WAG TECHNICAL COMMITEE

Gymnastics Australia
Women's Gymnastics

Minutes of Meeting held on the 7th August 2014

No.	ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.0	**Attendance**	Heidi Rose , Tracy Holmes, Donna Grocott, Colleen Ballantyne, Melissa Read, Amanda Deurloo, Regan Molyneaux, Ben Barnard, Devon Phillips	
2.0	**Apologies**		
3.0	**Acceptance of Previous Minutes**	Tracy Holmes, Donna Grocott	
4.0	**Business Arising from Previous Minutes**	4.1 HR to speak to Paula regarding updating judges 4.2 HR to contact Commission regarding Carol Sussman award and uniform rules 4.3 HR to follow up exemption form for website 4.4 HR to edit Elite Operational plan 4.5 HR to send TH spreadsheet for tie-breaking	
5.0	**For Decision Making**	**5.1 GWA Event Review Survey** • Completed at TC Meeting	
6.0	**For Discussion**	**6.1 WAG ALP Update** • Sub Committee discussing possible changes for 2015 • Brainstorm document discussed with TC • GA Survey results still not issued/released **6.2 Technical Workshops for new ALP Skills** Suggested workshops to be run: • Bars skills specific to new ALP (i.e. Underswing, Swing 1/2, Flyaway) • Conditioning for coaches spotting • Any other ideas please send to HR **6.3 2015 Calendar Update** • Calendar planning stalled due to WAG ALP program changes and waiting for definite dates for Australian Championships • Event Handbook and Tech Regulations to be updated once more information available from GA. May require special meeting/agreement to changes over email.	
7.0	**For Noting**	**7.1 Technical Director Report** Attached. Key items of note: • Debrief for Perth International held	

		o Event came in under budget. o HR to send through feedback from debrief to TC o HR to ask board for permission from GWA to discuss event with other states and GA **7.2 Coaching Co-ordinator Report** Attached. Key items of note: • Final dates for Talent Squad to be confirmed **7.3 Judging Co-ordinator Report** Verbal report: • Education day held and well attended. Feedback was good • Judges function held – turnout was not terrific, working on feedback on how to get new judges to come to functions. **7.4 Event Co-ordinator Report** Attached. Key items discussed: • Music issue discussed • Team Pennants Key issue discussed (i.e. access to keys when Door person unavailable) **7.5 Elite Liaison Report** Attached. **7.6 GWA Gymsport Section Report** Attached. **7.7 ALP Draft Distribution – Survey to clubs** **7.8 Club Liaison Reports** Nothing discussed/advised.	HR HR
8.0	**Any Other Business**	• Denmark Leotard email discussed	
9.0	**Meeting Closed**	**9.55 pm**	
10.0	**Next Meeting**	2nd October 2014	

WAG Technical Director

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August 2014 Report

1.0 Events & Meetings

- North West Regionals - Friday 4th – Sunday 6th July
- Club Levels #1 – Friday 4th – Sunday 6th July
- WAG Judges Education Day Sunday 13th July
- WAG National Program sub-committee meeting – Wednesday 23rd July
- Perth International De-brief – Thursday 24th July
    - Very positive. Great to get the details regarding Profit & Loss line items.
- Team Pennants – 26-27th July
- Judges Function – Saturday 26th July
    - Great venue and food. Info circulated via numerous methods might increase numbers ☺
- Commonwealth Games (Glasgow) – 2 Silver Medals for WA (1 Team, 1 Lauren Mitchel Floor)

2.0 Communications & Completed Items

- Team Pennants Music Playlist
- WAG National Program Sub-committee: people approached & meetings scheduled
    - Two meetings held Wednesday 23rd July & Wednesday 6th August
- Perth International De-brief meeting – Thursday 24th July.

3.0 Outstanding Items

- Finalised Talent Squad budget to be submitted to Paula Dick
- Fully Documented Operational Plans for:
    - State Team (updated from March TC meeting) – *deferred* update based on unknowns with National Program
    - Elite (needs to be presented to GWA & GA) – *needs to be updated from last meeting*
- Minutes from Elite Forum meeting to be circulated to attendees with Survey
    - waiting for Regan Molyneaux to provide suggestions for Survey questions.
- WAG TC Review of Perth International: consideration to submit request to GWA Board to run another late in 2015
- Communications Plan for Clubs regarding National Levels rollout and Events

4.0 Coming up

- Loftus Challenge 8-10th August
- Judges Invitational 22-24th August

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1.0 – Up coming Competitions
WAG Loftus Challenge (August 8-10)
WAG Judges Invitational (August 22)
Chetkovich Cup (October 18th @ 7pm HBF Stadium) Watch this space

2.0
Talent Squad Planning with Heidi meetings to be scheduled

3.0
Trans Bass State team training scheduled
1st session – 16th August 3-6pm West Coast Gymnastics
2nd session – 06th September 3-6pm Loftus Centre
All club coaches not travelling are encouraged to come with their gymnasts.

WAG Events Coordinator

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ACTION SUMMARY FORMS

1. **CLUB LEVELS #1 COMPETITION 4th – 6th July**
   - Recommended to have a spare microphone in the drawer
     - *GWA – RG one was used (as GWA staff member was in attendance). May be worth having spare mic and amp just incase.*
   - Not enough ribbons or medals for some sessions
   - Printer running out of toner
     - *GWA did not have any spares, but all future competitions will have a spare in the boardroom*
   - Issues with music – track names are changed once song is played.
     - *GWA - The play list appeared to be very complicated for a volunteer to deal with. MR was the Floor Manager at the event and spent a great deal of time helping the volunteer. If potentially the Floor Manager finds difficulty with the play list then we will have an issue the event. Can iTunes not be used as a play list that is more user friendly?*
   - More towels and buckets available for when it rains.
2. **WAG NDP LEVEL 4 & 5 BADGE TEST 20th July**
   - No issues present at competition. College Park ran a fantastic competition.
   - Their volunteers were education prior to the competition so they knew their roles perfectly!
3. **TEAM PENNANTS COMPETITION 26th – 27th July**
   - Initial set up – Door personnel did not arrive on time and as she was the only one who had a key to the boardroom, set up was delayed which delayed the competition.
     - *Is someone else able to have a key to both GWA and the boardroom? i.e.: Events Coordinator or person responsible for setting up? If we had to set up all judges' computers we would need to arrive before the Door personnel.*
     - *GWA – Will go to the next managers meeting to discuss.*
   - Some FM's were not aware of changes to music setup prior to the event. An email to Floor Managers of any changes next time would be nice, particularly if they had not managed for some time.
     - *GWA – Will email Floor Managers prior to next event.*
   - Possibility of downloading the Floor Managers files prior to the competition?
     - *GWA – Will email floor managers with any changes. Also important that ALL floor managers read the notes at the start of the file.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **WAG Loftus Challenge** **8th – 10th August**
2. **WAG Judges Invitational** **22nd – 24th August**
3. **State Championships** **11th – 14th September**
4. **WAG Trans Bass Challenge** **18th – 21st September**
5. **Club Levels Competition #2** **26th – 28th September**

WG Elite Liaison – July 2014

Up and coming International Events

- **Youth Olympics – Nanjing China**
  Michelle Yardley

Other up and coming Events

- Loftus Challenge – IDP Sunday 10th August
- Judges Invitational – Friday 22nd – 24th August
- Ideal Testing with Jo Richards – Monday 1st September to Thursday 4th September
- Spring State Championships – Thursday 11th – Sunday 14th September

International Events

- **Commonwealth Games**
  - Congratulations to Lauren Mitchell, Olivia Vivian and Martine George from the WAIS program. Terrific result for the team placing 2nd and Lauren Mitchell placing 2nd on floor. Olivia had a fantastic all around event finishing in 5th overall.
- **World Championships – 27th September – 2nd October**
  - TBC

National Events

- World Championships Training Camp
  - TBC

State Events - Talent Identification / Commonwealth Games Promotion

- Michelle Yardley has completed the Ideal Testing for the IDP 1 – 3 athletes in 2014. In discussions with WAIS staff on ways to assist clubs with the IDP program and earlier TID and increased coach education. Regan, Michelle and Dhana to meet with Jo Richards on education ideas, follow up of ideal testing workshop and ways to report and track athlete progress in the state.
  - Jo Richards next visit at WAIS / WA ideal testing week from 1st – 5th Sep, 2014.
  - Regan has contacted Star Mites / Swan Districts and arranged schedule with Jo Richards.
- WAIS conducted green and gold day. Lots of excitement. Regan liaised with Tahnee to put updates on website as they became available. When Martine, Lauren, Olivia return look at possible promotion. However both athletes will be preparing for World Championships so to keep this in mind.
- State Championships - Idea to promote our Commonwealth Games Gymnasts, National Squad members, etc We have Rhythmic and WAG athletes for Commonwealth Games, Max and Josh MAG program, Tramp athletes or just WAG display.
- Elite Forum – When Jo Richards is at WAIS, conclusion of IDP Sessions on Saturday 13th September at State Champs, promotion at State Champs on Sunday 14th September?
- Contacted clubs encouraging coaches / judges to attend training for professional development.

WAG Gymsport Report

August 2014

Gymsports Section Notes and Information

1) WAG Schools Event – Entries are in for this year's event, with numbers very similar to 2013 (194 compared to 202). Substantial growth has been made in the Primary School divisions though, with 108 athletes entered in Divisions 4 & 5.

2) Spring State Championships - Entries are in for this event also, with numbers increasing from 507 to 548 (provisional number!). 4 Regional Clubs (all from the NW) will be attending the event.

3) GWA Event Review – Surveys are in the process of being distributed to both Clubs and Technical Committees to gauge their feedback on the current GWA calendar events. This review is part of the GWA Gymsports Section Strategic activities, linking in to the GWA Strategic Plan. Feedback from both parties will be used to assist GWA and the TC's in planning for events in 2015.

4) September Gymsports & Judging Co-ordinators Meeting (4th Sept) will not be used for calendar planning, since the GWA draft calendar cannot be completed until the dates for Australian Championships have been made available. A replacement Calendar Planning meeting will be set for early October. The extra time will also allow for the feedback from the GWA Event Review to be collated and findings distributed to the TC's.

Business Arising From Previous Minutes

Nil

GWA Board Meeting Minutes (June)

4.1 Membership Update

RG presented a Membership Dashboard detailing a variety of charts with membership information. Board Members commented on the usefulness of this tool. RG suggested that Dashboard should be presented to Tech. Committees and Clubs. It was agreed that the front page of the Dashboard would be appended to the Board minutes on the website on a half yearly basis (June and January).

6.4 WAG Australian Levels Program

The Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG) National Commission, along with Gymnastics Australia, in consultation with the gymnastics community, have commenced phase three of the four phase plan to launch a new WAG Australian Levels Program (ALP).

The aim of the ALP is to bring the WAG Levels community together, including the International and National Levels Program, State Levels Programs and Club Levels Programs, on one pathway across Australia.

An extensive range of resources and programs are currently being developed and the draft skills content (curriculum) was been issued to relevant clubs, coaches and judges for their review on 24 June.

The GWA Board noted the following:

- The implementation of the WAG Australian Levels Program is likely to have an effect on the GWA calendar, planning, staffing structure, club structures, capacity of states and GA to facilitate, event structure and financial implications when WA moves across to the new program.

- RG met with Heidi Rose (WAG TC Director) and discussed setting up a WAG Implementation Committee to move forward in this space to look at possible events for the WAG community.
- A financial committee needs to be set up to complete a financial analysis and identify gaps before the program can commence in WA.
- Nationally, it has been agreed that there will be a National approach when initially going out to the clubs and members. One of the major points to come out of the meeting was the decision from GA to implement the program in 2015. This will only occur if all resources, capabilities of GA and the States to facilitate the program are ready to go out to the community.

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7.1. DSR HP Review

The GWA Board noted the Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) has recently developed a High Performance (HP) Profiling Tool to be used as part of an externally facilitated HP Review with targeted State Sporting Associations.

The DSR Gymnastics WA High Performance Review was held on the 12th June 2014.

The purpose of the facilitated HP review is to –

- Assess effectiveness of SSAs across a number of areas critical to sustained high performance success;
- Identify those areas with the greatest potential impact on improving future performance;
- Develop a common understanding of priorities; and
- Engage stakeholders and secure buy-in to the SSA HP plan.

7.2. SGC Equipment Update

RG and SCH met with J & F in regards to the equipment plan for the State Gymnastics Centre.
Gym Nova and Acromat have also been contacted in regards to equipment for the centre. The GWA Board noted that Acromat have started producing new equipment and have submitted equipment to the FIG for accreditation. The GWA Board noted the current Acromat podium matting was not suitable for the needs of the SGC.

7.3. Commonwealth Games Representatives

The GWA Board congratulates Amy Quinn (RGA/WAIS), Lauren Mitchell (CPGA/WAIS) and Olivia Vivian (CPGA/WAIS) on their selection onto the Australian Commonwealth Games team.

7.4. AASC

The GWA Board noted the following:

- From January 2015, AASC will no longer exist. Money will now be given to 35 sports (including gymnastics) to deliver sport to schools. School programs can take place before, during and after school.
- Only affiliated members of the NSO/SSA will be able to deliver to schools.
- Roll out will be as follows –
  - Jan 2015: Administration
  - Term 2 2015 programs to commence in schools

The GWA Board agreed that this was a good outcome that will provide more exposure for GWA.