



**BRITISH AMATEUR GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION 2020
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**held virtually
on Wednesday 25th November 2020 at 18:30**

MINUTES

1. PRESENT:

Helen Phillips (President of the Board) in the Chair and 175 Members in person or by proxy.

2. APOLOGIES:

The President gave apologies on behalf of Lynda Fairbrother and Beverly Smith.

3. INTRODUCTION:

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

Due to restrictions of Covid-19 the Association had received appropriate advice confirming that the 2020 AGM could be conducted virtually.

The Chair thanked members for the questions submitted in advance and asked for any further questions to be forwarded to Debbie Stevens.

The Chair advised that she was accompanied on the call by BG Board members and introduced Mike Darcey, Chair of BG, Jane Allen, CEO, Alastair Marks, Interim CEO and legal adviser Tom Bruce of Farrer & Co.

It was confirmed that we had exceeded the quorum to enable the meeting to continue and held a register of those who attended.

The Chair reflected on her thoughts on the reporting period of April 2019 – March 2020 and expressed that due to Covid-19 it had been a shame that she hadn't been able to meet as many as she would have liked during the year but hoped that moving in to 2021 this would become possible. At the start of her tenure the president was very excited to meet with some club managers, coaches, regional and home country representatives all of whom are at the delivery end of our sport.

All of our members and key partners who contribute to our Sport were recognised and thanked for their time and dedication, acknowledging that the clubs are critical to the communities and the role they play in shaping a child's life, and that the role of the coach remains pivotal to creating the foundation for a gymnast to thrive.

The President stated that our Gymnasts are the beating heart of British Gymnastics and honoured each and everyone of them by thanking them for continuing to choose our sport.



Some key achievements had included the amazing achievements of our gymnasts on the International stage and seeing history being made time and time again at World Championships and other major events. The setting up of the Club Stakeholder Advisory Group which is a key opportunity for the membership to influence the future of British Gymnastics. It was exciting to hear that 30 clubs and 800 British gymnasts participated in Gymnaestrada. The opening of the new training facility at Lilleshall and to see the fantastic refurbishment which had received significant support from key partners. The awards dinner with so many nominees and winners representing the commitment of our huge volunteer and paid workforce across the UK and after this event a visit to the Club of the Year which enabled me to reflect on the huge progress that the sport has achieved to ensure exclusivity in our sport. The achievement of the advanced level equality of standard in sport, the success of the e-learning course on the topic of positive coaching, being awarded another major championship Trampoline Worlds in 2023 as well as the hosting of other outstanding events both domestically and nationally. The Chair also acknowledged the excellent work of the British Gymnastics Foundation with their Love to Move programme being an astounding success and equally the hardship grants which they have overseen to enable our members to remain in the sport. The Chair continues to be impressed with the work of the Home Nations, Regions and Technical Committee's and the significant commitment of the coaches and hard work of our judges and officials together with the support staff and members of BG staff.

The Cancellation of events and courses commenced at the start of this reporting year much to the disappointment of all of us. Sport across the UK and the World has been affected and we acknowledge that this is ongoing and that our sport has been massively impacted. BG was one of the first governing bodies to respond with direction to the clubs following the constantly changing guidelines that had to be interpreted which saw the introduction of the Step Forward Plan. Returning our clubs to normal activities is essential.

To conclude her address the Chair emphasised what a pleasure it was to work with some exceptional Directors. She had no doubt that like herself and members of the Board that you will have been heartbroken with the challenges that the sport has faced in the last 8 months. Next year's report of the AGM will be the right time to reflect more fully on matters that have taken place within 2020 and how the sport has been affected and how the sport has responded. In the meantime the Chair stated the importance of working collaboratively to further create a lasting success for the sport we love.

4. MINUTES:

The Chair proposed that the Minutes of the 17th October 2019 AGM be approved, as no amendments had been received, they were adopted as a true record of proceedings and signed accordingly.

5. DIRECTORS' REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Resolution 1:

To formally adopt the Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ending **31st March 2020**:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTENTIONS/VOID
113	11	29

5.1 **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2020, be adopted as the votes lodged had recorded a simple majority.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 18:45