

# EAST MIDLANDS GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00 P.M.  
COALVILLE GYMNASTIC CLUB

**Present:** Paul Lipton (chair), Jenni Harris (Secretary), Marie Marshall (Treasurer) Richard & Brenda Payne (Selston), Marie Mitchell (WTC Chair), Neville Burr (mens TC & Lincoln) Veronica West (affiliations sec), Alex Shaw (GFA chair), Hannah Vickers (Rhythmic chair) Claire Barbieri (Robin Hood) Clive Morgan (Tramp chair), Alisa Saunders (WTC comp sec & Witham Hill), Kevin Flynn (NCAAC) Mrs Purcell (Kettering) Rachel Law (Leics chair) Chris Edwards (Nightflyers) Dani Martin & Rodd Whittaker (NTGA) Katie Foster (Notts County) Susannah Watts (NGA) Monica White (Phoenix TC) Kevin Gladders (Aerokinetics) Lisa Staniforth (Charnwood TC) Karen Edwards (Coalville GC) Peter Harris (H&B) Joy Dulston (Erewash) Trevor Low (Hinckley GC) Tony Ford (RWO)

**Apologies** Stacie Ridley (Disabilities chair), Lincoln Immps, Patsy Shields (Sleaford Elite) Delta TC, Abbey High Flyers TC Linda Thompsob RWO Kim Glasel (Boston GC) Emma Pilgrim (Acro) Richard Neely ( Mansfield)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM.

**Minutes of 2017 A.G.M** Adjustments prior to meeting had been made as Courtney saunders had e mailed correcting that she did not accept any role and wished that removed from the minutes.

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

**Chairman's Report –** It seems like a lifetime ago I took on the role as Chair from Mrs Derry that was back in 2009. So now as I approach the end of my current term as your Chair I thought it was time to look at what we have achieved.

Our Gymnasts coaches and Judges have continued to achieve success on the international and National stage with medals at just about all the major championships. Success has certainly bread more success with more gymnasts coming through the different pathways than ever before. Skills have continued to improve and the standard of our gymnasts continues to push the boundaries. This is no mean feat and it is testament to the hard work of our volunteers our coaches, judges and officials that these leaps continue to be made.

Our Clubs are becoming more and more like businesses and the level of professionalism continues to improve so much so that the support structures that surround the clubs are really feeling the pressure not just to keep up but also to make sure that the support for the clubs is as professional as the clubs themselves.

Our Counties has also continued to make great strides in that we now have good quality facilities in most of the counties that can offer excellent opportunities for our Gymnasts and clubs to perform.

We are getting there with our GFA base at Erewash, again no mean feat given that one of our biggest clubs after signing on the dotted line then almost ended up homeless so instead of gently planning a move into a new purpose built centre and home they ended up needing two facilities. Whilst our timeline has slipped somewhat on this project I am confident that it is back on track and should deliver by this time next year.

New College in Leicester has again continued to deliver and with the new equipment package agreed this should see the regions prime performance centre maintained for another 9 years.

This does leave a bit of a gap in that Northamptonshire and Trampoline in particular. We need to come up with a robust plan that will deliver for the discipline the county and region.

### **Finances,**

Even with our current financial commitments to both New college and Erewash we are still in a very comfortable position with the Technical committees delivering strong competitions and income streams. yet again you have done a remarkable job in maintaining our competitions and our squads. Well done to all the TC's your hard work is really appreciated.

However as always the budgets and expenditure need to managed and once again this has been expertly lead by our Treasurer Marie who has yet again done a fantastic job at keeping the numbers in the black. The accounts have been looked at by the auditor throughout the year with no issues reported and after the AGM they will go for final sign off. Thanks again Marie.

### **Welfare**

Back in 2009 Mrs Derry looked after the child welfare course and Welfare officers were on the horizon. Now it is a department our three RWO's have done a great job in supporting the clubs with all their welfare issues policies and procedures this isn't an easy job and has to be handled extremely sensitively. Well done Jenni, Linda and Tony.

Finally it has been a pleasure to serve as your chair and if re elected I would be happy to serve another term and try and push the last County into a venue suitable for holding county and regional events preferably Trampoline lead.

**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. Accounts were available at the meeting for inspection if required. To be attached once audited

PROPOSED Marie Mitchell  
SECONDED Clive Morgan

**Appointment of Auditors** – Chris McGlasham  
PROPOSED Alex Shaw  
SECONDED Tony Ford

**Setting of Annual Affiliation for Clubs & Counties 2019** – to remain unchanged at the moment, however Paul explained in brief that there is a proposal from English Gymnastics for affiliation fees to collected through BG online system and set equally across all regions, some regions are charging far more than East Mids - £1 a head in some cases and Paul is trying hard to minimise the change in East Mids , but feels there will be some impact and we may have this taken out of our hands in the future, but on the plus side it will ease Veronica's work and mean competition entries will be checked automatically via the online system.

PROPOSED Neville Burr  
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 and Miro Tevekeliyski and Ben Taylor have been our coaching co-ordinators 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 region has held a floor and vault competition, an individual apparatus comp, a grades comp to choose the teams to represent East Midlands 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 and helpers that help to make the comps run smoothly.

### Courses coaching judging etc

There has been an increase in all levels of coaching this year; this is all good news for the region.

We are getting sorted with a regional and club judging course in the region now the National and Brevet courses are complete on the new cycle, and Ben Taylor the lead MAG coach at Erewash can head up those courses with the first club judge course happening in April.

### Areas of Achievement

Results are improving within the region; with Matt, Pavel and Rae from Notts representing GB in the U16 and doing well. At the national finals an individual Gold in club level 1 and Level 4 and bronze medal places for our club Level 1 and 4 teams.

There was also a matter of the Adams Shield, which was won by Notts Academy.

Most recently we had a large number of boys represented at the British Championships in Liverpool with some great results in both the mainstream gymnastics and the Disabilities masters

It is all an improvement on a few years ago and that is down to the hard work of the coaches and gymnasts, we hope that the results continue to improve as the years go ahead.

### W.T.C.

2017 was a very busy and productive year

We had our first disability competition held within the Club Team finals and after many years the regional squad has been reformed with gymnasts from the age of seven upwards.

2017 was the year for judges to refresh their qualification with regional and three club judging courses taking place. The region now has two brevet, four national and numerous regional & club judges. The judging situation has improved greatly and with fresh young judges coming on board the future looks very bright for the regional competitions.

Coaching courses have been well attended and once again new young coaches starting their coaching careers is very exciting for our sport.

Seven competitions were held including grades at all level, voluntaries from In age through to full F.I.G teams competitions for clubs and counties. The floor & vault county team and four piece county teams were on the same day in 2017 with an overall trophy being awarded for the county team with the highest aggregate score.

The region invited clubs to attend three training sessions in late 2017 held at Witham Hill and Loughborough, 15 clubs and 70 gymnasts attended with Claire Barbieri being invited to be regional coach. The 2018 squad has now been chosen from these gymnasts and training takes place on a monthly basis.

Our thanks must go to our sponsors the Zone who have very generously sponsored the regional leotards.

Teams from the region entered National competitions at Compulsory & National Grades and at the In age championships.

Junior & senior teams competed at the Sandra Clarke Cup with the team winning the silver team medal.

I must say a big thank you to our very busy committee, Jenni our judging convenor, Alisa our competition secretary, Veronica and Sue who attend every competition. All these people are volunteers and spend hours arranging and attending competitions and training.

**RHYTHMIC,** 2017 was a good year for the rhythmic clubs in the East Midlands. We had gymnasts compete in all National Competitions, whether this was as an individual or as part of a group. Last year 3 regional clubs competed at the Zonal and Regional championships with Erewash Valley GC taking home 4 regional Trophies and Billings GC taking home 2. Highlights of 2017 saw EVGC have a gymnast qualify for the British Rhythmic championships and Billings GC had a gymnast selected for the England Aspire squad. Billings GC group also placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the National League.

Rhythmic is now being offered at Robin Hood and all coaches from the regions club are on hand to offer support.

East Mids held their first invitational in November for Novice gymnasts and we had 100 gymnasts enter. All the feedback from the competition was positive and we will be running this competition again.

2017 also saw Northampton and Dexterity merge. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jenny Bott for all her work and support within Rhythmic gymnastics.

Finally, I would like to thank EMGA, the East Midlands 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.

**ACRO, & tumbling** - No report received

**GFA –**

**TRAMPOLINING,**

The past 12 month has seen a lot of preparation for this new Olympic cycle. For 2017-20, there have been adjustments to the competition structure and code of points domestically and internationally.

As a result, there have been continuing improvements made in all areas – from performance and coaching to judging.

These included the introduction of horizontal displacement to the all levels of competitions in trampoline and adjustments to the number of judges required.

This transition is in full swing, thanks to the assistance of everyone, from the gymnasts, coaches and clubs to the judges, officials and volunteers.

**COMPETITIONS**

In 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 a 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 2017, the East Midlands was represented at the event by 47 competitors. The teams finished in 9th (Trampoline), 10th (DMT) and 7th (Disabilities).

The East Midlands had a good showing at the 2017 National NDP Finals and the 2017 British Championships, held at the International Centre in Telford and the Echo Arena in Liverpool respectively.

There were medallists too.

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

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

Gymnasts, coaches and judges from the region were featured at the World Games, World Championships and the World Age Group Competition.

In 2018, we have held two regional competitions so far - with more to come - and we are now preparing for this year's Regional Team Finals (inter-regional event), which is being held at the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham in June. For that competition, we as a region are sending a team of 60 trampoline and DMT competitors, as well as a number of tumblers.

#### OTHER NEWS

Congratulations to Tracy Whittaker-Smith, who has been appointed as head national coach of the Great Britain Trampoline.

Under Tracy's leadership, the Great Britain trampoline programme has gone from strength to strength, and included a historic silver medal for Bryony Page at the Rio 2016 Olympics. Harvey Smith continues to be a Great Britain junior squad coach. He travelled to the World Age Group Competition, with a team that included six members of Northamptonshire Trampoline Gymnastics Academy.

Among the good results for gymnasts from the region were a gold and silver for Tyler Cole-Dyer in the 11-12 boys synchro and individual respectively, as well as an individual silver medal for Andrew Stamp in the 15-16 boys (his third world silver medal in a row).

I would like to congratulate them on their achievements.

In 2018, a number of gymnasts, coaches and judges from the region have been selected to represent Great Britain at the European Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan, in April.

These are as follows:

Coaches: Tracy-Whittaker-Smith and Harvey Smith

Judge: Clive Morgan

Gymnasts: Andrew Stamp, Brodie Hove-Coleman and Abigail Brown

On the coaching side of things, Ray Bevan has decided to step down as tutor and assessor. I would like to thank Ray for everything he has done for coach education in the region and beyond and his commitment over the years.

I would also like to thank Chris Edwards for his tireless work on the scoring system. Over the years, Chris has gone above and beyond the call of duty as a volunteer, spending countless hours rewriting and updating the scoring system to make sure that it reflects the current rules for all of our competitions.

And, finally, I would also like to thank everyone in the region, from the gymnasts, coaches, clubs and volunteers, who have helped to make things happen and help them to grow.

**DISABILITIES:** 2017 has been another massive success for East Midlands Disability gymnasts.

We started with the Disability British Championships in October 2017. East Midlands had a total of 7 gymnasts competing (6 WAG, 1 MAG). The gymnasts exceeded expectations and achieved 15 gold, 5 silver and 2 bronze medals between them, bringing the East Midlands total to 22 medals achieved. Well done to Natasha Coates (Robin Hood), Holly Stephenson (Retford), Lauren Douce (Retford) and Oliver Kettleborough (Notts) for achieving British Titles at this competition.

In October 2018, East Midlands Disability Rep Stacie Ridley was nominated for the National Inclusive Award at the British Gymnastics Awards night. Despite not winning, Stacie was recognised for her work developing National Champions and also developing a disability gymnastics pathway at Retford Gymnastics Club.

25th February saw Sleaford Elite hold their first Disability Gymnastics Open day. They invited people with disabilities to come along to the club and try out gymnastics in their purpose-built facility. Local disability gymnasts Natasha Coates and Oliver Kettborough were also in attendance to give advice to upcoming and aspiring gymnasts.

The Disability British Championships was also a qualifier for the Disability Masters Competition, which is held at the 2018 British Championships in Liverpool. East Midlands had 5 gymnasts selected to compete in apparatus finals. Natasha Coates, Georgia Shearman, Lucyanne Quickfall-Briggs, Lauren Douce, Oliver Kettleborough and Quentin Peberdy were all selected to compete at the biggest event of the year. The East Midlands gymnasts again produced outstanding performances and exceeded expectations over different events. The 5 gymnasts achieved 5 gold, 7 Silver and 2 Bronze medals between them. Congratulations to Georgia Shearman (British Vault Champion), Lucyanne Quickfall-Briggs (British Beam Champion) and Oliver Kettleborough (British Champion on Rings, Floor and Vault)

2018 is looking to be another successful year for East Midlands Disability gymnasts. We are holding the first ever WAG Disability Open Championships in June 2018 and look forward to supporting more clubs to develop their disability gymnastics programs and gymnasts. Retford Gymnast, Lauren Douce, has also been announced as a Team GB member for the Special Olympics World Championships in Dubai in 2019. Congratulations to Lauren and Coach Stacie.

### **Election of Executive Members:**

There were 2 nominations for chair Paul Lipton nominated by Jenni Harris and seconded by Marie Marshall and Marie Mitchell, Clive Morgan Nominated by Chris Edwards and seconded by Harvey Smith. The statement of experience for the role made by both candidates was read out by the Secretary and the nominees were asked to leave the room. A secret ballot was then held and those present at the meeting who did not qualify to vote were informed. Votes were collected and counted and the result was 17 votes to Paul and 8 to Clive, Paul was therefore elected back into post

ROLE	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDED	DUE FOR RE-ELECTION
Chairperson	Paul Lipton	2 candidates and ballot taken to elect.		2020
Secretary	Jenni Harris			2019
Treasurer	Marie Marshall			2020
Welfare & Ethics Officer Lead	Linda Thompson			2019
Chairs of technical committees	See TC table below			

### **Election of Technical Committee Members**

WTC	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDED	DUE FOR RE-
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				<b>ELECTION</b>
Chair	Marie Mitchell			2019
Affiliation Secretary	Veronica West	Jenni Harris	Paul Lipton	2020
Comp secretary	Alisa Saunders			2019
Judging Convenor	Jenni Harris	Marie Mitchell	Alisa saunders	2020
Member	Katherine Boden			Non elected Brevet/ Tutor technical advisor
<b>DISABILITIES</b>				
Chair	Stacie Ridley			2019
<b>MTC</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>DUE FOR RE-ELECTION</b>
Chair	Neville Burr			2019
Comp secretary	Sue Snelgrove	Neville Burr	Jenni Harris	2020
Judging Convenor	Josh Champion	Neville Burr	Sue Snelgrove	2020
Squad co-ordinator	Miroslav Tevekeliyski.	Neville Burr	Sue Snelgrove	2020
members	Ben Taylor James Kitka	Neville Burr	Sue Snelgrove	2020
<b>RGTC (see below)</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>DUE FOR RE-ELECTION</b>
Chair	Hannah Vickers			2019
Secretary	Deborah England	Joy Dulston	Hannah Vickers	2020
Members	Alexis Powell			2020
<b>ACRO TC</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>DUE FOR RE-ELECTION</b>
Chair	There have been no nominations for the Acro TC and only member present was Alex Shaw – agreed Acro would hold a TC meeting and come to next executive with names roles and terms of committee			
Secretary & comp sec				
Members				
<b>GFA</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>DUE FOR RE-ELECTION</b>
Chair	Alex Shaw	Susannah Watts	C Green	2020
Secretary				
Comp Sec				
Members	Michelle Mullett	Dean Bartram	Sophie Dawson	2020
	Kerry Bishton			2019
	Jo Robb	Alex Shaw	Jenni Harris	2020
	Susannah Watts	Alex Shaw	S Sheppard	2020



<b>TRAMPOLINE</b>	VOTED ON AT TRAMPOLINE AGM ACCEPTED EN BLOC AT THIS MEETING
<p>East Midlands Trampoline Technical Committee 2018:  Chair: Clive Morgan (Independent)  Treasurer: Kevin Gladders (Aerokinetics)  Secretary: Chris Edwards (Nightflyers)  Welfare Officer: Ann Gladders ( Aerokinetics)  Competition Secretary: Charlotte Reeks (Lincoln Imps)  Judging &amp; Judge Education: Clive Morgan (Independent)  DMT Representative: Sarah Corral (Charnwood)  Schools Secretary: Kirsty Ringsell (Abbey High Fliers)  Regional Squad Coordinator: Rose Townsend (Lincoln Imps)  Coach Tutoring: Mandy Daybles (NTGA)  Derbyshire Representative: Vacant  Nottinghamshire Representative: Monica White (Phoenix)  Leicestershire Representative: Kieran Grundy (Market Harborough)  Northamptonshire Representative: Dani Martin (NTGA)  Lincolnshire Representative: Liam Townsend (Lincoln Imps)</p>	
<p><b>WELFARE TEAM ***</b>  Lead &amp; WTC Linda Thompson  Exec &amp; WTC – Jenni Harris  Tutor advisor – Tony Ford  Tramp - Ann Gladders  MTC – Bev Loblely  ACRO - TBC  RHYTHMIC - TBC  GFA - TBC</p>	

### Acceptance of County Representatives to the Executive Committee

**Derbyshire:**

**Leicestershire:** Jenni Harris

**Lincolnshire:** Neville Burr/ Alisa Saunders

**Northamptonshire:** Kevin Flynn

**Nottinghamshire:** Katie Foster

**AOB –** Trevor Low proposed that it was considered adding the position of Vice Chair to the Executive in view of the strong CV Clive had put forward and electing him in this role. Paul and Jenni explained this could not be voted on at this meeting, there needed to be due notice given of a change to constitution and if there was a position up for election there would need to be notice of this and it voted on at an EGM. It was agreed this would be put on the agenda for next years AGM or sooner if an EGM needed to be called for any reason. Claire Barbieri enquired if other people could be nominated for Vice Chair and it was confirmed that any position coming up for election was open to nominations and a vote would take place were there more than one nominee. It was agreed by those present that this should be added to the agenda for the next general meeting.

Paul pointed out to All present that all members are entitled to attend meeting but only those named in the constitution would be able to vote at executive meetings.

**Date of AGM 2018:**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 8.00pm – Venue Robin Hood Gymnastics Club  
Claire Barbieri offered Robin Hood free of charge.

**Close of meeting:**

The Chair brought the meeting to a close at 9.30pm

**2017/18 Regional Committee meeting dates at Coalville at 7.30pm:**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (Budgets)  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 after AGM