whole Sport Plan (2009 – 2013). However, I am very pleased to report, that constructive discussions are now taking place with BG and their CEO Jane Allen, aimed at full recognition of the EGA, some annual financial contribution from BG and other important issues, that will now enable both BG and EGA to now move forward together and in a constructive way, in the future.

The EGA continues to provide investment and support to the Regions. This support includes the funding of Women's Artistic, Rhythmic and Trampoline England Squads, English Championships, Commonwealth and Youth Commonwealth Games, some financial support to Sports Acrobatics for international events and some remaining partnership funding of some Regional Administrator posts. The EGA remains as the official England Home Country Association and the voice of the regions.

GE provide support through Sport England Grant Aid funding (initially £11.7m over 4 years) and the Development Team managed by BG, for the England Whole Sport Plan 2009-2013 and agreed assistance with Regional Development Plans, for the same period.

England Development Team (BG) Planning and Activities:

More details about the England Whole Sport Plan (2009-2013) can be found on the GE web site <http://www.gymnasticsengland.org> .

English Annual Championships: 2011.

The Men's and Women's Championships was staged at Fenton Manor Sports Complex, Stoke on Trent between 25-27th February. Due to the larger size of the venue, audiences on all 3 days were bigger than ever.

I am grateful to the many volunteers who came together to make these event so successful and especially to Trevor Low (Competition Director) and Len Arnold ,for the championships' organisation and control. I would also like to thank Multi Vision, Alto Digital and Elite International for their sponsorship of the event.

2011 Women's Championships: Hannah Whelan (Liverpool GC) Senior Champion. Rebecca Tunney (Liverpool GC) Junior Champion. Amy Tinkler (South Durham GC) Espoirs Champion.

2011 Men's Championships: Kristian Thomas (Earls GC) Senior Champion. Nile Wilson (City of Leeds) Junior Champion. Loukas Jones (City of Leeds) Boys Champion.

Sincere congratulations to the above Champions.

English Rhythmic Championships 2010.

This event was held at the GMAC centre in Birmingham on 12 September, 2010.

Under 11 Champion – Megan Belabey (HSG Swallows): Under 12 Champion – Helena Styles (Stockport): Junior Champion - Jade Farrell (HSG Swallows) and Senior Champion – Rachel Ennis (HSG Swallows).

English Championships – 2012: For your Diary- 2-4th March, 2012 at the new Europa Centre, Maiden Lane, Crayford, Kent, DA1 4ND. Please see www.englishgymnastics.org.uk for emerging information. Milano Pro sport will be the headline Sponsors for this event.

England Internationals:

In addition to running Training Camps during the past 12 months, teams drawn from the English Women's Artistic squads took part in International events, details of which are shown below.

Leverkusen Cup Stuttgart, Germany, October, 2010.

Gymnasts: Claire Stock, Lara Wilson and Sydney Elliott-Money Team Coaches Barry McLaughlin and Karen Chapman. The team achieved 4th Place. Lara Wilson won a bronze medal and also achieved 3rd place in the bars final and she won a silver in the floor final.

Rushmoor Rosebowl International. 2010.

England entered 2 teams. The England "B" team won the Inter nations Rose Bowl competition with England "A" team in second place and South Africa in 3rd place.

Gymnasts England A Team – Charlotte Draycott (Sandbach), Lara Wilson and Grace Imeson (City of Newcastle), Kelly Simm (Dynamo) and Claire Stock (Huntingdon GC). England Team "B" – Nina Dearman (Vernon Park), Pagan Brown (Sandbach), Natasha Nolan (Dynamo), Rebecca Hall (City of Leeds) and Harriet Lymer Smith (Heathrow GC).

Isle of Man Junior International May 2011.

England entered a junior girls teams to this event. England won convincingly scoring 143.035. Gymnasts were Claudia Fragapane (Bristol Hawks), Bethan Evans (Woking), Millie Kennard (Tolworth) and Ellis O'Reilly (Europa) – Coaches Paul Gibbons and Helen Potter.

It is also pleasing to report that the following England WA Squad gymnasts have recently been selected for GB Squads. Millie Kennard (Tolworth), Georgina Clements (Liverpool), Ellis O'Reilly (Europa), Claudia Fragapane (Bristol Hawks and Kelly Simm (Dynamo). These gymnasts are to be congratulated and they follow 5 others who have gone to GB from England WA Squad, over a period. This once again proves the value of the England Squad system in helping to provide opportunities and develop gymnasts, to move to greater elite performance in GB programmes.

Commonwealth Games – India – 2010.

England Men's, Women's and Rhythmic Teams went to India and achieved excellent results.

Women: – Marissa King, Imogene Cairns, Laura Edwards, Rebecca Wing and Jocelyn Hunt. The team finished 2nd to Australia with Imogene winning 2 gold medals on Vault and Floor.

Men: Reiss Beckford, Luke Folwell, Danny Lawrence, Max Whitlock and Steven Jehu. The team finished 2nd to Australia with Reiss, Luke and Max winning individual medals in the apparatus finals.

Rhythmic: Francesca Fox, Lynne Hutchinson and Rachel Ennis. The team finished 3rd behind Australia and Canada with Francesca winning silver in the hoop final.

Congratulations to all gymnasts and our thanks to Mike Weinstock the England Team Manager and to coaches – Elizabeth Kincaid, Michele Walduck Scott Hann, Paul Hall and Sarah Binding and to Judge Christine Bowker.

Commonwealth Youth Games 2011.

These will be held in the Isle of Man September 7-11th. England teams are – Girls: Gabriella Jupp (Sapphire), Abigail Caig and Rebecca Tunney both from Liverpool GC. Boys: Nile Wilson (City of Leeds), Jay Thompson (Exeter) and Dominick Cunningham (Earls). Coaches Claire Duffy (City of Liverpool) and Moussa Hamani (City of Leeds). We wish all the gymnasts an enjoyable and successful competition.

Summary:

I believe that since its inception in 2004, the EGA has worked well and demonstrated its support for the Regions, especially in terms of re-investing funds back into local sport. Our goal of establishing a fully independent and financially sustainable English Home Nation association within the umbrella of BG remains constant.

I would reiterate, that it is vital, that a good working collaboration and understanding between the EGA and the Regions is fostered and maintained, so that we can all benefit by working together and as a result, become even stronger as an English Gymnastics family.

With best wishes for 20011/12.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Moss', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Moss.
Chairman
English Gymnastics Association
August 2011.