Southern Trampolining

Chair’s Report

This has been a hectic year. The number of competitions available has increased and so too the demands on the coaches and judges.

The opening of the new Fleming Park Sports Centre made the NDP series of competitions gave us a new forum which went towards helping competitors in getting used to a bigger arena before the Regional Team Final.

The Novice and Synchro competitions were again a good success. The Grading competitions have run for several years and are a good developmental pathway for performers.

Southern Trampolining could not operate without the clubs who have volunteered to run competitions for the Region. A big thank you to all.

In the last few years, the numbers in the Grading competitions have dwindled. Age groups were amalgamated and for the last season, genders were mixed too. It was decided to look at providing another competition which gave the opportunity to work with FIG rules and compete with a voluntary routine, hence the proposal for the 18/19 season to run the Individual Bert Scales competition with the Paul Luxon Team competition. This will be called the Regional Development Competition. I hope this will be adopted at the AGM.

Southern Trampolining invested £7000 into the Regional Squad to prepare and compete in the Regional Team Final. The subcommittee, Chaired by Katie Holmes, ran very efficiently and effectively. The team competed well. Thank you to the subcommittee for your work on our behalf. Many parents voiced their thanks for the performers feeling confident and supported at the Final.

Katie Holmes has moved into the SW Region and has resigned her post as Chair of the Squad Subcommittee. We extend our thanks to her for leading and coordinating the work of the subcommittee.

This year, as a result of the soaring costs of the Judging award scheme, Southern Trampolining has ring fenced £1000 for judging bursaries. There is a limit of 2 per club per year. It is hoped that clubs take advantage of this grant aid.

It was hard to find time in the calendar for the workshop this year. A date in July was booked but the response did not make the day viable. I think this reflects timing rather than the interest. All clubs are welcome to make suggestions on topics for the workshops although Southern Trampolining is not allowed to run coaching courses. Due to the availability of Regional, England national and League events, planning for workshop the next season is vital.

I would like to extend my personal thank you to Elaine Rushby who, as the Secretary, keeps me on my toes. Also to Lynda tee who manages the finances and the Committee who unfailingly attend meetings and always contribute with reasoned thought and good ideas.

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