**North of England Trampoline Technical Committee**

**NETTC** **General Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Sunday 2nd March 2025**

**VELOCITY 4pm**

# Present/Absent

* 1. Present – A Rear, J Rear, J Young, V King, K Trotter, B Percival, L Naylor, R Stobbart, N Collins, G Otterson

K Trotter – via video

* 1. Apologies – No Apologies
  2. AR – No of things came in via email from clubs, not time to go through everything as purpose of meeting is for the regional team organisation.

**Minutes of meeting of the last AGM** 1.1 Minutes were accepted as a true record.

**2.0 Chairs Report**

2.1 AR provided a verbal report.

2.2.1 – All judges need to have done an online revalidation if at county, regional or national. There will be no face-to-face courses until these are done.

2.2.2 – JR suggested the region running a course to bridge the gap. AR to provide a date, attendees then welcome to shadow judge.

**3.0 Secretary Report**

3.1 BP has passed on emails from clubs with matters arising to AR.

# 4.0 Treasurer Report

4.1 – NC; current account bank balance is around £8k.

4.2 – NC to circulate a list to the region of outstanding payments to the region. BP raised that some clubs may not want this info circulated. It was agreed to be done.

**5.0 Regional Team & Squad Sessions 2025**

5.1 AR – two squad sessions will be ran. Dates considered that do not clash with other events:

* Sunday 11th May
* Sunday 25th May – bank holiday; Apollo TC have requested to host a squad from 12pm at Washington LC
* Sunday 15th June – Fathers day

5.2 BP – it has been noted in the past some clubs would prefer squads not to fall on celebrations such as fathers day.

5.3 AR – Not opposed to running squads on a Saturday.

5.4 – Comparison of costs of venues discussed;

Apollo £350 – also happy to support with coaching and S&C. RS highlighted Apollo has 4 ultimate’s and will have the correct DMT in place, costs will include set up of DMT.

Velocity – £245, as priced from 2024.

5.5 – Agreed squads by AR:

* Sunday 25th May @ Apollo TC – from 12pm, BP to sort times this week.
* Saturday 14th June @ VELCOCITY TGC – 6-9pm, with younger children attending the first group session.

BP Any kit collection will be 5.30pm for the first group, so they can leave at end of the session.

5.6 AR - Squad Directors from 2024 will remain in place, unless we have a vote at the AGM if held before the IRCC.

*Billie & Melanie will do this as a joint role with Billie remaining as squad admin as part of the secretary role.*

DMT Squad Director – Adam Rear

**6.0 Email Correspondence from clubs**

6.1 – AR read out some highlights from emails from clubs received by BP:

6.2 – Timings of entries at the same time as other large entries, please could the region look at the timing of invoicing.

6.3 – Release of competition information

AR stated the only way to get info out to clubs earlier, would be to move closing dates earlier.

6.4 AR - There is also an ongoing issue with clubs not completing entry forms correctly, with additional changes being made multiple times in the run up to a competition by multiple clubs. The region tries to support and does not want to disadvantage gymnasts and makes these changes for clubs.

KT – suggested moving closing dates a week earlier.

Was agreed to try move closing dates to 4 weeks before event dates, where possible.

NC – we will be able to do it for Northern Championships.

LN – We can allow a max amount of time to spread entry deadlines between the qualifiers.

RS asked if late entries would still be accepted?

AR said they would be, but with an additional charge. NC is struggling to comprehend entry forms for invoicing.

Going forward, NC will aim to send out invoices within one week of an event.

KT then suggested giving clubs three weeks to have them paid.

BP asked if there will be any grace at the moment due to the timings of English, League & FIG events.

AR – Northerns and Q1 must be paid the entry of Q2 and Semi Finals/Q3.

6.5 AR - Wansbeck TGC are concerned that they had prepared judges for certain roles and then were upset about being moved elsewhere. It was clarified between AR & VK that BC will be given the role at the next event. BP stated judges’ roles can easily be changed on the day at any event and they must be ready for this.

6.6 LN asked if judges could be named as numbers, however it was agreed to keep names on entry forms for organizational purposes.

6.7 AR has received an email from GO. AR asked GO to join meeting to discuss.

6.8 GO read the following statement:

*Hi,*

*I'd like to start this off by saying we have a great group of clubs in the region who all have great coaches that work together and support each other at national competitions.*

*However, over the last couple of years at a Regional Level I have become despondent with the support in setting up and packing away at competitions, which some of you heard from me at the last comp.*

*Those of you that have hosted competitions over recent years, Wansbeck, Carlisle, Belle Vue, AAA for schools will all appreciate the effort that goes into organising a competition.  What most of you won't appreciate is the hours and hours taken in the background mainly by Adam and supported by myself and Jo to ensure the competition can run.*

*This involves the competition database, ensuring all of the tech equipment can run, setting up the networks, loading the tablets, the TV's and the HD machines that everyone now expects and takes for granted.*

*When we host the competitions at velocity, we accept that there is a requirement to set the equipment up for the competition including the stripping out of the hall and the reassembly afterwards as well as the tech aspect.*

*In the last couple of years when we have travelled to other centres we have become more involved in delivery of equipment and packing away.*

*When we turn up to the competitions there are a couple of coaches from clubs that always come over and ask if there is anything they can help with, however 90% of the coaches stand back and watch or at best wait to be asked.  This needs to change.*

*I leave every competition absolutely shattered, invariably falling asleep as soon as I get home. It can't be right from a welfare point of view that this is left to one club and invariably one or two individuals to undertake all of this.*

*To quote one example.*

*Historically, at the end of the Northern championships, in my opinion all the coaches to me breathe a sigh of relief and sit back for the medal presentation and run around taking photographs whilst watching one or two of us running around packing the equipment away with no effort to help pack up or even carrying equipment to cars.*

*Whilst at Northerns last year, I ended up taking a day's holiday to hire a van to deliver the equipment to a centre that would not help in the unloading/loading of the equipment so it was all left to Jo and I (Unfortunately Gemma was laid up after knee surgery). To compound this at the end of the event, the DMT was packed away and when I asked for support to load it into the van I was told by one coach I've done my bit I stripped the mats and folded the DMT.  I ended up getting a couple of parents and thankfully Leo came out and gave us a well needed hand.*

*In order for me to continue, I am therefore asking for more support from clubs at the start and finish of the events to assist in the works needed to run these competitions.*

*As a region we also need to consider funding a box trailer to move a lot of this equipment around as both of us have experienced damage to cars transporting the equipment.*

*Apologies for the rant but my body just can't take it anymore.’*

GO added that it is manic setting up tech equipment at other venues, with a worry of not working. Tech equipment would not have made it to Carlisle unless the DMT had been collected by a CTC parent who was happy to take it along with the DMT. TV’s do not fit in cars and cars have been damaged moving equipment.

JR backed GO up with the worry of not knowing if connections and equipment will work on the morning of the competition, with some venues not giving access on the evening before to set anything up.

6.9 LN – Clubs do not realise what goes on behind the scenes, but they should know.

AR & GO suggest roles being given to host clubs on entry sheets.

Was felt amongst meeting that only some clubs will help.

KT asked if clubs will be fined for not helping?

LN – Go with good will for now.

BP – said she will email statement out along with minutes, as well as sharing on the NETTC clubs fb group to coaches.

GO – A box/ foam per panel for equipment needed – agreed for region to buy these.

AR – suggested clubs picking up equipment a week before the event.

*This is to be discussed at the next meeting/ event.*

7.0 Order of Northern Championships

7.1 AR – has been a suggestion made to move synchro events to Sunday PM. This format will allow gymnasts to compete within finals with an audience and more gymnasts will stay for the whole weekend. Gymnasts were also struggling to compete in their finals Sunday PM due to the length of the event in 2024.

7.2 AR has agreed to do this, along with championship level finals to be Sunday AM.

Age Group presentations will move to lunchtime, with senior mens/ladies, club and syn presentation on closing of event.

**8.0 Regional Judging Development**

8.1 As already mentioned, AR to send BP a date within this week.

8.2 Removal of competition Marshalls – suggested by KT. AR disagrees due to younger children now knowing what’s what. Coaches would need to take responsibility, and some children don’t have coaches with them.

BP stated it does happen at English events and list is left up on a board. Could be put on the wall next to DMT run up for DMT.

Was agreed to trial on DMT/PANEL 1 at next regional event, however reserve marshals will be used to step in if needed.

8.3 AR read a change of judging requirements proposal from Carlisle.

Current entry forms due not allow for this to work. If a new form is needed to change the spacing, it would need to be requested from C Edwards.

Could be done in time for NC.

AR suggested blanking a line out to bring in line with the proposal and can possibly modify the form before the next competition.

8.4 KT has stated clubs are putting judges down that have no intention of attending the competition, with judges pulling out days before after panels are published.

AR asked if fines should be increased?

*An increased fine was suggested at 72 hours before the event.*

BP – Asked for judging email to be made for VK as she has been contacted by numerous clubs and coaches all week via FB messenger at inconvenient times and also her personal email that we are unsure how this has been found.

8.5 AR raised exemption of judges raised by KT. AR & JR are being used on competition entry forms as judges, however they already have roles as superior jury and competition organiser.

LN – Asked why JR could be down as an official as well.

KT stated VTGC seem to benefit from having these roles.

AR & JR stated this was agreed by the NETTC a good few years back.

8.6 LN suggested Clubs to appoint a floor manager and have this as a named role on their entry sheet.

BP said this must be someone capable and AR would prefer this went to someone qualified as judge themselves, and they would count as a judge on an entry form. The name must be provided to VK (judging secretary) by the host club.

Agreed - VK will name floor manager underneath panel selection.

**9.0 NC Points System**

9.1 KT stated the current system does not benefit smaller clubs.

9.2 AR said an official proposal needs sent out for consideration, within 2 weeks of the minutes of this meeting being distributed, stating what it is trying to achieve, to then be discussed at next meeting.

**10. AOB**

10.1 BP asked if regional squad kit would remain the same to keep costs down for parents.

It was agreed to keep the same.

10.2 AR asked meeting attendees to agree on the following:

L4 11-12 Male DMT gymnast has been unable to attend both qualifiers due to being on the England Foundation squad and has been attending squad sessions. Could he still compete on the 27th April event to become part of the North team? BP added that there is a gap in the group, 1 gymnast has done the qualifiers but hasn’t completed all 4 passes.

KT suggested he needs to hit the qualifying score.

All were in agreeance he could compete on the 27th April. Qualifying scores must be hit to compete at the IRCCF.

Next Meeting – Before Regional Squad session at Velocity: Saturday 14th June 4pm

*Meeting closed at 6.30pm*