Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 June 2014, at 7.30pm
At Harlington Sports Centre, Pinkwell Lane, Hayes, Middlesex.

Present: John Wotherspoon, Bal Dowrich, Sabrina Dunn, Andrew Wood, Linda Lawrie, Melissa Chaudhry, and Christine Geary.

Apologies for absence: None received.

Minutes written by Christine Geary (Secretary), and finalised by the Committee.
Signed and dated as approved: John Wotherspoon (Chairman) on 17 September 2014.

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 2 April 2014, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

2. Matters and actions arising on the Minutes:

2.1 An additional First Aid kit has been obtained, which will be brought to each competition.

2.2 It was reiterated that accident reports should always be completed in the event of accidents occurring at events Regardless of how minor they may be. This was a matter of policy.

2.3 All laptops were working well.

3. Officer Reports:

(a) Chair: brought the Committee up to date with information emanating from London Gymnastics.

(b) Competitions: A report was submitted prior to the meeting:

**London Grades 18th May 2014** Our London Grades was hugely successful as all 12 London clubs took part. We had 210 entries but on the Sunday of competition, 182 competed due to withdrawals. DE Photography attended the event and paid us £110 commission. (10% of their sales)

**London Regional Championships 19th October 2014** London Region Championships is getting ready with a pool of competitors. Karen Gent is working on the final league table but this has presented itself with several anomalies. These have been addressed with the exception of 1, where we have one gymnast whose BG membership has lapsed. Andrew Wood is currently working out the logistics and finances for this event; this he will submit as a separate item.

**Regional NDP Finals 15th June 2014** This event was hosted at Westpoint Arena in Exeter. We had asked Michael Freeman to manage the London Team, as Kingston had the majority of participants taking part. Other London clubs represented were Heathrow & Zenith. Michael did a wonderful job considering there was not a lot of clear instruction or guidance from the events team until very late in the day. London came home with four medals; that is with us only representing 6% of the total competitors.

(c) Judging: A report was submitted prior to the meeting:

3rd & 4th May – County Judge – 5 applicants, all passed
21st & 28th June - Club Judge – 13 applicants
Mel Alesi is the tutor for all courses above.

I feel that there should be a premium for anyone applying for a course after the closing date. I had a problem over this course whereby applications were emailed before the closing date but then didn’t follow up with payment.

- 6 applicants took the County Judge course and all passed.
- 15 applicants finally applied for the Club Judge course, but two did not turn up on the day.
- It was agreed that a premium of £10.00 should be added for those applying for a course after the closing date.
- The Committee agreed that the cost of judging courses is £35.00 for those attached to a London Gymnastics affiliated club and £40.00 for everyone else.

(d) Trampoline and DMT Development: The Committee were advised that Nova has separated into two: DMT and Trampoline, primarily to obtain various grants on offer. If any club has DMT gymnasts who would like to just go to sessions, for a nominal fee, without being a member of Nova, then available days are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

(e) Communications:
- The London Trampoline website is to be completely shut down.
- It was agreed that truncated minutes of our committee meetings should be posted on the London Gymnastics website.
- In future Chairs of Technical Committees will be advised of any suspension of a member of their discipline.
- Anne McNeill will be adding trampoline results to her newsletter.

(f) National Trampolining: The Committee were advised that there was the possibility of some rule changes in the future.

(g) Annual Budgets and Finance were discussed and the accounts provided to London Gymnastics agreed by the Committee.

4. Committee Issues:

(a) Regional Finals were discussed by the Committee.

(b) London Gymnastics Awards
- London Gymnastics were anxious to avoid accusations of nepotism, and so wished to ratify London Trampoline awards. However, the criteria for awards threw up a number of difficulties and it was agreed that the Chairman should feed this back to LG.
- After some discussion regarding the Award of Merit, it was agreed that Bal Dowrich, Melissa Chaudhry and Kirsty Sweet should be put forward for the award.

5. Any Other Business
- The Committee agreed that any queries regarding London Trampolining should be directed via email to either the Chair or the Secretary.
- It was noted that Harrow were interested in hosting regional competitions next year.
- London Gymnastics are anxious that all technical committees adopt the online entry system being proposed. After some discussion it was agreed that it should be investigated for NDP.
- A complaint had been received about the behaviour of a club and their coaches towards another club/coaches. After some discussion, it was agreed that a Disciplinary Policy for London Trampolining should be produced for future London Region competitions.
• JW advised that Nova would be offering courses, which will be advertised widely on a first come, first served basis.

6. Date and Venue of next meeting

• AGM: Wednesday, 17 September 2014, at 7.30pm at Harlington Sports Centre, Pinkwell Lane, Hayes, Middlesex. This will be followed by a short meeting of the newly formed Committee.

• Wednesday, 3 December 2014, at 7.30pm at Harlington Sports Centre, Pinkwell Lane, Hayes, Middlesex.