

# EAST MIDLANDS GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RUSHCLIFFE LEISURE CENTRE, NOTTINGHAM

THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

- Present:** Paul Lipton (Chairperson Exec and WTC); Jenni Harris (Secretary & WTC, Hinckley & Burbage), Marie Marshall (Treasurer, Erewash)  
Lindsey Palfreman (Area Manager), Peter Harris (Leicestershire representative); Joy Dulston (Rhythmic chair & Erewash Valley GC);  
Neville Burr (MA & Lincoln), Richard Payne (General Gym TC & Amber Valley); Alan Price (Regional Administrator);  
Richard Neely (Mansfield GC), Jon Smith (GMPD Chair, Ashford & Selston GC), Dean Walters (Derby City GC), Tracey Linekar (Amber Valley), Marie Mitchell (Kettering and WTC),  
Veronica West (Notts), Alisa Saunders (Witham Hill), Denise Allcock (Top Valley)  
Kevin Flynn (English Gymnastics & NCAAC)
- Apologies:** Jenny Bott & Emma Law (Acro competition sec);

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM.

### Minutes of 2012 A.G.M

The minutes were proposed by Dean Walters, seconded by Peter harris & accepted as a true record by the meeting.

### Chairman's Report:

2012 what a year for Gymnastics.

The Olympics really put Gymnastics back on the map. I was fortunate enough to visit the NGA for the test event and to be in the Olympic Park on super Saturday. Since then I'm not sure if things have slowed down or everything else has just got busier.

I personally believe the Olympics has been a massive success for the county and that there doesn't seem to be a weekend that goes by where we don't have either a gymnast or Olympic gymnast now complete with celebrity status on the TV. This new found respect for our sport and the role models that now have centre stage after their performance at the Olympics can only be good for our sport. I think this has also been highlighted nationally by the fact that we are the only NGB to get an increase in our funding.

As with 2011 we have had some fairly major personnel changes in the region with Lynsey Palframan now taking over as our area manger and one of our most valued CDC's Emma has been poached by Gemma Barton (of East Midlands fame) to support the GFA programme Nationally. Emma will be sadly missed as a member of the East Midlands staff but fortunately her heart still belongs in the East Midlands so we still get to see lots of her as a volunteer.

In addition to losing Emma we are also losing Rachel Clerk as her contract has now come to an end. Rachel will be sadly missed and we wish her well for the future.

This will now leave the region with 2 CDC's Melissa Carr who has taken over from Emma and Hazel Colton still holding strong across the region. I would like to thank our CDC's for their professionalism and work ethic in these times of change you are a credit to our region and thank you for all your hard work.

The good news is that as a region we are still performing well. Our clubs are all still boasting very good numbers and we still have large waiting lists even as the current economic situation continues to keep a hold of the country. Gymfusion has again been a massive success, with the event breaking even for the second year in a row this has added a real bit of spice to the calendar and it is great to see so many new faces at our events

supporting the gymnasts the clubs and in turn the region. The team have done a first class job with maintaining the excellent start we had to our first through this year. I think we can say with some pride that we are firmly on the event calendar with the East Midlands Gymfusion.

Financially we are holding up well and I am happy that the auditor has signed off the accounts with no issues. However 2012 has seen a reduction in our income as reported last year. However we have still returned a positive position from all our TC's, meaning that we are still generating a small profit from our activities and more importantly we haven't had to touch our reserves.

In addition we are also in a position to offer up to a 50% bursary to our revalidating judges, using part of our surplus from 2012

New staffing structure is Lynsey Palframan - Area Manager, Hazel Colton – CDC Melissa Carr, CDC - Alan Price - Workforce

At the Regional awards, as you would expect and in keeping with the great year we had we also exceeded our expectations with the regional awards. Not only did we break the 100 mark we also had to actively put off people from attending. As I have said on many occasions our clubs, coaches, volunteers and gymnasts do a great job. So what better way to celebrate that work than by nominating them for a regional award? Well done to all our nominee and winners.

Finally my sincere thanks to all our volunteers and staff for their hard work and commitment in 2012. 2012 has been a massive year for our sport and we must capitalise on our new found fortune to keep the focus on our sport and maximise our club networks and deliver new and interesting programmes for our existing and new members

**Treasurer' Report:** Marie gave her apologies for not circulating full accounts. They had only been signed off just prior to the meeting. All accounts were available at the meeting should anyone wish to inspect full accounts. An overview of the accounts was circulated at the meeting (see below) . Full accounts to be included in these minutes for circulation. The Region is in a good financial state.

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**AGM – Finance Overview 2012 - Bank Accounts:**

Opening Balance for all accounts 2012 £165609.00  
Closing Balance for all Accounts 2012 £174377.02

Accounts have been signed off by Auditor and will be included with the minutes.

	Closing Dec 2012	50% Rule	Carried Fwd	Bursary Sacrifice	Carried Forward 2013
WTC	£8,553.16	-£3,276.58	£3,276.58	-£982.97	£2,293.61
WTC sponsor RF	£2,502.32		£2,502.32		£2,502.32
General RF	£1,365.00		£1,365.00		£1,365.00
General	£9,645.18	-£4,822.58	£4,822.58	-£1,446.77	£3,375.81
ACRO	£926.80	-£463.40	£463.40		£463.40
Rhythmic Zonal RF					£0.00
Rhythmic	£350.34	-£175.17	£175.17	-£52.55	£122.62
Trampoline RF	£2,183.51		£2,183.51		£2,183.51
Trampoline Squad RF	£565.08		£565.08		£565.08
Trampoline	£1,295.90	-£647.95	£647.95	-£194.39	£453.57
Admin	£13,168.55	£11,009.81	£24,178.35	-£6,836.08	£17,342.27
MTC RF	£137.00		£137.00		£137.00
MTC	£3,248.25	-£1,624.13	£1,624.13	-£487.24	£1,136.89
WTC	£3,099.87		£3,099.87		£3,099.87
Leader	£532.74		£532.74		£532.74
Judging Bursary				£10,000.00	£10,000.00
Special Events	£4,333.09		£4,333.09		£4,333.09
	<b>49906.77</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>49906.77</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>49906.76</b>
Main Account	<b>£49,906.77</b>				<b>£49,906.77</b>
Deposit Account	£18,897.63				£18,897.63
24 month bond	£35,000.00				£35,000.00
	<u>£103,804.40</u>				<u>£103,804.40</u>
No 2 account	£0.73				£0.73
Cheque	£70,571.89				£70,571.89
Deposit Account	£0.00				£0.00
12 month bond	<u>£70,572.62</u>				<u>£70,572.62</u>
Total	<b>£174,377.02</b>				<b>£174,377.02</b>

The accounts were proposed by Kevin Flynn, seconded by Dean Walters & accepted by the meeting.

**Appointment of Auditors**

The current auditor Chris McGlashan is happy to continue, proposed by Richard Neely and seconded by Jon Smith. The meeting accepted the appointment.

## **Setting of Annual Affiliation Fee:**

It was agreed that the affiliation fee would remain unchanged again at £46.00, and in addition new clubs would continue to be offered a 50% discount for their first year. To qualify for this they must be a newly registered club with BG and not a lapsed membership. Proposed by Richard Payne, seconded by Joy Dulston & accepted by the meeting.

**Technical Reports:** Those reports received were handed out or read

Reports were received from the following disciplines: Acro & Tumbling; General; WTC; MTC, Rhythmic & coach education.

## **ACRO & TUMBLING REPORT**

Number of Acrobatic and Tumbling Clubs in the region have stayed the same as the previous year.

**Competition Report :** We held 3 competitions in the region and have the same planned for the forthcoming year.

Again, we have decided to split the acro and tumbling regional prelims in to 2 separate competitions and this is now also to happen nationally.

Entries to all competitions were good, although a drop at regional acro prelims, and we have again seen some fantastic results at national and international level.

**2012 :** Some great results at NDP Finals, with medals for gymnasts from the East Midlands region. We also had representation at the acro British Open held in November. Tumblers from Derby City took part in the British Championships held at the NIA. Gold medals to Sebastian Zaniescienko age 17/18 and Ashton Jenns age 11/12 making them both British Champions!

**2013 :** 130 Tumblers took part in regional prelims – a big jump since last year! With some great performances. Winners will proceed to finals in June 2013. In March, acro prelims will take place, with fewer partnerships than usual. We are happy to welcome Eclipse Gymnastics Acro to the competition scene for the first time! Finals will take place in May 2013.

**Coach & Judge Development :** No club/regional level judging courses this year. Adam Wixey passed his national acro exam. We have 2 more candidates ready to take their national exam too. An acro level 1 coaching course was held in region, with another level 1 course in both disciplines planned for April 2013.

## **GYMNASTICS FOR ALL REPORT**

2012 was a successful year. 5 competitions took place, all of these was very well attended with approx. 550 gymnasts taking part, numbers have decreased slightly from the year before. As a Discipline we are making a contribution to help with the cost of judge revalidation next cycle. The 5 competitions held in 2012 were split between some at New College and some at Chesterfield, a list of events and dates was given to the meeting. All competitions were for both girls and boys and dates for 2013 are on the East Midlands website along with routines.

## **MENS REPORT**

Last year was a good year, the MTC kept to budget and after some sorting out near the end of the year made a profit running three competitions and squad training at the New College Leicester.

This years competitions dates have had to be altered to fit in with the National programme but should once again a success and see us making a small profit.

The MTC continues to work well together and the competitions run well without too many glitches, Sue is now responsible for judge convening, and with some new Brevet judges in the region we should be able to run some more club and regional judging courses.

For a region that only has four clubs that regularly take part in boy's competitions we have our ups and downs at national level with last year being not a good one. It was fantastic to watch the British team at the Olympic games and hopefully this will inspire the boys to do better this year.

## **WOMENS REPORT**

What, another successful year For WA in the East Midlands. Our top women gymnasts narrowly missed out on Olympic selection due to a combination of injuries and returning back from injury. But none the less we still had 2 of our ladies selected as reserves.

As a region we have continued to boast good numbers of gymnasts competing at all levels both in Elite and Challenge cup. This is an impressive result for such a small region. It also reflects on the high quality of our coaches. There is a real visible improvement in the overall quality of our gymnasts. A trend that we must keep up. We have some real depth to our discipline and we must continue to invest in our coaches to maintain the standards we now expect.

As per last year our competitions are still pulled together by Marie and Vicky and they have done a sterling job of organising the competitions and Jenni in providing the judges. We have some new members coming through and picking up additional responsibility. Alisa will take over as competition organiser and Veronica will expand into registrations and affiliations.

Alan still supports the scoring and website with his helpers who again have done a fantastic job over the year. Our competitions continue to grow in size and they are a real show piece for women's artist gymnastics. Our Competitions are still all based out of the New College facility and thanks must go to Trevor and his team for supporting WA over the last year. With a bit of luck the future development of the NC site will commence again, finishing off the toilets and entrance to the venue in 2012/13. Still to be completed but the work has now started.

Finally this is my last report as the WTC chair. Marie has agreed to take over the reins and I am sure she will do a fantastic job. Lastly let me say many thanks to my committee who have delivered yet again you have been superb and you are all doing a first class job. Keep the focus and I look forward to hearing of your success

## **RYTHMIC REPORT**

The East Midlands Region held four competitions last year - County Championships, Regional Championships, Zonal Grades, Nene Valley held their Rose Cup competition and Northampton held a Dance and Duo competition. The Region also held a very successful Zonal training camp at Billings aimed at the under 12 gymnasts from East and West Midlands and the East Region with 45 gymnasts taking part. The next training camp will be 14<sup>th</sup> April at Elena in the West Midlands.

As a Region we have lost majority of our National competitive gymnasts either to university, coaching or both, it is nice to see our older gymnasts giving back the skills they have gained through their own experiences. Following the changes to the code of points for the next Olympic cycle all clubs are now concentrating on the changes needed to routines, building their recreational classes, and bringing in external coaches at some sessions to increase the standards.

To ensure we keep the younger gymnasts interested, clubs are giving them the opportunity to take part in GFA events. Over the last year Rhythmic groups from the East Midlands took part in Gymfusion, Gymjamboree and Gymfest.

GymJamboree was run by the county RG committee and included workshops in Ballet, Sports Acro and Poi (a circus skill, spinning balls) and performances including the local Sports Acro club.

Only 2 clubs in the region compete at a National level Nene Valley and EVGC, this year we are hoping to take at least 3 gymnasts from the Region to the British Championships.

As a Region we are also working hard to build and retain links with schools last year Helen organised the National Schools Competition which proved to be very popular with entries from all over the country and

Northern Ireland. This years Schools competition will be held at Nene Valley on April 27<sup>th</sup>, information available from Helen Barber

Over the last year we have held a successful judging course and have just completed a judging revalidation course attended by judges from all regions

The East Midlands Rhythmic community were represented at the 2012 Olympics as volunteers, Vicki Hawkins (Nene Valley), Joy Dulston, Hannah Dulston (EVGC), Claire and Eleanor Ross (Northampton RGC).

Vicki Hawkins has also been elected as Chair of the National Rhythmic Technical Committee and we wish her all the best in her new role.

### **GMPD REPORT – No report**

It was discussed by the meeting that Jon still has no support and this matter to be discussed at next Executive meeting with a view to giving him some support to move forward with some GMPD events in the regions.

### **TRAMPOLINING REPORT – No report**

Trampolining to be discussed at next Executive meeting as no members representing trampolining present and no nominations received for committee.

**COACH EDUCATION REPORT** Alan updated the meeting on courses that had been run and numbers of newly qualified coaches. He also gave an overview of planned courses in the year to come.

### **AREA MANAGERS REPORT**

Lyndsey thanked everyone for the welcome they had given her in the Region and congratulated the region on the friendly and welcoming region we were. Reports have been given to Exec since she has been in post – Formal report to be part of next years AGM agenda

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

ROLE	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDED	DUE FOR RE-ELECTION
Chairperson	Paul Lipton	Richard Payne	Joy Dulston	2015
Secretary	Jenni Harris	Marie Mitchell	Veronica West	2015
Treasurer	Marie Marshall			2014
Welfare & Ethics Officer	Linda Thompson	Jenni Harris	Richard Neely	2015
Young persons advisor	Amy May Saunders	Alisa Saunders	Paul Lipton	2015
English Gymnastics Rep.	Kevin Flynn			Non elected post
Chairs of technical committees	See TC table below			

## Election of Technical Committee Members

<b>WTC</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>DUE FOR RE-ELECTION</b>
Chair	Marie Mitchell	Kerry Gibson	Clive Mason	2015
Secretary	VACANT			
Comp secretary	Alisa Saunders	Marie Mitchell	Clive Mason	2015
Judging Convenor	Jenni Harris			2015
Member	VACANT			
<b>MTC (see below)</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>DUE FOR RE-ELECTION</b>
Chair	Neville Burr	Jenni Harris	Richard Payne	2015
Entries officer	Sue Snelgrove			2015
Comp secretary	Karen Rate			2014
Member	VACANT			
Member	VACANT			
<b>RGTC (see below)</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>DUE FOR RE-ELECTION</b>
Chair	Joy Dulston			2014
Secretary	Deborah England			2015
Members	Helen Barber			2014
	Joanna Gardner	Jenny Bott	Debbie England	2015
	VACANT			
<b>ATC</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>DUE FOR RE-ELECTION</b>
Chair	Dean Walters			2014
Secretary	Susan Bennett			2014
Comp Sec	Emma Law	Susan Bennett	Dean Walters	2015
Members	Kathryn Lacey	Susan Bennett	Dean Walters	2015
	VACANT			
	VACANT			
<b>GGTC</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>DUE FOR RE-ELECTION</b>
Chair	Richard Payne			2014
Secretary	Brenda Payne			2014
Members	Jon Smith			2014
	Kerry Bishton	Richard Payne	M.Mullett	2013
	Katie Cuddington	Richard Payne	M.Mullett	2013
	Alex Shaw	Richard Payne	M.Mullett	2013
<b>TRAMPOLINE TC</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>DUE FOR RE-ELECTION</b>
Chair	Kevin Redgrift	No Nominations present at AGM. Trampoline TC have these elected officers. Therefore accepted and co-opted at Executive meeting 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2013. With note for Trampoline TC to make sure details available for voting at AGM in future years.		
Secretary	Debbie Dunn			
Treasurer	Tina Crisp			
Judging Sec.	Clive Morgan			
Competition Sec	Charlotte Reeks			
Schools Sec	Chris Edwards			
Squad Co-ordinator	Rose Townsend			
Coach Tutoring	Mandy Daybles			
Communications	Chris Edwards			
Trampolinists rep	Natasha Trivedi			
<b>GMPD TC</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>DUE FOR RE-ELECTION</b>
Chair	Jon Smith	Brenda Payne	Richard Payne	2015
Secretary	VACANT			
Members	VACANT			
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## **Acceptance of County Representatives on the Executive Committee**

**Derbyshire:** Tracey Linekar / Member of committee  
**Leicestershire:** Peter Harris  
**Lincolnshire:** Neville Burr  
**Northamptonshire:** Kevin Flynn  
**Nottinghamshire:** Rotating members of the Notts exec.

### **Date of AGM 2013:**

Thursday 6th March 2013 – Rushcliffe Leisure Centre

### **Close of meeting:**

The Chair brought the meeting to a close at 8.45pm

### **2013/14 Regional Committee meeting dates:**

28<sup>th</sup> March 2013.  
6<sup>th</sup> June 2013.  
12<sup>th</sup> September 2013.  
9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 (Budgets)  
6<sup>th</sup> March 2013 after AGM