Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Assembly on Wednesday, 6 May 2015, at Harlington Sports Centre, Pinkwell Lane, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 1PB.

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm.

Present: Members of London Trampoline Committee: John Wotherspoon, Andrew Freeman, Christine Geary, Bal Dowrich, Andrew Wood, Kirsty Sweet, and Sabrina Dunn, plus 17 members of London Trampoline, representing 9 clubs in the Region.

Welcome from the Chairman

John Wotherspoon welcomed all attending and thanked them for turning out in such grim weather. He stated that this was a formal meeting and any comments should be made through the Chair.

The Chairman made a presentation highlighting the events over the last year pertinent to London Trampoline and his presentation is attached to these minutes. The following points were highlighted:

(a) The history of the Trampoline discipline from BTF through to the merger with BG in 2002, and the gradual, sometimes difficult, transition to becoming a Technical Committee of London Gymnastics.

(b) The structure of London Gymnastics and where the Technical Committees sit within that structure. Technical Committees are each run by a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, and all other committee posts are optional. The Technical Committee is responsible for designing and delivering the competition programme.

(c) Technical Committees are required to hold Technical Assemblies on an annual basis. They are not AGMs but rather Assemblies which feed into the London Gymnastics AGM.

(d) We are, therefore, less autonomous than previously and more accountable.

(e) We are still awaiting the 2016 competition information for 2016 for NDP. This has been delayed, but indications are that physical norms and technical norms will be addressed and NDP7 will be transferred back to the Region.

(f) Size of Regional Events: Currently 9 clubs are taking part regularly and this is increasing, so there is a need to consider how to facilitate offering NDP and the Regional programme side by side.

(g) The proposed Regional League was discussed and how it could be accommodated into the current structures. The Chairman advised the meeting that no decision had been made regarding the League, although London Trampoline were interested in principle.
(h) The review of competition structures and related budgets and costs was ongoing.

(i) For the future, there were four focus areas:

- Future competition delivery
- London Trampoline constitution and how it will feed into the London Gymnastics constitution.
- Committee roles and job descriptions.
- Future budgets and costs - competitions need to pay for themselves and should they increase in size, there may be a need to run over two days, with those additional costs.

Report from the Treasurer

The report and accounts had previously been published on the website. The Treasurer, Sabrina Dunn, explained the income and expenditure report and balance sheet, noting that the reports were for the year 1 April 2014 to 31 December 2014. The report did not include those funds held by London Trampoline in its own right, which included funds previously received from the old, and now defunct, British Trampolining Federation.

There were questions from the floor regarding these funds and the Treasurer confirmed that they would be used solely for London Trampoline, particularly for capital expenditure, ie purchase of new trampolines, computers, etc.

Report from Competitions Officer

Bal Dowrich reported on the competitions held by the Region over the last year, confirming that NDP competitions had run alongside the Regional competitions very successfully. However, there may be a need to address the question of facilities, as the numbers competing were increasing and there could be a need to either run over two days, or find another venue. She was pleased that the competitions had been run in an atmosphere of friendly rivalry which all seemed to enjoy.

Report from the Judging Officer

In the absence of Linda Lawrie, her report was read to the meeting:

This report covers the period from 17th September 2014 to 6th May 2015

1. **COURSES:**

   There have been 3 Club Judge courses which attracted 41 candidates 31 of whom are attached to London clubs. The tutor, Mel Alesi (from the SE region), has been well received on these courses. Since Linda Lawrie has decided not to tutor courses any longer, London is without a course tutor so we must thank Mel for travelling to Harlington for our courses.

   For the future, there is one more Club Judge organised for June. Other courses will be organised as demand dictates.

2. **JUDGING AT COMPETITIONS:**

   Clubs have provided the required number of officials for competitions or in some cases chosen to pay a penalty for one missing official. New clubs have sent candidates on courses.
Those selected for Difficulty must be at least County level and those acting as Chair must be at least Regional level. It is sometimes a struggle to designate officials to these roles and it is always the same few people who are nominated and qualified highly enough to take on these roles, particularly Chair. We need to encourage clubs to put their judges onto the higher level courses.

Questions from the Floor

(a) A question regarding splitting competition groups by age, under 11s in particular. The meeting was advised that currently there are not enough under 11 year olds in the region to make it viable for a competition.

(b) There was a discussion regarding the splitting of current groups - Intermediate, Advanced, Elite. The meeting was advised that any changes to the handbook that they wish to be considered, should be put in writing to the Competitions Officer and they will be considered. A revised handbook for 2016 would be circulated as soon as possible, once any changes, revisions had been made.

Closing Remarks
The Chairman thanked all for attending and for their comments and frankness. The meeting was called to a close at 8.46pm.