

JUDGING CO-ORDINATORS COMMITTEE

Notes of Meeting held on the 23rd July 2008

No.	ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.0	Attendance	<p>MAG: Zoey Blampey (ZB) MAG: Richard Kural (RK) WAG: Tracy Holmes (TH) TRAMP: Pam Walker (PW) CHEER: Ann Ranieri (AR) * (Ann to provide feed back to AERO SMC)</p> <p>Observers: Robyn Kuhl (RJK) Adele Taylor (AT) Ruth Gibbons (RG)</p>	
2.0	Apologies	<p>AER: Debs Van Hagen (DVH) RG: Karyn Gillgallon (KG) MAG: Michael Williams (MW) ACRO: Jane Collins (JC)</p>	
3.0	Acceptance of Previous Minutes	<p>Meeting commenced at 7.45pm</p> <p>The notes from previous meeting were read. All agreed that they were true and correct.</p>	
4.0	Business Arising from Previous Minutes	<p>4.1 Item 8.3 - Judging Payment Slips. WAG, CHEER, and TRAMP have handed them into Sally. MAG had not at the time of the meeting. MW to given within the following week to hand in.</p> <p>4.2 Item Note brought up by RJK. Statistics from 17th July 2008. There are currently 66 registered coaches/judges and 92 registered judges in the Gymnastics WA system. The total number of Technical Members for last year was 292. The number of Technical Members is currently at 347.</p>	RK to notify MW.

		<p>4.3 Item Competition Forms. The time frame has become an issue with the number of unregistered gymnasts transferring from other clubs and country clubs. This is delaying the order of work from going out. GWA is continuing to work with clubs to resolve this issue, with GWA Board making changes in relation to competition entry and registration changes corrections. (Refer to section 8.17)</p>	
5.0	Reports	5.1	
6.0	Correspondence In	6.1 Item NIL	
7.0	Correspondence Out	7.1 Item NIL	
8.0	General Business	<p>8.1 Judging Presenters. It has been noted that a number of people that have been presenting at judging courses are not actually accredited as state presenters. This has caused a huge issue for the State and for the individuals involved.</p> <p>MAG: MW needs to complete his judging presenting training as it is part of his funding agreement.</p> <p>TRAMP: Sam Shephard is currently in system as a trainee presenter.</p> <p>WAG: Tracey Holmes and Nicola Aspinall are in the process of becoming state presenters. AERO: Debs Van Hagen is team presenting on the weekend at the AERO judging course and hopefully will complete her requirements to become accredited.</p> <p>8.2 SMC Planning - Year 2009 onwards 8.2.1 RK – It is an expectation that the 2009 Gymsport program planning package is completed by the SMC's as per the agreed planning action plan. Each Gymsport needs to take note;</p> <p>that if the sport only has one state judging presenter accredited, the gymsport needs to make sure the presenter will be available for the allocated date of the judging courses prior to placing on the 2009 calendar. The Board will not accept the presenter not being in the state/or available to present as an excuse for moving a course to another date.</p>	<p>R.K to follow up with MW.</p> <p>RG – The SMC's need to plan to have sufficient judging presenters over the next cycle. The SMC's need to find suitable trainee presents to commence in 2009.</p>

		<p>8.2.2 The North West Region need to be informed of the correct procedure with regard to judging and education. Accreditation education courses must go through the Education Officer. The correct forms and appropriate presenters must be organised with the GWA Education Officer before a course is advertised and given the go ahead. Any decisions are made out of the calendar, it needs to go to the Board, with the information being passed through the GWA Education Officer.</p> <p>8.3 Car Parking Passes.</p> <p>8.3.1. Due to the 3 hour parking limit around the Loftus Centre and the limited number of parking The Town of Vincent has allocated 70 Parking Permits for the year. If a permit is lost it will not be replaced until the following year.</p> <p>8.3.2. Discussed that the 70 Passes should either be split between each Gymsport or between each competition. It became apparent that the larger sports have more competitions and will require the passes more frequently than others.</p> <p>8.3.3. Questions/problems regarding the passes,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will there be enough passes left for the smaller sports,if the passes are split between each sport? - Who at the particular Gymsport event needs a pass? - How does GWA or each Gymsport monitor the passes? Is the Floor Manager to sign in and sign out the passes at the start of the event? - Will the passes be returned at the end of a competition, if not who is accountable for the lost pass? Will it be another thing that is misplaced at events? - Do the people running the event, officials, judges, floor managers and spotters that are at the competition through out the duration of sessions need a pass. One option is to change the OOW so that in the new OOW time is allocated to allow people to move their car. (within the 3 hour time limit) <p><i>NOTE – In way of follow –up Town of Vincent has now decided that they will issue car parking passes fro each weekend. This is a better system. Documentation explaining process and expected returned paperwork will be distributed as required.</i></p>	<p>RG – to follow up with North West Region and with Alida Scott, Sport Managers.</p> <p>Decided that the individual Gymsport is to organise the monitoring of the Car Passes. This is to be given to GWA within the month. It was also finalised that MAG/WAG are to have 50 parking permits. The other sports share the 20 permits.</p>
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	<p>8.7 Transfer Policy Issue of athlete transfers are holding up the event process which means the OOW is continually goes out late for events. GWA is now implementing the GA policy correctly. The correct policy is that gymnasts are to be transferred before 30 days of the registration date of the competition, not 30 days before the date of the competition.</p> <p>In 2009 GWA will be monitoring that all transfers occur before athletes being accepted and entered into IMIS (database) into a competition. GA has a new draft athlete transfer policy. The new policy has changed to make it easier to read and understand. The content has not substantially changed. This will be placed on the website after it has been accepted by the GA Board.</p> <p>8.8 Judging Accreditation levels and the levels (of athletes) they are judging 8.8.1. It has been noted that the judging community as a whole through all Gymsports have judges on the floor judging at levels that they are not accredited to judge at. It is an Australian Sports Commission risk management issues regarding having the correct levels of judge on the competition floor. All Gymsports are to continue to encourage individuals to upgrade their education level</p> <p>8.8.2. MAG would have liked to host the 2009 Aust Championships, one of the reasons GA did not allocate WA to run the event is, on IMIS it shows there is not enough higher level judges in WA.</p> <p>8.8.3 Judging Coordinators are to encourage Level 1 judges to attend a Level 2 course.</p> <p>8.8.4. All Gymsports need to be kept consistent across the Board and State. Larger clubs with multiple Gymsports need to see that all is fair across all sports.</p> <p>8.8.5. 2009 exceptions with the fines are AERO and ACRO, due to the sports being limited with who can presenters the course in the State. GWA will allow time for the judging coordinators of AERO and ACRO to solve this issue and help develop the sport, by mentoring trainee presenters and making sure they have accredited state presenters available to present the high level courses. This however does not mean that they can not follow the correct protocol. The system is to be implemented and used..</p>	<p>Judging coordinator to take the transfer policy back to the SMC's and make them aware of the policy.</p> <p>All Gymsports for 2009 and 2010 need to ensure they have the correct judges at correct levels. GWA will be policing this matter. Fines will occur for not having the correct judge at the event.</p>
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8.9 Fining (refer to Debs Van Hagen Email)

8.9.1 RG – Judging and fining issue needs to be addressed and make it fair across the Gymsports. Discussion from email, was that when short a judge, Debs should be able to ring around the judging community to find judges to support her club, this occurred with WAG, but not in RGT resulting in her club receiving a fine.

8.9.2 A positive aspect of the fine system would be to develop a Credit System. For clubs providing judges at higher level (L7-10, Int 6-10, Jnr and Snr) competitions. The judge that judges at these events may receive a credit for a lower level competition. Clubs can only receive up to 5 credits a year. (See 8.11)

8.9.3 Negative side of the judging and fining system:

- a) Clubs not being able to provide judges for all competitions. Judges get annoyed that they are always judging.
- b) The introduction of the fining system at the last OP Spec competition resulted in 2 complaints to GWA.
- c) It was agreed that all the Gymsports need get organised and put into correct process prior to 2009.
- d) Issue back date fines once all information is in. Monitor all fines are fair across all board to all.

RJK- Competitions for WAG, MAG and RG will start to be fined, as from the fining system been agreed on and implemented correctly.

8.10 People that are Judges and Coaches for a Club

Discussed the confusion between who is on the floor, in regards to Judges and Coaches. RK - coaches and judges can not cross over. Judging nomination forms need to be submitted into the office, to avoid any problems if judges are not registered. Suggested that a list of judge's names and a list of coaches are put down on the nomination form. By doing so it means that there is the option and will not delay the process.

Coaches are to coach for their affiliated club. Each club must supply a coach and the required judges to be on the competition floor. This was raised at a GWA Board level in 2008.

RJK – Encourage people within the clubs that when they are entering athletes into a session, they have listed who the coach will be with the athletes on the floor during the sessions. Sports Managers need to follow up with the Gymsport SMC's, as this is a risk management issue.

		<p>ZB - MAG SMC have been unable to fine so far in 2008. Tried to in trials, but there was confusion with the rules and process. Clubs need to be clear what the process is to follow.</p> <p>RK. MW – To inform each club to follow the process in situ. To be communicated around MAG community. ZB – MAG at a national level and international level all need to get inline with the correct process. Noted Westcoast Club needs to be fined.</p> <p>PW – It should be a requirement that all clubs must provide at least one coach and judge.</p> <p>8.11 Credit for Judges Credit system discussed for judges that judge at high level competitions where no judge from their affiliated club is needed. Noted that judges will only register next year at the level that they have at their club. (refer to DVH email) The credit system will hopefully will assist in maintaining high level judges in the Gymsports.</p> <p>RK – question asked. Does this only apply for people judging at higher levels? Decided any judge that is provided above the nominated required by the club. If a club requires a judge that is registered to another club, payment is to be made to the club that the registered judge is from.</p>	<p>Credit System – Pilot of 2009</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. 5 credits max for a club. II. 1 credit per session awarded to 1 judge per competition within the same discipline. III. Credit can be gained in certain competitions only - selection trials and state championships. IV. Unable to use all credits at one competition. <p>The pilot needs to be monitored by the Judging Coordinators. The Judging Coordinators will need cross reference</p>
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	<p>2010 onwards. Suggested HPC approach ex athletes or athletes to keep in the sport as a judge.</p> <p>8.13 Country Clubs (with discussion over an email from Dumbleyung Club)</p> <p>8.13.1. RG - Wongan Hills Club fined for not providing judges at Op Spec. A complaint was made to GWA.</p> <p>If the country clubs cannot provide judges, they will stop entering athletes in events. Is unfair to the children, and it will take away from the purpose of Op Spec competitions.</p> <p>PW - Suggests a pool of judges that can judge across all country clubs. Do the regions have a pool of judges that they use when they have a competition in Perth?</p> <p>Contact/communication between country clubs is needed, to allow clubs to share judges across clubs.</p> <p>RG - It needs to be encouraged that clubs from the South West Region, and Great Southern to come to Perth for competitions.</p> <p>Suggestion from</p> <p>a) RJK - If you have a set number of athletes in the competition you are required to provide a judge. Small country clubs have exemption made.</p> <p>The following was agreed: 2 year pilot scheme Op Spec competitions only, Country Clubs only over 10 athletes Male or Female then 1 Judge to be supplied for 3 sessions. Over 20 athletes Male or Female 2 judges to be supplied for 3 sessions. Fines will be \$100.00 per judge.</p> <p>8.14 Judging Education – Country Clubs</p> <p>Country club at recreation competitions have different rules that apply for competitive competitions. It does not matter what event it is all judges need to attend a Level 1 judging course.</p> <p>RG - Country clubs in other states are not having such a problem with providing judges. Question asked why WA larger country clubs are struggling? For example Katanning.</p> <p>The issues need to be addressed before the new cycle 2009, so the problem does not continually occur.</p> <p>It needs to be understood by all clubs that they need to have judges as well as coaches. It is a Club 10 requirement.</p> <p>Each new club has a 2 year 'grace' period, by the new club have someone in the judging system.</p> <p>Northwest Region Port Headland, Karatha, Wongon hill, Esperance all has 100 + athletes for a competition. These clubs will be required to provide judges.</p>	<p><u>Country Clubs Judging Procedures.</u></p> <p>A 2 year pilot scheme with a 12 month review. Commencing as of July 2008.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If under 10 children no judges are required to be provided by the country club. 2. Country clubs will be allowed 2 years to get in line with the new procedure. 3. If the club enters over 10 athletes in a competition they are to supply 1 judge. 4. Over 20 athletes the club supplies 2 judges per competition this applies for both MAG and WAG. 5. If the competition has MAG and WAG and has over 2 sessions. The country club must supply judges for the Gymsport where they
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		<p>8.15 Judges Registration In 2009 technical membership cards from GA are to be worn by judges on the competition floor. If judges are not wearing technical membership cards on the competition floor, they will be charged at door entry when they sign in. This is also a risk management issue of judges not registered. To be implemented start of February 2009.</p> <p>8.16 Judging Panels The judging panels need to be emailed to GWA. Once collated GWA administration then follows up accreditations and what level they are able to judge. This applies to all Gymsports. It is essential that all Gymsports do the same thing to make the system fair.</p> <p>8.17 Competition Entry Forms In 2009 entry forms Judging panels are due Monday, Tuesday for late entry. In the case of a public holiday, the entry forms are due Tuesday only. By 2010 entry forms are due on Monday, with no second day for late entry. Same rule applies for public holidays.</p> <p>8.18 Fines It was noted that other than WAG GWA office had not received any fines into the office. Judging Coordinators to submit ASAP. WAG to review all fines and amend if required given the discussion. 8.18.1. The judge's nomination forms need to be submitted on time to GWA and the Judging Coordinator: with the name of the judge and the club that they are judging for at the competition. This applies to all Gymsports. 8.18.2 Competitions will be cancelled if there are no judges for each session. The Judging Coordinator needs to submit the judging panel to GWA with the names of the judges and clubs a week prior to the event. 8.18.3 If previous fines are not paid, clubs cannot enter into the State Championships. This is to be determined at GWA Office level that the fines are across the board for all Gymsports, and relies on information being supplied to the office.</p>	<p>have the most competitors.</p> <p>Fine will be \$100 per judge not provided.</p> <p>Fines occur if clubs have not provided the correct number of judges.</p> <p>Judges fines are to be invoiced as soon as possible. Submit to the office within 2 days what judges are to be fined. Can be sent out within that week from GWA office. Note: The time frame needs to be discussed with Sally..</p>
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9.0	2009 – 2012 Planning	<p>9.1 Judging Planning for the next cycle 2009 – 2012. 9.1.1. The draft proposal should list the objectives from each Gymsport on what they want to achieve within the next cycle. The planning now will be responsible for the growth and future of the sport over the next Olympic cycles It needs to cover all aspects of the Gymsport. 9.1.2. Noted by RG, on an education level the judging coordinators need to plan for future judging presenters, judges and developing their sport, not just the judges that are currently in the system. 9.1.3 Each Gymsport needs a short term and long term goal, along with a cycle proposal, which needs to be in writing by the next meeting.</p> <p><u>WAG</u> Second proposal (see attached copy) discussed at this meeting, Draft given to RK and RG, who will assist with giving feedback to the sport, prior to it going to the Board. WAG requested that they be allowed to send out the draft proposal to the judges. RK allowed with note 'DRAFT' must be clearly printed on each page.</p> <p><u>MAG</u> MW has emailed, RK has passed it onto the MAG SMC to be discussed.</p> <p><u>RG</u> Received at last meeting a draft proposal.</p> <p><u>Cheer</u> Still being developed, needs to be in draft format for next meeting.</p> <p><u>Tramp</u> Not been to SMC, basic view. Need to gather information from the National body. Goal within the budget to mentor future judges coming into the sport. Payment to the Mentor for sharing their skills to a judge in training. Proposal planned for the next 4 years.</p>	
10.0	Officials of the Year	<p>10.1 Officials of the year. This needs to be discussed at the next meeting on 19th November. The following people are required to come up with a selection criteria by the next meeting.</p>	

		<p>CHEER (AR) - As JC is away, the Long Service Award MAG (MW) – Junior Service RG (KG)/TRAMP(PW) – Encouragement Award</p> <p>With the awards each Gymsport can pick from the list with the idea that there will be two judging awards for the each Gymsport. The awards need to be fair, with the intention to recognise their service, commitment, contribution to the sport, they must however be based on fair and relevant criteria.</p>	
11.0	DSR Green Shirt Programme	<p>11.1 DSR Green Shirt Programme DSR has given a \$1000.00 grant to GWA to implement the Green Shirt Programme for officials, pilot scheme for TRAMP and RG events.</p>	
12.0	Any Other Business	NILL	
13.0	Next Meeting	Wednesday 19 th November	