Minutes of a Meeting of the London Trampolining Committee held at Harlington Sports Centre, Pinkwell Lane, Harlington, Middlesex, on Wednesday, 9 December 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present:
John Wotherspoon (JW), Andrew Freeman (AF), Andrew Wood (AW), Linda Lawrie (LL), Christine Geary (CG), Bal Dowrich (BD), and Kirsty Sweet (KS).

1. Apologies for absence: None.

2. Minutes of Meetings:
   (a) Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 16 September 2015, were confirmed and signed as a true record.
   (b) Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 16 September 2015, for the LG website, were confirmed as a true record.

3. Matters arising on the Minutes:
   3.1 Regional scarves and ties will have to be purchased.
   3.2 3.9 It is expected that all committees will continue in an unchanged format.
   3.3 3.10 It was confirmed that 12 tensa barriers were purchased for a total cost of £125.
   3.4 4.3 Work on the Competitions Budget is continuing.
   3.5 4.6 LL confirmed that there was one 'no show' official at the last competition and the penalty payment had been received.
   3.6 4.13 A budget for committee expenditure had been provided by LL.
   3.7 5(b) The National League Finals at the Copper Box were a great success and congratulations to AW for his hard work.
   3.8 6.1 Collection of surplus trophies ongoing.

4. Officer Reports:
   (a) Chair: JW advised that the last JTC had been cancelled. He had nothing further to report.
   (b) Competitions: BD provided a report prior to the meeting:
      All competitions since our publication of the 2016 London Handbook are submitted using GymNET online. The first event to use the system was our Synchro, DMT plus London Closed. It has since been also used for last Saturday’s NDP Competition.
      The positive elements to using GymNET:
      * Gymnast & coach memberships have to be current in order to complete comp. entries
      * Payments have to be cleared at same time to complete process
      * System provides an EXCEL file from which the database, check in sheets & program may be compiled without
The onus is very much on the Team Manager to correctly navigate the system and enter their gymnasts in the correct groups.

The negative elements to GymNET:
- Set up is onerous and time consuming – we now have 15 competitions in the 2016 season all which need setting up on GymNET. I have so far completed 8 and still need to set up a further 7
- Only credit or debit card payments are accepted (2 clubs have strongly expressed concerns regarding this)
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Going forward:
- It certainly feels safer knowing that every gymnast competing in our competitions has a valid BG membership
- We may need to stipulate that only withdrawals will be accepted at point of check in and any substitutions or upgrades will have to be done 5 days prior competition.

London Closed

We only had 12 entries to the 2015 London Closed from 2 London Clubs.
Do we need to consider moving this competition to our London Championships weekend?

London Regional NDP Series 1

95 TRA & 25 DMT gymnasts entered this competition from 5 London Clubs and we held this event at Kingston Trampoline Academy.

Due to the new “zero” scoring for not completing routines we sadly only had a 48% TRA gymnasts completing both their routines on Saturday.

Venues for NDP Comps

After a successful competition at Kingston there are some considerations that we need to take into account if hosting another event there.
- I had to make 2 journeys to get the equipment to Kingston
- Andrew W. very kindly agreed to Set Up Computers and stay to assist as well as take the equipment back to Harlington.
- Kirsty also very kindly supported the event ensuring both the scoring was correctly recorded and presentation of medals awarded
- The Matting provision was not to requirement though it was not an issue on the day
- Parking was an extra expense.

Having said all that, the spectators and gymnasts welcomed the different venue.
All NDP competitions were facilitated at the same event.

Of course it would be easier to have just the one set up and have the 2 events over the weekend at Harlington, considerations here are:
- Tuck shop ladies are not willing to offer refreshments both days
- Not able to facilitate all 3 disciplines at the same event
- Positive at Harlington could be 2 short days

Having it over the same weekend at two different venues could possibly be 2 long days for Andrew W, Kirsty and myself.

Do we leave the FEB NDP event at Harlington and consider the March Team event at Kingston?

On a very positive and encouraging note – it has truly been a pleasure to see young London trampolineist, really stepping up and supporting the region at recent events from last Saturday at Kingston to the
League finals at the Copper Box. It is fantastic to know that not only are they brilliant bouncers but also fantastic ambassadors of London Trampolining.

4.1 There was some discussion regarding 'zero' scoring in NDP competitions.
   (i) Clarification was needed as to whether this was a Committee or Regional decision and what should be advised in the handbook.
   (ii) If it is a Committee decision, then our policy would be that if a competitor was ranked by score in a competition, then he/she would receive a medal. However, if a competitor received two zero scores he/she would not receive a medal.

4.2 Gymnet is causing so many difficulties. The system is cumbersome, time consuming and does not work for us. JW to advise LG of our difficulties with the system.

4.3 The Committee agreed unanimously that the London Closed should take place at the Regional Championships. It was further agreed that charges should be £20 for a Closed entry, if a single entry; dual entry to be £30. LL to address any changes to the handbook.

4.4 It was noted that the matting provision was not to requirement at the NDP competition held at Kingston.

4.5 It was agreed to leave in abeyance any decision regarding the location of the March NDP competition.

(c) Judging: LL provided a report prior to the meeting:
Club Judge course 14th & 15th November at Harlington. Tutor Mel Alesi.
14 applicants. One turned up on the day without notice but she paid so was allowed to stay. Two people couldn’t attend the 2nd day so their fees will be carried over to the next course for them to do the second day plus the exam (space permitting). All who took the exam passed.
I have booked a Club Judge course for 19th & 26th March 2016 with Mel as tutor again.

4.6 It was noted that the second date for the Club Judge course (26 March) was Easter Saturday. LL advised that she would make arrangements to change that date.

(d) Annual Budgets and Finance:
4.6 The Competitions Budget has still to be agreed.
4.7 It was agreed that the interest on the London Trampoline Saving Account should not be included in the LG Trampolining Technical Committee Accounts.
4.8 It was also agreed that the London Trampolining Saving Account, and any movements on this account, should be removed from Sage.
4.9 Facility Hire Service Agreement was discussed and it was agreed that AW should complete for Harlington and circulate to the Committee before sending. AW would also circulate a Risk Assessment.

5. Committee Issues
(a) English Gymnastics Strategic Plan: JW discussed the presentation previously circulated to the Committee.
5.1 There are going to be Trampolining, Tumbling and DMT aspects.
5.2 Some people think it is in place to quash the League; however the Leagues covers the whole of
the UK.
5.3  Trampolining could be in the next Commonwealth Games.
5.4  A Steering Group has been set up which is meeting this coming weekend and most people on the group are very pro league. There will be more information after this weekend and JW will circulate.

(b)  **Disability Trampolining:** JW advised that all disciplines have been required to be more active in disability sport, by both LG and BG. We are required to have a Disability Representative on the Committee. Questions raised:
1. What are the requirements and what does the job entail to be the Disability Representative for Trampolining?
2. What would the Disability Rep's job be on the Trampolining Committee and what would we require them to do?
3. Is there anybody we think may be interested in this position?

(c)  **Budgets and Finance**
5.5  It was confirmed by the Chairman of LG that year end accounts were not required until after the year end, the date yet to be confirmed.
5.6  It was also confirmed that LG budget requirements for 2016 were to be presented by each discipline in the development plan provided.
5.7  Development plan ideas/suggestions to be provided to JW by 1 January 2016.

6.  Any Other Business

(a)  **Coach and Judge Courses:** JW advised that this Committee should consider having more say in the coordination and strategic input into both the coach and judge courses. JW will do some work on putting a model together, and will advise the Committee in due course.

(b)  **London Youth Games and London Schools:** There was some discussion about the two competitions and JW felt that this Committee should take ownership of both and bring them into line with our competition structure. JW happy to act as liaison and will keep the Committee informed of developments.

7.  Date and venue of next meeting:
(a)  Wednesday, 10 February 2016, at 7.30pm at Harlington Sports Centre.
(b)  Wednesday, 13 April 2016, at 7.30pm at Harlington Sports Centre.