

## **British Gymnastics Southern Region Chair's Report May 2012**

During the last 3 months the BG reorganisation of the region and the implications financially has dominated the thoughts.

**The Regional Chair and the Treasurer attended a meeting with Mark Gannon and Geoff Grant to discuss the move of the Regional Workforce Coordinator to the central BG staff.**

The region agreed that this would begin on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. All invoices for courses arranged up to that date would be honoured by the regional funds and any residue at the completion of those courses would be returned to main regional account and the chequebook returned to the treasurer.

The Admin post is not to be funded by BG and the region has to decide if we want this post to continue. BG agreed to fund any redundancy payment up to June 1<sup>st</sup> and after that the region would be responsible. There has been some discrepancies regarding the billing of the admin salary and the Chair and Treasurer have been in negotiation with BG regarding this. It has yet to be resolved. The post is a one term contract from January 1<sup>st</sup> and it was decided to continue the post at least until the end of year review.

**The Chair attended a meeting for Regional Chairs in Birmingham with BG** who presented their projected plans for the 2013-17 submission for grant aid.

The Chairs were also asked to consider the purpose of the regional committees and Mike Weinstock tabled a plan. This was discussed. Several regional differences emerged regarding the income to the regional funds. This is something the Southern Region needs to consider.

BG investigated the situation regarding Judges Courses and how they were organised in the regions. Again, there are a variety of responses.

Gym for All is now a focus for BG and the new programme is slowly emerging. The region would benefit from having a GfA technical committee. The Area Manager drafted a request for interested parties which appeared in the e newsletter last week.

**The EGA** executive has several meetings with BG and has been unable to secure any indication that BG will fund their activities via the Sport England grant. It looks likely that the EGA will be looking to find funding from other sources if their support of the England squads and teams is to continue.

### **Trampoline Report**

The fourth grading competition of the season Southern Trampolining will be held on June 10th and this will include DMT and Synchro events. It is the second DMT event of the season. The region is now trying to develop the larger programme to give competitors further experience before moving to national level.

The final national qualifying Gala will be next weekend in Liverpool and the Region will be well represented at Nationals in early July. Amanda Parker (Edgbarrow) will be competing in the final trial for the Olympic place.

The region has several competitors in the England squad and recently Amanda Harris (Edgbarrow) and Lewis Bartlett (Portsmouth) competed in Sweden. Amanda won the Senior Ladies event and Lewis was 4<sup>th</sup> in the Senior Men's event.

The England Championships will be held in South Shields in November. The Southern Region team will be selected following the National Championships.

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## **Club Development Officer Report – May 2012**

### Club Development

Dynamo School of Gymnastics

The extension to Dynamo School of Gymnastics is almost complete. Having been awarded Facilities funding, Dynamo School of Gymnastics have been able to extend their existing Gymnasium, add a Pre School Fundamentals Centre and Viewing Gallery.

Inspired facilities funding

Abingdon GC, MK Springers and Xcel (Formerly Harlequins and Ville Gc) have successfully been awarded Inspired Facilities funding from Sport England. Inspired Facilities is focused on making it easier for local community and volunteer groups to improve and refurbish sports clubs or transform non-sporting venues into modern grassroots sport facilities.

Xcel Gc are pending facility build however they hope this to be completed and open by Sept 12. MK Springers have expanded their current facility and are now working hard to increase the number of children participating. Abingdon Gc have completed the addition of a foam pit and associated equipment.

#### Testwood Gymnastics Club

Congratulations to Testwood Gc who were awarded a Sport England small grants award to increase the amount of their equipment in order to expand their current provision.

#### Sansom School of Fitness

Sansom SOF are expanding their current provision to additional sessions in order to cope with the additional demand for cheerleading in the local area. They are looking to open 3 additional sessions in the Cosham and Portsmouth area.

#### Leadership Academies

##### Leadership Academy New Programme

With the release of the new Leadership Academy Programme we hope to attract a larger number of young people looking to further develop their leadership skills and volunteer at local, regional and national events.

The leaders from both the New Forest and Treasure Leadership Academies will be signing up to this new programme in the coming months.

#### Regional Club Conference

We are currently looking for suitable venues in an ideal location – waiting to hear back from Pinewood Gc. Suggested dates are currently 28<sup>th</sup> October or 4<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Gymfusion

We have provisionally booked Bracknell Leisure Centre as the venue for the next Gymfusion. We are meeting with the venue in September to confirm. Provisional date - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013

#### Leisure Centre Scheme

Leisure Centres – additional leisure centres have now signed up to the Leisure Centre Scheme – work is underway to try to link local clubs to Leisure Centres to reduce club waiting lists and form talent pathways.

#### Sport Hampshire IOW awards – shortlisted nominees and winners

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sports Awards is a joint venture between Hampshire County Council, Sport Hampshire & IOW and the local sports councils & forums in Hampshire. It has a reputation for being the only county-wide event to recognise commitment, performance and excellence across all sports.

Congratulations to the following who were nominated for an award:

Laura Edwards (Dynamo SOG) – Junior Sportswoman

Basingstoke Junior Girls Teamgym – Junior Team

Sylvia Comber (Alton Trampoline Coach) – Performance Coach of the Year

Adam Paterson (Dynamo SOG) – Performance Coach of the Year

Claire Williams (Basingstoke Gc) – Performance Coach of the Year

Barbara Dimmer (Fareham SOG) – Senior Volunteer of the Year

Many congratulations to Adam Paterson for winning the category of Performance Coach of the Year. Adam will also receive a coaching bursary from Sport Hampshire IOW.

#### National Conference and Awards

The 2012 Club Conference and Awards will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June at the International Conference Centre, Telford and will have an Olympic theme with the aim of building momentum towards London 2012. Our motto will follow the Olympic motto, 'faster, higher,

stronger'. Although there is an Olympic theme, the focus of the conference will remain 'club development' aiming to support clubs to grow and develop.

#### Torch Bearers

Congratulations to those nominated to become a torch bearer. Amongst those are Colette Hayes from the New Forest (formally part of the New Forest Leadership Academy and Starlight Trampoline & Gymnastic Club). Colette won the Young Volunteer of the Year award at last year's British Gymnastics Awards. She is now at University in Plymouth and is currently coaching and part of the National GAP panel.

## **Workforce Development Regional Report**

### **Course Programme 2012**

A full course programme has now been set and will continued to be implemented for 2012 to include UKCC courses, Club Welfare courses, GMPD courses, Mentoring courses and Proficiency courses.

### **Tutor and Assessor Training 2012**

The dates for the next round of training are close to being set. The South will combine with the South East and London region to deliver the training with 3 National Trainers. The training is likely to take place in Guildford.

The South will recruit tutors based on current demand. The gap analysis conducted indicated the South required the following: 1 Trampoline tutor, 1 Acro Tutor, 2 Women's Artistic tutors, 1 General Gymnastics tutor and 1 Aerobic Gymnastics tutor.

These tutor positions will be advertised via the British Gymnastics website and will be sent out to all those currently on the tutor training waiting list. The candidates will then be shortlisted and selected for interview. The interview panel will include a member of British Gymnastics staff from Coach Education, the Workforce Development Co-ordinator and a selected regional representative.

### **Reconciliation of accounts**

As of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012, all course finances will be processed centrally through British Gymnastics. A meeting was conducted with the Regional chair, treasurer and workforce development co-ordinator and it was agreed that all outstanding course fees prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April will still be processed by the workforce development co-ordinator from the current regional coach education account. This includes outstanding tutor and assessor invoices and venue hire. All income received after 1<sup>st</sup> April will be sent direct to British Gymnastics and processed centrally.

## **South Region Area Manager Report – 27/5/12**

The key point over the past few months has been the finalising of the next year's (2012-13) Area Development Plan and Budget. This has now been agreed and as of 1<sup>st</sup> April the Development Team started working towards the goals. I've already completed the first quarterly report for BG which I'll forward on once I've found out how to do it.

Facilities - BG have allocated £100k for Basingstoke GC to develop a Freestyle specific facility. I've also had several meetings with other Clubs and potential partners.

CSP's - Meetings with Berks, Bucks and Oxon CSP's to try and develop BG programmes.

BSGA - Meetings and discussions with Regional BSGA to assist with links and Governance.  
Communication - We now have a South Region Development Facebook page with 50 people currently linked to it. Please can we encourage as many people as possible to "like" our page.  
Meetings with Clubs and Coaches to assist with specific issues.

SR Welfare Officer report for the meeting:

I have been quite busy in recent months, though mostly dealing with issues relating to HR and employment rather than welfare specifically. I feel there is a real need for more help and support for clubs in the areas of staff recruitment and employment law. Perhaps the Area Manager could recommend that club managers/head coaches attend courses on these subjects (if he hasn't already!). Workshops/Seminars on Employment Law and Health and Safety are often available free from such organisations as Peninsula Business Services or local solicitors' firms; Business Link may also be able to give a list of providers.

Many thanks and kind regards. Val Brown SR Welfare Officer

## **Southern Region Mens Artistic Report Jan – Sept 2012**

At the beginning of this year the squad for 2012 was selected. Members of the coaching selected around 25 gymnasts who would be expected to attend 4 regional squad sessions a year in various locations in the South. (Dynamo, Basingstoke & Milton Keynes are the host venues)  
The boys contribute to funding the Mens programme by paying for these sessions which enables the development of potential teams of gymnasts that go forward to the National club grade finals each year.  
The money the gymnasts contribute goes towards the cost of hire for each of the venues mentioned above.  
In March 2012, we held our annual Setwork Qualifier which is used to select the Regional teams that go forward to the National finals, this year being held at the GMAC, Birmingham in May. The gymnasts pay for the entry themselves, but do receive a finals t-shirt provided by the Region. The results, as of the previous 2 years are that each team sit around the 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> place team position.  
The feeling amongst the Regional coaches is that the programme within many lower level clubs is not suitable or of a higher enough standard of quality coaching and planning for our teams to step up to the next level and begin challenging for medals.  
There is evidence to back this statement up as the 4<sup>th</sup> and sometimes the third 3<sup>rd</sup> highest scorer in each team and no where near capable of scoring what is acceptable at this level.  
However individual achievements do happen at the National finals where good club programmes or standout individuals within these clubs come through to score very well.  
In April of this year the Regional coach, Adam Paterson (Dynamo) was appointed one of 5 Excel coaches within Great Britain. He has a responsibility to the National Technical director/National Coach to increase participation in MAG through new clubs and contacts.  
Since April, 3 Excel coaching clinics have been set up (Jul, Sep & Nov) to provide additional CPD to coaches within the South region and a general aim to get everyone singing from the same sheet.  
With the 2 clinic just about to take place, the clinics have been received well from coaches and the feeling is that they are "useful" and "interesting".  
As a result of these clinics we have made new contacts with Bulmershe who expressed a desire for MAG and also Slough Gymnastics club as the new mens head coach moved out of WAG at Rushmoor GA to take this role.  
Individual achievements include a Top 10 placing in the Level 1 Elite Grades from Lyle Harry (Dynamo) and a Top 10 placing in Level 2 Elite Grades from Leo Zervos (MK). As a result of his

Level 1 results – Lyle Harry was a selected wildcard for the Elite Performance national squad. Callum Sims (Dynamo) came 6<sup>th</sup> in Level 5 and was reselected for Elite Performance National squad for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year. Callum has also just gain selection for his first international where he will compete in the Future Cup, Austria as part of a 4 man GBR team. A competition where last year GBR beat the Japanese juniors.

Tom Barnes (Rushmoor) was crowned 2012 Scottish Champion. A brilliant achievement for someone who is now heavily involved in producing his own gymnasts at Rushmoor aswell still competing at a high level.

Charlie Howard (Dynamo) finished his final year of Elite Performance squad (6 consecutive years) with another trip to the Rhiental Cup, Switzerland where GBR took the top 3 places.

Charlie 3<sup>rd</sup> all around and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Floor final.

Other results include 4<sup>th</sup> U16 British Championships, Liverpool : 2<sup>nd</sup> Pommel, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rings, 3<sup>rd</sup> High bar.

1<sup>st</sup> Pegasus Open : 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Pommel, Rings, P-bar and High bar. 3<sup>rd</sup> Vault.

Charlie was invited to a joint training camp between GBR and French Juniors where he trialed for the Junior Top squad.

Shortly before the Regional Championships take place in October at Dynamo. David-Roy Wood left Basingstoke to work within the opening/closing ceremonies at the Olympic Games. David has now off travelling the world and we welcome back Alberto Cacace to Basingstoke who will help keep up the good work David has done for the South Region.

#### **Members of the committee during 2012**

Henry Burkingyoung	Chairman
Jack Jones	Treasurer
Jacky Paterson	Administration / Kit
Adam Paterson	Coach
David-Roy Wood	Coach
(Alberto Cacace)	Coach