



Minutes of the Sussex Championships 2010 meeting held on 9 June 2010.

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1. Apologies for absence

Lisa Stevens, Claire Gibbins.

2. Present

Sally-Anne Warner, Rebecca McCoy, Stephanie Smith, Denise Nightingale, Sam Penney, Dave Ansell, Martin O'Hara, Katy Hodgson, Andrea Smart, Helen Smart, Richard Keasley.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

None.

4. Entries / organisation

a. Qualification competition

There is still the possibility we will have to hold a qualification competition. This will have to be a very small event, as there is only a limited amount of time available in K2 on that day (26 September).

b. Jobs

We need to remind clubs that it is their responsibility to ensure their volunteers understand the job they have to perform, and they are equipped to do it.

5. Venue

The sports hall at Olympos will be free for rig at 6:00pm. There may well be partial access before this time.

6. Advertising, Publicity and Funding

a. Publicity

Richard will design some posters. These will be sent to Andrea for distribution to clubs before 20 August.

b. Sponsors

We have a few sponsors (southern Cranes and Pulborough Osteopathic Clinic). We do need more.

c. Trade Stands

We have 2 leotard stands; Milano and Stars. Both have agreed to pay a flat rate of £1,000 in advance.

We also have Fine Designs booked. Katy will ask if we can have some staff T shirts made.

DE photos have also been booked.

d. Raffle

50/50 raffle as last year. This job will be given to one of the clubs entering.

7. Any other business

i. Steph will contact some sheer-leading clubs from Kent to ask if they would be prepared to do a display. These displays will be in the evening.

Sally-Anne will try and organise a Freestyle display as well. The Freestyle gymnasts will need 'obstacles' to perform on. Freestyle displays at lunch time.

- ii. Denise has a few councillors to present medals. Sally-Anne will ask Marion to be the 'host' for these special guests.
- iii. Lisa Stevens and Helen Smart will provide First Aid cover over the weekend.
- iv. We have discussed the possibility of using on-line payments for this event rather than using cheques. BACS is an easy method of payment, and can be done at the bank if clubs do not want to do it 'on-line'. If we use this system then the deposit cheques (eg. Pre-meeting, rig and de-rig) will need to be replaced with on-line payments as well. The money will then need to be refunded if the clubs perform the allotted tasks satisfactorily. Clubs will still need to make the payment in advance of the closing date, BACS can take a few days to clear.
Sussex gymnastics should use the same method of payment for all events, not just the Sussex Championships.
Claire Gibbins (treasurer) was not present at the meeting, so no action will be taken at this time. In any case, it may be better to start using BACS on a smaller event than this in case there are problems.
- v. Steph now has access to the BG membership database. Therefore Sussex gymnastics is in a position to check the BG membership status of all participants in the Sussex Championships. It would be too time consuming to check all participants, so Steph will check a random sample of entries.
- vi. Richard will book the Plasma screens and scoring computer.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is 1 September 2010; 8:30pm, The Plough PH, Pyecombe.

This is after the competition closing date. At this meeting we will

- allocate jobs to clubs
- decide on which discipline appears in which session
- decide on the necessity of a qualifier competition

The meeting finished at 9:30pm.