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Chairman's NINTH ANNUAL REPORT – APRIL, 2013.

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: - Enid Harrison (wef August 2011): (North West): Keith Hardy. (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: Brian Everett (August 2011):

The period since my last report in 2011 has presented many challenges. The Management Committee has met two times during the year 2011/12 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) and Brian Everett the EGA nominated BG Board member representing England.

Governance and Finance:

Concerns made in my previous annual reports, in relation to the problems affecting the EGA, as a consequence of the BAGA decision to remove support and funding in September 2008, still remain and lack of annual core finance for the future continue to cause great anxiety. On going discussions that were taking place in 2011 with BG and their CEO Jane Allen, aimed at full recognition of the EGA, some annual financial contribution from BG and other important issues, have not taken place. It is hoped that discussion that will enable both BG and EGA to now move forward together and in a constructive way in the future, will be resumed as soon as possible.

In an effort to improve communication and working between the EGA and BG, a proposal by BG to form a BG Board Committee to discuss and agree strategic issues for England, was made in December, 2011 and accepted in principle at the time by the EGA. Unfortunately, the proposal was not advanced in 2012 but a firm proposal has been made again in March, 2013 by BG and the EGA are minded to accept it.

In the continuing efforts by EGA to become more fit for purpose and to continue to maintain the value added programmes to England sport, it has now been proposed following meetings held in 2012 between the EGA Management Committee and the England Regional Chairmen, that powers and responsibilities of the present EGA will be transferred to a new company called English Gymnastics Ltd, with the Chairmen becoming the directors of that company board. These changes will be submitted the EGA AGM on 27 April, 2013 for agreement and ratification.

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. The EGA remains as the official England Home Country Association and the voice of the regions and published a Letter of Intent (enclosed) in November, 2012 which again describes the role and responsibilities of the EGA and its member regions.

Sport England Grant Aid funding (initially £11.7m over 4 years for 2009-2013) was received by BG and was implemented by the England Development staff managed by BG. It is envisaged that the 4 year grant from 1 April, 2013, will be managed in a similar manner.

English Annual Championships: 2012 and 2013.

The Men's and Women's Artistic Championships were both successfully staged at the new Europa Gymnastics Centre in March each year. Entries to this event continue to grow.

I am grateful to the many volunteers who came together to make these events so successful and especially to Trevor Low, Sue James and Len Arnold, for the championships' organisation and control. I would also like to thank the numerous volunteers at Europa Gymnastics Centre for their great support and to thank Multi Vision, Alto Digital and Milano Pro Sport for their generous sponsorship of these championships.

2012 Women's Championships: Jennifer Pinches (Liverpool GC) Senior Champion. Gabby Jupp (Sapphire) Junior Champion. Tysha Mattis (East London) Espoir Champion.

2012 Men's Championships: Senior Champion O/18 Kristian Thomas (Earls). Senior Champion U/18 Frank Baines (Southport YMCA). Brinn Bevan (South Essex) Junior Champion. Donnell Osbourne (Earls) Boys Champion.

2013 Women's Championships: Hannah Whelan (Liverpool GC) Senior Champion. Ellie Downey (Notts) Junior Champion. Georgia-Mae Fenton (Europa GC) Espoir Champion.

2013 Men's Championships: Senior Champion O/18 Max Whitlock (South Essex). Senior Champion U/18 Nile Wilson (City of Leeds). Gianini Regini-Moran (Europa) Junior Champion. Euan Cox (Pegasus) Boys Champion.

Sincere congratulations to the above Champions.

English Rhythmic Championships 2011.

The event was successfully staged at the GMAC arena in Birmingham. UNDER 11 Champion Leah Munday (HSG) 73.733. UNDER 12 Champion Megan Balabey (HSG) - 81.508. JUNIOR Champion Stephani Sherlock (Espirit) 83.058 SENIOR Champion Keziah Gore (Canterbury) 89.542

English Rhythmic Championships 2012.

At the GMAC arena in Birmingham. UNDER 11 Champion: Stephanie Antonova (HSG Swallows) 69.967: UNDER 12 Champion Leah Munday (HSG Swallows) 81.933: JUNIOR Champion: Megan Balabey (HSG Swallows) 83.733: SENIOR Champion Keziah Gore (City of Canterbury): 89.500.

New England Sponsored Events:

The EGA Committee have decided to introduce new lower level events that will have an England final. The present England Championships are for mainly elite gymnasts competing under the full FIG code of points. We wish to provide opportunities for gymnasts who do not necessarily train at an intense level of hours but would still like to enter an England National event. Further details will be released shortly.

England Women's Artistic Squads.

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 in Germany:

The gymnasts were - Jasmin Reed-Yang and Maisie Dodds (The Academy) and Iona Theobald (Horsham). Team Coach - Nia Edwards - Judge Chris McLaughlin and HOD Barry McLoughlin. The gymnasts were amongst the youngest competitors at this international event but this did not hold them back! The team won by nearly 5 whole marks from 2 German Teams.

Rosebowl International – Aldershot.

England teams: - England a - (came 1st with a score of 193.200) Gymnasts: Maisie Dodds, Lucy Brett and Jasmine Reed-Yang (The Academy), Eleanor Van-Dongen (Horsham) and Danielle Hubbard (Sapphire). Team B (Came 2nd with a score of 190.700) Gymnasts: Bryony Moir (Europa), Stefanie Bowles (CMIG), Abigail Solari (The Academy), Larissa Pascua (Heathrow) and Polina Polykova (Norfolk Academy). Team South Africa came 3rd with a score of 158.550. England travelling reserve was Charlotte Bennett (The Academy). In addition to team successes, individual apparatus medals were awarded as follows - Asymmetric Bars - Masie Dodds (Gold). Floor - Eleanor Van Dongen (Silver) and Danielle Hubbard (Bronze).

Manx Women's Junior International - IOM May 12th, 2012.

The second visit of a Junior England team to the Isle of Man saw England take the Team Gold, ahead of the Isle of Man. Unfortunately Scotland was hampered by injury and could not manage to compete all pieces. However, a superb England performance, with Iona Theobald taking the overall title with an all around faultless performance. The four England girls took not only the team and all around titles but every apparatus medal

except one! England dominated the event, but the four gymnasts were outstanding, especially on bars where the entire arena stood and watched! A proud moment for all the England Delegation. England team Katy Bramley, Sophie Jameson, Iona Theobald, Eleanor Van Dongen. Coach Ian Kime, Judge, Sadie Makinson

NB: Since 2009 – 20 England Women's Squad girls have graduated to BG Squads. 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

Summary:

I believe that since its inception in 2004, the EGA has worked well and has 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 2013/14.



Jim Moss.
Chairman
English Gymnastics Association
March, 2013.

14th September, 2012.

This letter of intent is written to show the aims and work of the English Gymnastics Association working in conjunction with British Gymnastics and others.

Vision:

To provide the opportunity for all individuals in England with an interest or talent for gymnastics to be able to realise their full potential within the sport.

English Gymnastics:

While many Governing Body functions remain the direct responsibility of British Gymnastics, the English Gymnastics Association provide a structure to support gymnastics clubs, counties, and regions in England. The English Gymnastics Association intends to:

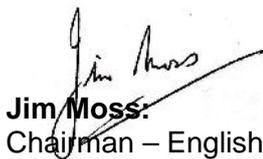
- Provide a home country voice and structure for gymnastics and campaign to ensure that the needs of gymnastics are met.
- Provide a Home Country voice for the 10 English Regions and English Schools Association.
- Support coach and judge education programmes.
- Deliver home country competitions including home country championships.
- Support UK policies for child protection, equity, health and safety and others.
- Facilitate grass roots and elite programmes outside of World Class programmes up to Home Country Level.
- Monitor membership at home country level.
- Select and prepare teams for Commonwealth Games and other relevant international events.

Delivery:

The English Gymnastics Association comprises ten English Regions and the English Schools Gymnastics Association.

The majority of delivery takes place at club, county and regional level. The Management Committee comprises the Chairmen of each of the Regions an English Schools representative plus the Officers of the Association.

English Gymnastics remains committed to play a strong role in the development of Gymnastics in England and provides the conduit between Regions (its members) and British Gymnastics, its partner.



Jim Moss:
Chairman – English Gymnastics.