



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Held at Port Hedland Youth & Family Centre Port Hedland

18th & 19th November 2006

Day 1 Saturday 18th November 2006 Commenced 3:15pm

1 Welcome:

Andrew welcomes all and thanked them for their attendance.

2 Attendance:

Hedland Gymnastic Club - Andrew McLaughlin, Kristy McMaster, Tanya Pascoe, Daniel Pascoe

Karratha Gymnastic Club - Rose Clark, Amanda Clark

Pearl Coast Gymnastic Club Broome - Charmaine Snow, Sue Howard, Kystal Cilia, Annie Henry-Kerr

Wickham Gymnastic Club - Kaye Rundle

Newman Gymnastic Club - Michelle Porro, Chantelle Donnes

Gascoyne Gymnastic Club & Exmouth Gymnastic Club - Stella Johnson

3 Apologies:

Hedland Gymnastic Club - Kerry O'Callaghan-Sear

Kununurra Gymnastic Club - Stephi Eppler

4 Message to the North West Gymnastic Community

Andrew reinforced to all present that united we are the NWRGA.

We need to take this message back to our respective clubs. We need to be mindful that if you require items to go into the development plan then you need to attend the AGM or at the very least send in a detailed report of requirements/requests.

We need to be pro-active; you can't just say that I told the NWRGA. As united we are the NWRGA; needs your help and assistance. Volunteer's time has been shrinking over the years and at the end of the day those few who are driving the association suffer, with too much strain on too few along with their families

We have the funding, resources and expertise, it's time to support each other and move forward.

5 Minutes from previous AGM meeting:

Minutes from previous AGM accepted a true and fair record of events:

Moved: Charmaine Snow

Seconded: Daniel Pascoe

6 Reports:

Presidents Report (as attached)

Treasurers Report (as attached)

7 Question Time:

7.1 Broome Op Spec:

Discussion of Stones - levels, to be re-implemented.

Action: Annie Henry-Kerr & Krystal Cilia

7.2 Automatic Upgrades:

Discussions on difficulties faced when an automatic upgrade after regional's say puts a gymnast from Level 1 to Op Spec 3, then if they go to states they do Op Spec 2. Perth indicates there shouldn't be cut offs.

Explained that Perth only run with one stream whereas the NW compete in two different streams, so the upgrades are implemented to try to make it so each gymnast gets a chance of doing well. A gymnast that cleans up at Regional's would be moved up to give them a challenge and others a chance to do well. This **IS NOT** an automatic upgrade. At Op Spec you can choose different skills and the coach needs to evaluate which skills would be best for the gymnast with safety in mind.

To avoid confusion in the future there is to be a list of names of the competitors who are being moved up for Op Spec. This list is to be sent to all NW clubs.

Action: Secretary

Once a gymnast competes at Level Op Spec 4 they cannot compete again at a lower level without an application for approval to do so. Need to establish who this application needs to go to.

Action: Secretary

7.3 Communication:

It is acknowledged that there have been some communication errors, but it is reinforced clubs need to be pro-active, you cannot sit back and just wait for information.

In a positive step forward it is great to welcome Stella to the NW and thank her for attending.

Teleconferencing was looked into as a means of improving and making attendance at meetings and communication easier, however it is way too expensive. SKYPE for now is the way to go. This has been partially implemented at Hedland and hopefully will expand to other clubs in the future.

7.4 North West Trailer:

This project is to be actioned in 2007.

7.5 GWA:

As you are aware there have been many changes occurring within GWA office, at this stage until this is all sorted, we cannot rely on support from GWA as they are facing their own crisis. We need to stand alone until GWA are back on track and relations re-established with the new personnel. State events are to be added to the NW Calendar.

Action: Secretary

7.6 NW Academy Sport

At this stage unsure if this will go ahead for 2007. Andrew advised that he had submitted a case to GWA - with achievements from the program, however now that Gratton has left we will now need to continue the work with the new director Robyn. Hopefully this will continue.

7.7 Direct Debits and Bank Deposits:

The treasurer has requested that when making direct deposit to the NWRGA account that you email the treasurer and chairperson with the details to assist with reconciliations and communications.

7.8 Regionals Payments:

As the books close on 30th June and the Regional competition is held in the next financial year it is requested that payment for Regionals is made by cheque that way it can be banked in July. To be noted in the Working Booklet "Regionals to be paid by cheque ONLY".

Action: Secretary

7.9 Electronic Banking:

Need to investigate electronic banking options.

Action: Treasurer

7.10 Department of Sport & Recreation:

DSR have requested that we change from financial years to calendar years for our funding applications. Other organisations are currently doing this. They have advised should we agree to this option they will fund for 18months initially to bring the funding into line for calendar years. Handouts were passed around, in-depth discussions held over the funding budget and the process explained. Unanimously agreed to move to calendar year as proposed by DSR. Finalised plans to be distributed to all NW clubs.

Action: Secretary

7.11 Judging Coordinator

Judging Coordinators position description to be modified.

Action: Secretary

8 Stand down of Committee:

Stand down of committee and election of office bearers and committee for 2007.

Chairperson:

Nomination:	Andrew McLaughlin	Accepted Nomination - Yes
Seconded By:	All	

Vice Chairperson:

Nomination:	Rose Clark	Accepted Nomination - Yes
Seconded By:	Amanda Clark	

Treasurer:

Nomination: Kaye Rundle Accepted Nomination - Yes
Seconded By: Daniel Pascoe

Secretary:

Nomination: Helen Westley Accepted Nomination - Yes
Seconded By: Krystal Cilia

Judging Coordinator:

Nomination: Krystal Cilia Accepted Nomination - Yes
Seconded By: Charmaine Snow

Coach Coordinator:

Nomination: Annie Henry-Kerr Accepted Nomination - Yes
Seconded By: Charmaine Snow

Publicity Officer:

Nomination: Amanda Clark Accepted Nomination - Yes
Seconded By: Annie Henry-Kerr

Close of business Day 1, meeting closed 5:25pm

Meeting to resume for Day 2 Sunday 19th November at 8:00am

1 Welcome:

Andrew welcomes all back to day 2. Andrew made a presentation to Leigh Maclead and thanked her for the huge input she had made to gymnastics in the North West and wish her Darren and family all the best.

2 Attendance:

Hedland Gymnastic Club - Andrew McLaughlin, Kristy McMaster, Tanya Pascoe, Daniel Pascoe, Leigh MacLead.

Karratha Gymnastic Club - Rose Clark, Amanda Clark

Pearl Coast Gymnastic Club Broome - Charmaine Snow, Sue Howard, Kystal Cilia, Annie Henry-Kerr

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4 Review of Minutes from Day 1

Reviewed budget for 12 month plan discussed to be expanded to cover the 18 months.

5 Planning & Budget:

General discussions, Newman clarified that they never agreed that gymnastics would be at the North West Games. Newman expressed their disappointment and offence with comments recorded at last AGM.

It was expressed the importance of attendance at AGM's so involvement with discussion can occur or at the very least detailed reports to be submitted.

5.1 Congress:

To be held in Karratha long weekend 3rd & 4th March. Chantelle Donnes - Newman Gymnastics Club gives apologies will be unable to attend Congress.

Suggested Content:

MAG Judging

Level 1 WAG or GG

General Principles

Kindergym

Limbers & Walkover Bridging Courses

Salto Course

Level 1 MAG

Skills Clinics

Acro

Adult Program

Cheerleading

Administration

Judging Level 2

Look into approaching DSR for Officiating Scholarships for the Level 2 Judging Course for Kaye Rundle, Kystal Celia & Amanda Clark.

5.2 Badge Testing:

To be held in Port Hedland & Broome 2nd & 3rd June, this will also double as a planning meeting for Regionals. Need to include MAG judging at Badge testing. Exmouth & Carnarvon will need assistance to do NDP Badge Testing.

5.4 North West Games:

After much discussion gymnastics will do a Skill Mix /gym Challenge as part of the North West Games to be held in Newman. Need to write to the NW Games committee to seek to lock in Sunday 30th September for Gymnastics Skill Mix. Closing date for NW Games to be advised from NW Games committee.

Action: Helen Westley

Regional's:

To be held in Newman 7th & 8th July. Closing date for Regionals 25th May, definitive closing date 22nd June. Regionals Briefing 6th July & debriefing on Monday 9th July.

5.3 Broome op Spec:

Newman requested consideration be given to hold the Broome Op Spec in Newman in conjunction with the NW Games. Broome would like this competition to remain in Broome and stated that if it was being held in Newman in 2007 they would be unable to attend due to cost factors. Kununurra also expressed that they would be unable to attend Newman due to distance. Newman also stated that they would not attend Broome Op Spec in Broome also due to cost factors. Due to North West Games, the competition will need to be moved to the mid weekend of the school holidays 6th & 7th October. Closing date for Broome Op Spec entries 24th August, definitive closing date 21st September. Op Spec Planning meeting 1st September. Briefing 5th October & debriefing Monday 8th October.

Clinics 8th -10th October, Need to establish time tables for the clinics with physical conditioning scheduled for late on Tuesday, early Wednesday. Keep Monday for Level 1/2 clinics. Annie to develop a draft timetable for clinics and send copy to all NW clubs for comment.

Action: Annie Henry-Kerr

Each competition to have a different job allocation sheet developed.

Action: Annie Henry-Kerr / Helen Westley

5.4: AGM 2007:

To be held in Port Hedland 17th & 18th November 2007.

6 General Business:

6.1 Age Cut Off:

Has been trialled in and out. Clarifying if turning 10 within the calendar year they must compete at Level 2, this will only apply to Regionals.

Minimum age is turning 6 within the calendar year this applied to both boys & girls.

6.1 Seeking exemptions:

Applications for exemptions are to be addressed to the Coaching & Judging Coordinators. They will determine if approval is given and the exemption emailed to all clubs via the NWRGA secretary. Personal details will not be disclosed as a matter of privacy.

6.3 Vault Table:

To be established a phasing in period for compulsory use of the vault table.

6.4 Gymnastics Camps:

Look at establishing gym camps like those held in Perth. Look at commencing with a camp at Broome comp and expand from there.

6.5 Working with Children Checks

If you are a volunteer working with children under the age of 6yrs you need to get a WWC certification now.

6.6 Kindergym Course:

Stella advised there will be a Kindergym course held in Carnarvon on 10th & 11th March 2007. Alida Scott will possibly be running the course.

6.7 Scholarship Jackets:

Some gymnasts from 2004 & 2005 scholarships have still not received their jackets. Advised the ruling was changed from getting jackets to getting the T-shirt & shorts.

6.8 NWRGA Committee T-Shirts:

To be arranged for new committee members, supplier Tee-Wai Karratha.

6.9 Show Bags:

Agreed to no longer do show bags but instead to have one token item as well as the souvenir t-shirt. Something like a water bottle, cap, gym bag etc. To keep costs down need to seek sponsorship or donation towards the costs. However any costs incurred will be paid by the association.

6.10 Canteen:

Any fruit and fruit juice provided to the competitors from the canteen will be an association expense, the association will pay or reimburse the hosting club and producing a tax invoice/ receipt.

6.11 Participation Certificates:

In Perth the participation certificates came out with the competitors scores on them. Look at the possibility of this being done at the scorers table.

6.12 Perth Op Spec:

The Perth Op Spec comp was very much as 2nd hand comp, compared to States. The entry costs are the same and there were more competitors than states with 539 entries in 2006. The NW needs to increase the prestige for Op Spec.

6.13 Scores out of 15:

The new scoring system has now been in place and hopefully Perth have worked all the bugs out. A new computer scoring program is being developed and the scoring WILL be out of 15 in 2007. Approval sought to purchase the new program or upgrade as required. Approved unanimously.

6.14 Lap Top Computer:

Seeking authorisation to purchase a new lap top computer for the secretary as the current one is the first one purchased and now obsolete. Unanimous approval to purchase to the value of \$2,500.00.

6.15: Air Boards:

Need to seek clarification from GWA on the ruling for using air boards or must we use spring boards or is it optional.

Action: Krystal Cilia

6.16: Bar Height:

The holes showing on the low bar must equal the holes showing on the high bar. The height of the low bar is 167 measured from the top of the low bar to the floor not including matting. Additional mats may be added to decrease the height of the bar.

6.17: 2006 Attendance Records:

Some coaches did not receive their updating points from attending meeting/courses in 2006. Andrew to send attendance records to Rose for distribution. Coaches can then send this information to gain their updating points.

Action: Andrew McLaughlin / Rose Clark

Annie Henry-Kerr & Amanda Clark are trialling on-line technical membership renewal this year.

Andrew officially closed the meeting reminding all that we are all on the same team lets work together.

Meeting closed 11:40am

Next Meeting TBA