



## **BRITISH AMATEUR GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**held at The Ramada Encore, Leicester  
on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 2.30pm**

### **MINUTES**

**1. PRESENT:**

Matt Neville (Chair of the Board) in the Chair and 246 Members in person or by proxy.

**2. APOLOGIES:**

The Chair gave apologies on behalf of Sharon Wood, Ann Marie Dalton, Martin Laws, Karen Hofen, Helen Phillips, Vicki Hawkins, Euan Lowe, Scott Harper, David Watt, Marzena Bogdanowicz, Nicola Bolton, Martin Reddin and Lyn Fairbrother, Lesley Pike, Christine Bowker, Colin Atkinson, David Lowther, Meg Warren, Jim Moss.

**3. INTRODUCTION:**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and introduced Brian Everett MBE for the Presidents report.

Brian Everett MBE presented his report which covered highlights of the year: Membership exceeding 300,000, 1,500 disability gymnasts participating and many other significant achievements within the sport, none of which could be achieved without the huge army of volunteers who work behind the scenes. He stated that our appreciation must go to these people, the coaches, and the support staff. He mentioned other significant achievements such as the World Cup series 2017-2020 being awarded to O2 Arena London; BG being awarded the BT Sports Industry Awards NGB of the year; increasing interest of potential sponsors; Elite gymnast successes at European, World and Olympic levels culminating in Rio with a record 7 medals. He also talked about the impressive young gymnasts coming through showcased at the British Championships.

Brian closed the Presidents report by saying that we must not be complacent and we must push ahead with inspiration, motivation and determination.

**4. MINUTES:**

The Chair proposed that the Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015 AGM be approved. 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 **31<sup>st</sup> March 2016:**

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTENTIONS/VOID
<b>198</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>49</b>

5.1 **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016, be adopted.

**6. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT – Resolution 2:**

To receive the vote for the election of Brian Everett MBE as President of British Gymnastics (single Nominee)

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTENTIONS/VOID
<b>194</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>46</b>

6.1 **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** Brian Everett MBE be elected as President of British Gymnastics

Bunny Warren asked if the Chair could give an indication as to the financial position of BG and what the current reserves may be used for.

Matt Neville stated that he is very happy with the current financial position. Membership is growing and the business is healthy. British Gymnastics are still dependant on external funding so we have reserves in place to protect against any reductions in funding in the future. He summarised by saying it was an overall financial position of real strength.

Jane Allen, CEO remarked that British Gymnastics are in a good position with only 33% of our income reliant on Government funding. Some other NGBs are not so fortunate and are at 60-70% reliant. It might seem that our reserves are high but this is necessary when government funding is precarious. Early indications are that all sports will receive a reduction in government funding for the 2017-2021 cycle.

An Investment Committee of the Board is in place and this committee works with our appointed financial investment advisors to ensure that we receive good returns on our investments.

The CEO also stated that it was important to note that the member's fees had not been increased for 5 years and therefore the financial growth of the organisation was through the business and membership expanding.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 14:50