

Regional Committee Meeting – July 2010 – Reports

British Gymnastics Southern Region - Chair's Report

This has been a quiet time for the Management Committee as most disciplines are heavily into competitions both Regional and National championships. The region has a group of new course tutors identified and will shortly embark on training. This will ensure that the Region is well staffed and courses can meet the needs of the regional clubs. The new Trampoline tutors will need to attend Trampoline Specific training and I hope that the Regional Committee will support the new tutors in this.

My apologies to the regional clubs for failing to submit our regional names for the national awards. This was due to my error and for this I apologise.

I have been unable to contact Gareth Tyzack I regret that he has felt it impossible to continue with running the Women's Artistic Committee. On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank him for his efforts and wish him well. It is important that the WA clubs form a new committee as soon as possible. My thanks to Helen and Cristina for their assistance given to this WA discipline through this time of change.

The Regional Festival did not recruit and the Committee needs to assess the reason for this and decide what further action can be taken to develop this type of activity.

Trampoline Committee Report

Southern Trampolining has had recent difficulties with Regional Competitions. The January grading was hit by bad weather and the planned organiser of the recent regional competition was unable to secure a venue. The Committee was very grateful to the Wight Flyers who volunteered at the last minute to host the recent Regional grading competition.

The regional activity is now overshadowed by the forthcoming National Championships in Birmingham. This year Trampolining will be joined by Tumbling at the NIA and the Regional will be well represented by local clubs in both disciplines.

The Region has 3 new tutors in training and this will ensure that there are local tutors for levels 1&2 throughout our area.

The Region has not hosted any of the update courses as yet since last year's activity secured some of the last Club Coach and Senior Club Coach Courses. The new coaching programme at Level 3 is in four modules and the Southern Region will host modules 3& 4 early next year.

Hampshire Development Officer Report

Disability Roadshow

The first Hampshire Disability Roadshow took place on Sunday 9th May at Chamberlayne Leisure Centre. Three clubs supplied coaches to assist on the day, these were Just Jump, Basingstoke and Southampton. Although numbers were small there was some fantastic work on display and some ideas sharing from across the clubs. Coaches who helped on the day will now be offered a place on a disability add on module.

Hampshire Tumbling Camp

This is to take place on 2nd – 6th August 2010 at Basingstoke Gymnastics Club. It is to cater for both gymnasts and coaches across all levels. The course is also open to coaches and gymnasts from other gymnastic disciplines as it will cover most tumbling skills. The Camp will be split into practical and theory sessions on each day and will cover items such as Judging Updates, Coach Education updates, Nutrition advice, and Skill Development.

Hampshire Key Step Teachers Course

The first of these courses will be rolled out in September. There is likely to be 6 courses delivered in the year. It is expected that there will be a high uptake of teachers on each course and we expect that this will result in a larger number of schools using the Key Step resource and a larger number of children taking part in school festivals and competitions.

Hampshire Schools Gymastics Association

This group was established last year. It ran it's first County event, this being a Next Step Trampoline Competition for College students. Prior to the event, a group of Young Leaders from the Trampoline Academy at Taunton's College sat and passed the first level Judging Award – Introductory Judging Award. They then judged at the Next Step trampoline event.

Plans are underway for the coming year which includes running a Next Step Acro competition for Secondary Schools, a Next Step Trampoline Competition for Schools and Colleges, and 3 Key Step Competitions across the County for Key Stage 2 pupils.

Regional Administrator Report

Communication

Weekly e-newsletters have now a slightly different format, following suggestions from different club members. I am trying to continuously adapt the communication to the needs of our members and to ease the way they receive the information as well as improving the content.

Website

The website has been updated on a regular basis, by posting news, events, case studies, newsletters and other information for the clubs. As a request from the previous regional committee meeting, I contacted our website provider to check the cost and process to include the number of hits on the website and also create a PayPal account for regional affiliation.

The Stats is an additional £15 p.a. plus Vat.

The cost for adding a payment facility for affiliation fees is as follows:

Option 1: Basic fields (i.e. the name /club name and address / contact details of the payee) + paypal payment + notification system: £285.00 plus Vat

Option 2: As per Option 1 but including all the fields on the current regional affiliated form: £450.00 plus Vat

Regional Affiliation 2011

In order to create a simplified way of collecting information, I verified the content of the CRM and our current regional affiliation form and decided to eliminate the duplicated information. As a result I attached the proposed regional affiliation form for 2011. If we go with the online option, using the simplified version of the regional affiliation form would save us about £180. Also, I would recommend looking into the online registration for courses.

Regional Club Conference 2011

The preparation for the Club Conference 2011 has started and we now have a certain date and venue for the conference. I also included a separate proposal along with some of the forms for our next Club Conference. We plan to start advertising the event in September, in our quarterly newsletter, on the website, posters, weekly e-newsletter and partners websites.

Southern Region Development Report

New clubs:

The past few months has seen the opening of Slough Gymnastics (offering Women's Artistic and General Gymnastics) based in Slough, RAF Gymnastics (offering General Gymnastics) based in Aylesbury, Pinnacle Trampoline Club (offering Trampolining and Street Cheer) based in Reading and Aspire Gymnastics at Frogmore (offering Pre School Gymnastics, Women's Artistic and General Gymnastics) based in Yateley. We welcome you to the region and look forward to working with you in the future.

Regional Festival:

We took the decision to cancel the regional festival due to take place in July due to a small number of entries and some last minute teams that dropped out. Feedback received from clubs has been taken on board and the event will be re launched soon for delivery early in the new year. Watch this space for more information.

Berkshire Gymnastics Action Group:

Successfully ran a county wide Key Step gymnastics event and a Next Step trampoline event open to school and club based performers across the county of Berkshire. The competition managers and the Action Group led these events. Thank you to all involved for making it a successful and fun event.

The Action Group raised £42 on entry fees for the Gymnastics event, which was donated to Pinewood Gymnastics Club to thank them for use of their Gymnastics Facility. £210 was also granted from the Berkshire Community Foundation to go towards medals and volunteer expenses.

Funding for Clubs:

A new funding newsletter will be created every 2 months and can be viewed at:
http://www.gymnasticsengland.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=51&Itemid=131

National Club Conference and Awards:

Congratulations to Stuart Woods for being awarded the Most Improved Gymnast Award at the National Club Conference in June. Full details available on the British Gymnastics Website.

Facility Strategy:

The national facility strategy is almost complete and will be an invaluable document to support those looking for new facilities/satellite centres/facility extensions. Watch this space for further information.