

EAST MIDLANDS GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 6th April at 8.00 P.M.
COALVILLE GYMNASTIC CLUB

Present: Paul Lipton (chair), Richard & Brenda Payne (GFA chair & Selston), Marie Mitchell (WTC Chair & Kettering), Stacie Ridley (Disabilities chair), Jenni Harris (Secretary & H&B), Veronica West (affiliations sec & Robin Hood), Marie Marshall (Treasurer & Erewash), Alex Shaw (Acro / GFA TC & long Eaton Acro), Courtney Saunders, Hannah Vickers, Tom Yates (Erewash), Claire Barbieri (Robin Hood)

Apologies Neville Burr (mens TC & Lincoln), Clive Morgan (Tramp chair), Alisa Saunders (WTC comp sec & Witham Hill), Kevin Flynn (Northants rep) Dean Walters (Acro chair)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM.

Minutes of 2016 A.G.M

The minutes were proposed by Marie Mitchell, seconded by Veronica West & accepted as a true record by the meeting.

Chairman's Report –

And yet again another great year for gymnastics.

Our clubs and members are still on the increase. I am still astonished that the appetite for gymnastics is as big as ever and we are in a great place as a sport. Not only at grass roots level but all the way to the top with BG being awarded governing body of the year.

Our gymnasts are still performing amazingly across the disciplines but special recognition has to go again to the Downie sisters for their Olympic selection and performances. Well done to them both and the coaching staff at Notts. We also had more gymnasts from the region competing in major championships and competing for the home nations respectively this continues to demonstrate the hard work of our gymnasts and coaches within the region. Staffing - Stuart Featherstone has now been with us over a year and things seem to be progressing nicely. It is nice for a change to have a nice stable position and one point of contact who acts as the funnel thanks to Stuart for his hard work this last year.

Ethics & welfare – Busier than I would like but in fairness I think this demonstrates that our customer and members feel empowered to speak up when they have concerns and as I have said a few times last year if we don't know about it we can't make the situation better. Thank you to the welfare team for their hard work and input over the past year.

Squads – It is nice to see that our squads are starting to make a bit of a comeback. I think the performance pathway illustrated that we can achieve a nice well attended squad structure. Both the men and women have held sessions and I am glad to hear they will be continuing in 2017.

Finance – Financially we are holding up very well. The auditor hasn't signed off the accounts yet but that is just a timing issue and there are no red flags. As with last year we do have a fairly big pot and we need to make sure that we invest appropriately going forward.

Investments – I am glad to report our investment in the Erewash project is just about to kick in and very soon we should have a nice second regional venue that we can use to drive our GFA programme forward. Introducing lower level competitions and more opportunities to perform.

2016 young peoples awards – For the first time we held a young persons awards to focus more on the young members as opposed to the standard recognition awards for all. This was an opportunity to combine a competition and displays showcasing our different disciplines in a more informal setting including a buffet. New College was perfect for this and the awards were really well attended. We will repeat this format in 2017 so watch out for the dates. Finally my sincere thanks to all our TC's volunteers and helpers for their hard work and commitment to the region in 2016 without your commitment and time sacrifice our sport would not be in the excellent position, well done and thank you.

Treasurer's Report – We are still in a strong financial situation. Auditor has not yet looked at books but they will be signed off by next Exec meeting, no area's for concern.

East Midlands Gymnastics Association Accounts year ending December 2016

Cash Position	Dec-15	Dec-16	Movement
Main Account	235,362.92	247,400.69	12,037.77
Cheque Account	0.73	0.73	0
All Accounts	235363.65	247401.42	12037.77

Income and Expenditure	2016
YTD Income	£65,327.42
YTD Expenditure	-£53,289.65
YTD Profit / (loss)	£12,037.77
	18%

By Discipline	Income	Expenditure	Profit (Loss)
WTC	£15,681.05	-£9,118.99	£6,562.06
WTC Spon	£0.00	-£1,134.05	-£1,134.05
WTC REG.	£2,613.00	-£1,283.54	£1,329.46
GEN R/F	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
GEN.	£10,598.63	-£6,401.73	£4,196.90
ACRO	£6,226.00	-£6,381.79	-£155.79
RHY Zonal	£966.00	-£585.67	£380.33
RHYTH.	£634.67	£0.00	£634.67
Tramp R/F	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Tramp Squad R/F	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
TRAMP.	£14,021.00	-£14,359.88	-£338.88
ADMIN.	£6,802.57	-£6,333.66	£468.91
MTC R/F	£626.00	£0.00	£626.00
MTC	£6,876.00	-£5,159.60	£1,716.40
Coach Education	£0.00	-£1,350.00	-£1,350.00
Leader	£0.00	-£532.74	-£532.74
Judging Bursary	£0.00	-£190.00	-£190.00
Sp.Events	£282.50	£0.00	£282.50
SCP	£0.00	-£458.00	-£458.00
BSGA	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Unidentified	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£65,327.42	-£53,289.65	£12,037.77

AGM Finance Overview 2016

Opening Balance for all accounts 2016	£	235,363.65
Closing balance for all accounts 2016	£	247,401.42

Full accounts have been sent to auditor for signoff and are available on request from Marie Marshall

Summary of cash position

	Closing Dec 2016	50% move to Admin	Carried Forward
UNIDENTIFIED	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
WTC	£8,360.92	-£ 4,180.46	£4,180.46
WTC sponsor	£1,944.00		£1,944.00
WTC Registration	£9,951.17		£9,951.17
General ring fenced	£2,776.00		£2,776.00
General	£10,887.99	-£ 5,443.99	£5,443.99
ACRO	£84.25	-£ 42.13	£42.13
Rhythmic Zonal	£984.63		£984.63
Rhythmic	£873.47	-£ 436.74	£436.74
Trampoline ring fenced	£4,344.51		£4,344.51
Trampoline Squad RF	£928.50		£928.50
Trampoline	£675.58	-£ 337.79	£337.79
Admin	£184,721.29	£ 12,724.50	£197,445.79
MTC ring fenced	£1,368.00		£1,368.00
MTC	£4,001.79	-£ 2,000.89	£2,000.89
Coach ED	£7,341.59		£7,341.59
Judging Bursary	£6,382.50		£6,382.50
Special Events	£282.50	-£282.50	£0.00
SCP	£1,492.00		£1,492.00
BSGA	£0.00		£0.00
Accounts Balance	£247,400.69	-£ 0.00	£247,400.69
<u>Cheque Account</u>	<u>£0.73</u>		
	<u>£0.73</u>		
<u>All Accounts</u>	<u>£247,401.42</u>		

PROPOSED Stacie Ridley
SECONDED Richard Payne

Appointment of Auditors – Chris McGlasham
PROPOSED Marie Mitchell
SECONDED Alex Shaw

Setting of Annual Affiliation for Clubs & Counties 2018 – to remain unchanged
PROPOSED Richard Payne
SECONDED Marie Mitchell

Reports from Technical Committees:

M.T.C.

Last year financially was a good year, the MTC kept to the budget and made a profit, and this was done running three competitions and holding squad training in various clubs in the region.

This year competitions have already started and should once again be a success and see us making a profit.

Overview of Regional activities - The MTC has run three of their own squad training days since the pathway clinics have ceased being run by BG and Miro Tevekeliyski has been our coaching co-ordinator for those training sessions. They are great days to share training and also for the boys in the regional squad to get together and train as one big group. These training sessions are so important to our smaller clubs some of whom have a small boys section or are just getting into coaching.

The MTC has held a floor and vault competition, an individual apparatus comp, a grades comp to choose the squads for Nationals and a final selection for the teams to represent at the National Grades finals. These have been well attended and we now have eight clubs entering the competitions, which is all good news for the region. The coaches from all clubs get on well and share ideas and also have good parents that help to make the comps run smoothly.

We have Sam Oldham and Sergey back within the Notts Academy set up and training alongside the squads there so that can only be an inspiration for those young gymnasts

Courses coaching judging etc - There has been an increase in all levels of coaching this year from level 1 right up to Josh Champion from Notts achieving his Level 5 HPC; this is all good news for the region. We hope to get a regional/club judging course in the region once the National and Brevet courses are complete on the new cycle, all our judges who went on the National course have been successful and passed.

Areas of Achievement - Results are improving within the region; with a top twenty place in the British U16, three in the top six at club level 1 and Level 0 at the London development open, at the national finals an individual silver in club level 3 and a silver place for our club Level 2 team. It is all an improvement on a few years ago and it is hoped that the results continue to improve as the years go ahead. Due to the success of recent years some of our clubs such as Northampton, Hinckley and most recently Erewash have been able to employ some full time coaches, which will improve the squads for the future. A special mention must go to Sam, Andrew and Matthew from Notts who had great results in the recent British Championships.

W.T.C.

Competition entries have increased in 2016 especially in the younger age competitions which bodes well for the future.

The first year of using BG online entry system has worked well and payments have been received promptly from BG. It has meant that the amount of time the competition sec/judging convenor need to spend checking memberships and qualifications has been resolved but there are still a few clubs who are nominating coaches and judges before ensuring they are available which then in turn means the competition secretary has to reopen the entry so that it can be amended. The committee have now brought in an administration fee for any amendments.

The region for the first time entered two teams in the Bill McLoughlin competition and thoroughly enjoyed the competition. It gives some gymnasts the opportunity to compete at a national event who normally might not get the chance.

The region should soon have a further competition venue with the completion of Erewash project.

A great deal of thought has gone into restarting the regional squads which hopefully will start in early 2017. The WTC is very grateful for the ongoing support from The Zone with new warm up and competition leotards being subsidised.

Areas of achievement - Although this is a 2016 report we would like to congratulate Ellie Downie at becoming the 2017 British Champion.

We must also congratulate Becky and Ellie Downie on their selection and participation in the 2016 Olympic GB team. The region is very proud of them, their coaches and the Notts Gymnastic academy. The regional teams at National events are slowly moving up the positional tables and with more clubs having members in the teams this can only make the region stronger for the future events. Congratulations also goes to all the gymnasts who have been chosen to represent home nations.

Coaching and judging – Numerous coaching courses have taken place but many clubs are still not applying for a grant form from the EMGS for their coaches. No judging courses took place in 2016 but in 2017 it will be a busy time with revalidation of all our judges.

RHYTHMIC.

Last year the 5 regional clubs took part in Gymfest, Gymfusion, schools competitions, British Championships, National and Elite group leagues, national Grades, Zone championships, Regional Championships, a range of invitational, club and novice competitions, displays as well as the Northants clubs taking part in County championships, displays and youth sport trust talent camp.

Gymnasts took part in County and zone squads, zone training will possibly continue in 2017 (awaiting clarification from NTC as to what form this takes). There are currently no plans to hold County training sessions this year as the calendar is very full and all clubs have limited number of coaches willing to take on additional commitments.

Highlights of the year included Northampton's junior group who were crowned National league champions, while their Espoir group placed 4th in the elite league. Billings showed much improved performances in the league and won most improved club at the east Midlands

awards where dexterity's Sophie Tanswell was presented with the young coach of the year award. NVRGC's Vicki Pearson has been re-selected as chair of the National RTC and judged both at the selection event and the Rio Olympics. Emily Ho from Erewash Valley GC was selected for the Espoires National Squad from April 2016- August 2016.

Rhythmic classes are now being offered at Corby Gymnastics supported by NVRGC and the initial feedback is positive.

We have 13 judges booked on to judge revalidation course with at least one hoping to upgrade to County level and I am delighted to report Vicki Pearson has just achieved Brevet Category 1 at the recent FIG rhythmic revalidation course in Azerbaijan.

A breakdown of club membership was given with regional totals at 18 qualified coaches, 7 unqualified helpers, 15 judges and 226 gymnasts within the region.

Finally I would like to thank EMGA, the EM RTC, all the coaches, officials, welfare officers and volunteers for their continuing support in helping gymnasts of all levels enjoy their sport and achieve their potential. Jo Gardner RTC chair

A thanks was given by the RTC to Jo for her time as chair and her continuing support.

ACRO, & tumbling - 2016 was a challenging year for acro and tumbling with regards to regional competitions. A handful of clubs chose to have a year out from competition due to a number of reasons eg coach loss, moving into dedicated facilities/ changing venues and restructuring of gymnast partnerships. This had an impact on the finances for the year but in 2017 there has already been a turnaround, the 2 competitions already run have had a 30% increase in entries. There have been new competing clubs in the region and some WA clubs are entering tumbling. Despite the challenges there were still gymnasts qualifying for tumbling and acro NDP finals where we medalled. The clubs that have moved venue are expanding and the benefits are starting to be seen.

A tumbling judge revalidation course was held in 2016 which the majority of judges booked onto. There are still some judges in the region needing a course however, a request has been made to BG. Acro judges revalidated at the start of 2017 the majority retaining their current level of qualification.

Derby City continue to produce FIG level tumblers, with Inspire Gymnastics really starting to show promise in the tumbling competition scene. Loughborough acro continue to dominate the region and have gymnasts competing at FIG level.

GFA – In 2016 there were 5 competitions and these were listed. In total 18 clubs took part with 614 gymnasts. In October a low level judging course was run which was well attended and the newly qualified judges from this have been a great asset to the competitions they have attended.

TRAMPOLINING

A lot has happened in the 12 months since the last AGM.

Trampoline in Great Britain came on leaps and bounds (no pun intended). History was made at the Rio 2016 Olympics when Bryony Page secured a silver medal.

The feelgood factor was felt across the country and in the region, at every level.

As a result, progress is continuing to be made in all areas – from performance and coaching to judging.

For the new Olympic cycle (2017-20), there have been adjustments to the competition structure domestically and internationally.

These included the introduction of horizontal displacement to the all levels of competitions in trampoline.

This transition has begun, thanks to the assistance of everyone, from the gymnasts, coaches and clubs to the judges, officials and volunteers.

COMPETITIONS:

By the end of March 2017, we will have held three regional NDP events for both trampoline and double-mini trampoline (DMT) – two pre-qualifiers and a regional qualifying event - and regional championships. The regional NDP competitions were qualifying events leading to the Regional Team Finals, to be held at the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham.

In 2016, the East Midlands was represented at the event by 55 competitors.

After a challenging weekend, the trampoline team finished 3rd and the DMT team were 10th.

The final medal tally was 7 gold medals, 5 silvers and 3 bronzes.

This year (2017), we have 50 representatives for the Regional Team Finals.

The East Midlands had a good showing at the 2016 National NDP Finals and the 2016 British Championships, held at the International Centre in Telford and the Echo Arena in Liverpool respectively. There were medallists too.

At the NDP Finals, the region as a whole secured 5 gold, one silver and eight bronze medals.

At the British Championships, there was another collection of medals of all colours returning to the East Midlands.

We have four British Champions, two silver medallists and four bronze medallists.

OTHER NEWS: Tracy Whittaker-Smith of Northampton Trampoline Gymnastics Academy continues to be the coach of the Great Britain Ladies Trampoline Team, as well as taking a role with the men's team, too. Under Tracy's leadership, the Great Britain women qualified two Olympic places – the first time this has ever been done. This was followed by a male gymnast place being secured at the Rio Test Event.

DISABILITIES: The East Mids had a good year with 3 trampolinists entering the spring series with a British silver medal being won. In womens East Mids gymnast retained her Vault title. Currently the womens programme is working on an invitational competition to run alongside the club teams.

Election of Executive Members:

ROLE	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDED	DUE FOR RE-ELECTION
Chairperson	Paul Lipton			2018
Secretary	Jenni Harris			2019
Treasurer	Marie Marshall	Marie Mitchell	Veronica West	2020
Welfare & Ethics Officer Lead	Linda Thompson	Jenni Harris	Marie Mitchell	2019
Chairs of technical committees	See TC table below			

Election of Technical Committee Members

WTC	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDED	DUE FOR RE-ELECTION
Chair	Marie Mitchell	Vicky Pyatt	Jenni Harris	2019
Affiliation Secretary	Veronica West			2018
Comp secretary	Alisa Saunders	Marie Mitchell	Jenni Harris	2019
Judging Convenor	Jenni Harris			2018
Member	Katherine Boden			Non elected Brevet/ Tutor technical advisor
DISABILITIES				
Chair	Stacie Ridley			2019
MTC	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDED	DUE FOR RE-ELECTION
Chair	Neville Burr	Sue Snelgrove	Josh Champion	2019
Comp secretary	Sue Snelgrove			2018
Judging Convenor	Josh Champion			2018
Squad co-ordinator	Miroslav Tevekelyski.			2018
RGTC (see below)	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDED	DUE FOR RE-ELECTION
Chair	Hannah Vickers	Helen Barber	Vicki Pearson	2019

Secretary	Deborah England	Hannah Vickers	Alexis Powell	2018
Members	Alexis Powell	Jenny Bott	Sharon Tanswell	2020
ACRO TC	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDED	DUE FOR RE-ELECTION
Chair	Dean Walters			2018
Secretary & comp sec	Emma Pilgrim			2018
Members	Kathryn Ford			2019
	Alex Shaw			2020
GFA	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDED	DUE FOR RE-ELECTION
Chair	Richard Payne			2018 standing down at end of 2017 – Alex Shaw co-opted as chair to work with Richard this year and take over until next AGM
Vice Chair	Alex Shaw			2018
Secretary	Brenda Payne			2018
Comp Sec	Courtney Saunders			2018
Members	Jon Smith			2018
	Kerry Bishton	Richard Payne	Brenda Payne	2017
	Jo Robb	Richard Payne	Jenni Harris	2018
TRAMPOLINE				
Chair/ judging & judge education	Clive Morgan	VOTED ON AT TRAMPOLINE AGM ACCEPTED EN BLOC AT THIS MEETING		
Secretary	Chris Edwards			
Treasurer	Kevin Gladders			
Judging	Clive Morgan			
Competition Sec	Charlotte reeks			
DMT Rep	Sarah Corral			
Schools Sec	Kirsty Ringsell			
Squad Co-ordinator	Rose Townsend			
Coach Tutoring	Mandy Daybles			
Welfare Officer	Ann Gladders			
County Reps	VACANT Natalie Jacques	Derbyshire Notts		

	Kieran Grundy Dani Martin Liam Townsend	Leics Northants Lincs	
WELFARE TEAM ***			
Lead & WTC Linda Thompson			
Exec & WTC – Jenni Harris			
Tutor advisor – Tony Ford			
Tramp - Ann Gladders			
MTC – Bev Lobley			
ACRO - TBC			
RHYTHMIC - TBC			
GFA - TBC			

Acceptance of County Representatives to the Executive Committee

Derbyshire:	Georgia Saunders
Leicestershire:	Jenni Harris
Lincolnshire:	Neville Burr/ Alisa Saunders
Northamptonshire:	Kevin Flynn
Nottinghamshire:	Stacie Ridley

AOB – There was a discussion around the need for a change of status from an association if we continue to make profit. Paul Lipton asked the AGM to accept that if the exec. Felt this was needed they could go ahead without coming back for and EGM – motion not accepted by the meeting and if a change of status is needed then an EGM must bne called to make this constitutional change. It was felt in general by the meeting that the exec should be looking at ways to invest any surplus back into the sport rather than show a profit, this way the organisation can stay as it is and we are benefitting the regions clubs in this way. Various ideas how to get more bursaries claimed were voiced – Paul to ask Alan price if bursary forms can go out in coaching course information packs. (post meeting note Alan has agreed to this)

Date of AGM 2017:

Thursday 5th April 2018 7.30pm – Venue TBC

Close of meeting:

The Chair brought the meeting to a close at 9.30pm

2016/17 Regional Committee meeting dates at Coalville at 7.30pm:

6th July 7.30pm
5th October 7.30pm
11th January 2018 (Budgets)
5th April 2018 after AGM