



Minutes of the Sussex Championships 2010 meeting held on 31 March 2010.

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1. Apologies for absence

Sally-Anne Warner, Claire Gibbins.

2. Present

Michelle Nightingale, Denise Nightingale, Sam Penney, Lisa Stevens, Daphne Hand, Katy Hodgson, Andrea Smart, Helen Smart, Dave Ansell, Richard Keadley.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

None.

4. Entries / organisation

a. Pre competition meeting

It was felt by the vast majority of people present that this meeting was necessary. It will be used to collect trophies, distribute gymnasts' passes, explain any queries about job allocations.

All clubs should be involved in the running of this competition. It is a county event; it is not like entering other competitions where you compete without helping in the organisation of the event.

b. Rules

Rules have almost been done. Many discipline have not yet put in the minimum score to qualify for a medal. Completed rules for each need to be given to Richard before 19 April.

c. Entry and spectator fees

These will be kept the same as last year. We were in profit last year.

d. Timetable

i. We will use the timetable as detailed in the proposal at the end of last year.

Sat am : Team gym	Sat pm : Acro / tumble
Sun am : WAG / WF&V	Sun pm : MAG / MF&V

This assumes there will be similar numbers entering as last year. If numbers rise in any discipline, then we will need a qualifier to bring the numbers down again. There is a good chance this will be necessary for Women's Floor & Vault, as the new categories may encourage more gymnasts to enter.

ii. Trampoline and Rhythmic disciplines will be removed from the competition. They have not provided any feedback to us, and we assume they are not interested in getting involved.

e. Jobs

There were stewards at the Regional Team-gym competition ensuring members of the audience did not move around between rotations. This would be hard to do at a multi-discipline event, where rotations across the arena are not necessarily in synchronisation.

f. Photography

Katy will book DE photos again, as last year.

5. Venue

a. Apparatus

Katy has booked Continental.

b. Accommodation

Katy has booked the Hickstead Hotel for several of the organisers, and Continental.

We will have an evening meal there on Saturday. This year there is also the awards' evening. There is a separate function room booked for this as well.

6. Advertising, Publicity and Funding

a. Sponsors

No sponsors have been found yet. Richard will contact the same ones as last year to see if they are willing to repeat their help of last year.

We do need to find sponsors.

b. Trade Stands

i. Claire is still waiting for payment from 'A star leotards' from last year's competition. Claire feels we should charge everyone a flat rate fee, so we can be sure of getting the money from everyone.

ii. Katy will deal with the trade stands.

iii. 'DE photos' and 'Jenny's Paintings' have been booked. These 2 stands will pay a commission to us; 10% of the takings for the weekend. This is the same as previous years, and these 2 people are regular customers. Katy will also ask 'Fine Designs' to attend.

iv. Leotard stands will pay a flat rate of £100 for the weekend. This is payable in advance

7. Any other business

i. There was concern expressed that the Sussex award categories need to be updated. However, it is not this committee's job of to alter the awards Sussex Gymnastics presents.

ii. All scores need to be made available to coaches immediately after each performance on the day. This will be done using score slips. Dedicated plasma screens will be too expensive for this event.

8. Date of next meeting

The next one set is 2 June 2010. This is during half term this year, so it may have to be changed. Details will be announced nearer the date.

The meeting finished at 9:45pm.