

EAST MIDLANDS GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RUSHCLIFFE LEISURE CENTRE, NOTTINGHAM

THURSDAY 6th March 2014.

- Present:** Paul Lipton (Chairperson Exec and WTC); Jenni Harris (Secretary & WTC, Hinckley & Burbage), Marie Marshall (Treasurer, Erewash), Joy Dulston (Rhythmic chair & Erewash Valley GC); Neville Burr (MA & Lincoln), Richard Payne (General Gym TC & Amber Valley);
Richard Neely (Mansfield GC), Tracey Linekar (Amber Valley), Veronica West (NottsKevin Flynn (English Gymnastics & NCAAC), Tony Ford (Hinckley), Emma Pilgrim (Acro), Melissa Carr (Acting area manager), Jo Gardner (Rhythmic TC), Kevin Gladders (Tramp) Alex Shaw, Clive Morgan (Tramp TC chair)
- Apologies:** Jon Smith (GMPD Chair, Peter Harris (Leics), Marie Mitchell (Kettering and WTC), Richard Smith (performance pathway co-ordinator), Dean Walters, Gemma Wilson (Notts)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM.

Minutes of 2013 A.G.M

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

Chairman's Report:

The good news is as a region we have continued to boast good numbers of gymnasts competing at all levels of competition. There is a real visible improvement in the overall quality of our gymnast. A trend that we must keep up.

This has been supported by the introduction of our performance pathway manager Richard.

WA and MA have both benefited this year and the plan is to roll that out further in 2014 so we can see these benefits across more of our disciplines

The new Regional website is just about there and hopefully by the end of the month this should be complete. The delay is down to the amount of data being loaded onto the site, once up and running we will need to understand the process for loading but this should be much easier.

Regional Awards

2013 awards saw us return to Burleigh Court. Our numbers this year have reached an impressive 125 and to be honest we didn't have to push it very hard to get there.

Jenni did a great job at pulling this together and ensured that a first class evening was had by all. 2014 let's see if we can't beat that number again well done to all who supported us.

My final thought for the year is one for the volunteers. 2013 has been a real challenge we have had less support from the paid staff in a number of areas and that has meant even more has passed to the volunteers. You have done a first class job and please don't think that your hard work hasn't gone unrecognised. We are very grateful.

Treasurer' Report: Full accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting and were available at the AGM. They had been signed off by the auditor prior to the meeting.. An overview of the accounts was circulated at the meeting (see below). The Region is in a good financial state.

East Midlands Gymnastics Association Accounts year ending December 2013

| Cash Position | Dec-12 | Dec-13 | Movement | Notes |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---|
| Main Account | 49906.77 | 112189.87 | 62283.10 | Trading, Bond and EM coach education transfer |
| Deposit Account | 18897.63 | 18906.48 | 8.85 | Interest |
| 24 month bond | 35000.00 | | -35000 | Bond matured moved to main account |
| | <u>103804.40</u> | <u>131096.35</u> | <u>27291.95</u> | |
| No 2 account | | | | |
| Cheque | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0 | |
| Deposit Account | 70571.89 | 40571.89 | -30000 | Reinvested bond |
| 12 month bond | 0.00 | 30000.00 | 30000 | Reinvested bond |
| | <u>70572.62</u> | <u>70572.62</u> | <u>0</u> | |
| All Accounts | 174377.02 | 201668.97 | 27291.95 | |

2013 YTD Income and Expenditure

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| YTD Income | £92,134.08 |
| YTD Expenditure | -£29,850.98 |
| YTD Profit / (loss) | £62,283.10 |

| By Discipline | Income | Expenditure | Profit (Loss) | |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| WTC | £11,998.68 | -£9,605.48 | £2,393.20 | |
| WTC Spon | £662.98 | -£273.00 | £389.98 | |
| WTC REG. | £2,582.00 | -£81.20 | £2,500.80 | |
| GEN R/F | £355.00 | £0.00 | £355.00 | |
| GEN. | £9,243.00 | -£3,763.40 | £5,479.60 | |
| ACRO | £448.00 | -£25.00 | £423.00 | |
| RHY Zonal | £1,434.39 | -£736.80 | £697.59 | |
| RHYTH. | £1,434.39 | -£736.80 | £697.59 | |
| Tramp R/F | £810.00 | £0.00 | £810.00 | |
| Tramp Squad R/F | £0.00 | -£120.00 | -£120.00 | |
| TRAMP. | £8,637.80 | -£6,012.72 | £2,625.08 | |
| ADMIN. | £39,742.83 | -£168.83 | £39,574.00 | Includes £35k bond and inter |
| MTC R/F | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | |
| MTC | £4,473.50 | -£2,527.92 | £1,945.58 | |
| Coach Education | £8,691.59 | £0.00 | £8,691.59 | Transfer from coach education |
| Leader | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | |
| Judging Bursary | £0.00 | -£2,290.00 | -£2,290.00 | |
| Sp.Events | £1,619.92 | -£3,509.83 | -£1,889.91 | |
| | <u>£92,134.08</u> | <u>-£29,850.98</u> | <u>£62,283.10</u> | |

The accounts were proposed by Kevin Flynn, seconded by Joy Dulston & accepted by the meeting.

Appointment of Auditors

The current auditor Chris McGlashan is happy to continue, proposed by Richard Payne and seconded by Neville Burr. 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 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 Emma Pilgrim, seconded by Veronica West & accepted by the meeting.

Technical Reports: Those reports received were handed out or read

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

ACRO & TUMBLING REPORT

The number of Acrobatic and Tumbling Clubs in the region has stayed the same as the previous year. This year has been the first competitive year using a new national development plan which has been well received. The committee have continued to organise competitions, plan development opportunities and attend national update meetings, however this year we are losing Susan Bennett from the regional committee who has been one of most valued members. We will look to recruit new volunteers at our regional prelims this weekend.

Competition Report

Acro – Another successful regional championships were held and from this we qualified 12 pairs/trios into categories at the National Finals and came away with one bronze medal.

Tumbling – Tumbling in the region is going from strength to strength. Last year saw us take a team of 22 competitors to the National Finals and we came away with 2 bronze, 3 silver and 2 gold medals. Greg Townley from Derby City has represented Great Britain on numerous occasions throughout the year and has achieved good scores on the international scene.

Coach & Judge Development : All judges in the region will have taken a re validation course by the end of the month. We've also had judges selected to judge at British Finals and the first Pat Wade Classic Event which had international competitors. A tumbling level 1 course has been held with a level 2 acro starting this month.

GYMNASTICS FOR ALL REPORT

In 2013 GFA 5 regional competitions were held, under 8, level 2 over 8 and Level 1 advanced & advanced plus floor and vault as well as on four pieces, Level 2 over 8, level 1 advanced and advanced plus.. There is interest in these from 22 clubs and last year 637 gymnasts took part. 2014 will see the same number of competitions and information and entry forms will be on the EM website.

MENS REPORT

Last year financially was a good year, the MTC smashed the budget and made a 43% profit, this was done running only two competitions (as one had to be cancelled) and holding squad training at the New College Leicester.

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

The MTC continues to work well together and the competitions run well, although Karen has been unwell she gets the competition arranged even if she is not able to attend in person. The camps and clinics have been taking place since January and we would like to see more coaches at the clinics to make it financially viable, the camps on the other hand have been well attended by the boys.

In the region we have seen some new clubs emerge from the partial break up of the Nott's boys and they have taken part in boy's competitions so the future looks bright for the MTC. We hope the performance pathway will further increase our skills so that we can enter the strongest teams possible at National competitions.

WOMENS REPORT – no report

RYTHMIC REPORT

All the clubs in the region have been very active over the last year with competitions, zonal training and coach and judge mentoring. Zonal training is still going well with junior gymnasts invited to the last session. Following the success of our training session all Zones in the Country were tasked with setting up their own zonal training sessions. The emphasis on these sessions is group work giving the gymnasts the opportunity to learn new collaborations that they can then take back to their own gym.

Club News:

Nene Valley has 3 coaches preparing for Level 1 exams – all three have had to go out of region for their course. 5 candidates passed their club judge exams. We have 2 candidates currently awaiting safeguarding courses. The club sent 5 gymnasts to British Qualification Testing in January. 5 gymnasts competed at the National Individual Apparatus Open Competition in February and Nene Valley is once again entering a group in the National Group league. Last years Espoir group achieved second place in the final round of the league while our junior group finished 6th in the British Group Championship in December.

Billings are also sent a gymnast to British Qualification testing for the first time in 4 years. One gymnast also competed in the British Group Championship as part of the NVRGC junior group, a testament to her hard work and to the on-going collaboration between the 2 clubs. The club has secured funding from BG for a former gymnast to book onto the level 1 course being held at Lings in the spring and has a new welfare officer booked on to the Time to Listen course in Nottingham next month.

Northampton is proud to have been asked to open Gymfest in June

The club has 3 newly qualified club judges and two candidates going forward to the L1 coaching course at Lings in the spring.

The club has 4 candidates waiting for a safeguarding course and 2 waiting for TTL but none of these are able to travel to the Nottingham venue.

Erewash Valley have 1 new level 1 coach and 1 new club judge. EVGC sent 2 gymnasts to BQT in January with 1 qualifying straight through to the British Championships in May. EVGC also competed at the Individual Apparatus Competition taking 5 gymnasts 4 who were competing at their first ever National Competition. We also had 1 gymnast competing with the Birmingham senior group.

All the Northampton Clubs are involved in the County Championships and Novice Competition, being held on 9th March at Weavers

The last Northamptonshire County Training of 2013 included dance & fitness workshops. 2014 sessions will continue to include guest coaches/teachers where possible to complement training and to benefit our coaches. The whole squad are now working on a display piece for the county championships.

Competitions:

Northampton held its popular Dance & Duos competition in November, which included the county clubs plus guests from Harlow and Worcester. The following competitions have been confirmed in the county for 2014:

County Championships and Novice Competition - March
Regional & Zonal Championships and Zone Grades – March
NVRGC Rose Cup – June

NVRGC, NRG and Billings are now at capacity – limited either by gymnast:coach ratios or availability of training facilities. EVGC still have spaces available.

GMPD REPORT – No report

TRAMPOLINING REPORT –

The year 2013 was a good one for the trampoline disciplines in the region.

Judge education: Two judge revalidation courses in the East Midlands, which instructed 37 judges on the new FIG/BG trampoline code of points. A number of the region's judges attended courses around the country and successfully passed. This meant that judges were upgraded to different levels, up to zonal judge.

Competitions: We held five competitions: three followed the old BG qualification structure, a regional championships and a taster competition for BG's change to a NDP competition structure for trampoline in 2014. These events were all well received and attended, with in excess of 700 entrants across the competitions. The region had a good showing at the British Championships, held at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham with performers from around the East Midlands. There were a number of medallists, too. These include Corin Clarke (2nd), Jake Chattaway (FIG O19M champion), Brodie Coleman (National C U13G champion) and James Higgins (Senior Men champion). While this was a special championships for James as his title was his 5th one as senior. But it also brought to a close his long and distinguished international trampoline career as James retired from competition, both domestic and international. 2013 also saw the retirement of James's team-mate Steve Walsh from competition. Steve has, however, gone on to work with BGTV. On a brighter note, Amanda Harris was asked to join the Great Britain squad set-up. And Andrew Stamp competed at the World Age Group Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria – his first international competition event - and finished 4th.

2014 sees the introduction of a new NDP competition structure and the start of the performance pathway in trampoline. Reports on these will come at the next meeting.

COACH EDUCATION REPORT

UKCC courses have been successful with the majority running with the full quota of candidates.

We have hosted a number of Level 3 modules in the Region in, more of these modules are scheduled for 2014.

2013 saw 12 Level 1 courses provided by the region with attendance from 140 candidates and 5 Level 2 courses with 54 candidates.

A Team Gym Level 1 course was organised, this proved popular with 12 candidates now working towards their assessment.

Two Freestyle Level 2 add-on modules and 3 GFA modules were also run in 2013.

The programme of Proficiency courses is increasing with 3 TRA courses and 5 Core courses provided last year, the combined effect of these was the provision of over 90 new candidates starting out on the coaching pathway.

The programme of Safeguarding & Protecting and Time to Listen courses continues to be provided by the region.

In line with the new Olympic Cycle WA Club and Regional Judging courses were run in the region.

In 2013 there was over £5,000 of Coach Development funding was provided by British Gymnastics, this allowed candidates to access courses at ½ price.

2014 will see a continuation of this funding but at a reduced rate of £3,000.

Election of Executive Members:

| ROLE | ELECTED | PROPOSED | SECONDE D | DUE FOR RE- ELECTION |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Chairperson | Paul Lipton | | | 2015 |
| Secretary | Jenni Harris | | | 2015 |
| Treasurer | Marie Marshall | Paul Lipton | Jenni Harris | 2016 |
| Welfare & Ethics Officer | Linda Thompson | | | 2015 |
| Young persons advisor | Amy May Saunders | | | 2015 |
| English Gymnastics Rep. | Paul Lipton | | | Non elected post |
| Chairs of technical committees | See TC table below | | | |

Election of Technical Committee Members

| WTC | ELECTED | PROPOSED | SECONDED | DUE FOR RE-ELECTION |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------|--|
| Chair | Marie Mitchell | | | 2015 |
| Affiliation Secretary | Veronica West | Jenni Harris | Marie Mitchell | 2016 |
| Comp secretary | Alisa Saunders | | | 2015 |
| Judging Convenor | Jenni Harris | Marie Mitchell | Vicky Pyatt | 2016 |
| Member | VACANT | | | |
| MTC (see below) | ELECTED | PROPOSED | SECONDED | DUE FOR RE-ELECTION |
| Chair | Neville Burr | Jenni Harris | Richard Payne | 2015 |
| Entries officer | Sue Snelgrove | | | 2015 |
| Comp secretary | Karen Rate | | | 2014 |
| Member | VACANT | | | |
| Member | VACANT | | | |
| RGTC (see below) | ELECTED | PROPOSED | SECONDED | DUE FOR RE-ELECTION |
| Chair | Joy Dulston | Neville Burr | Emma Pilgrim | 2015 |
| Secretary | Deborah England | | | 2015 |
| Members | Joanna Gardner | | | 2015 |
| | VACANT | | | |
| | VACANT | | | |
| ATC | ELECTED | PROPOSED | SECONDED | DUE FOR RE-ELECTION |
| Chair | Dean Walters | Emma Pilgrim | Alex Shaw | 2016 |
| Secretary | VACANT | | | |
| Comp Sec | Emma Law | | | 2015 |
| Members | Kathryn Lacey | | | 2015 |
| | VACANT | | | |
| | VACANT | | | |
| GFA | ELECTED | PROPOSED | SECONDED | DUE FOR RE-ELECTION |
| Chair | Richard Payne | Dean Bartram | M Mullett | 2016 |
| Secretary | Brenda Payne | Dean Walters | Kerry Bishton | 2016 |
| Members | Jon Smith | M.Mullett | Richard Payne | 2016 |
| | Kerry Bishton | | | 2015 |
| | Katie Cuddington | | | 2015 |
| | Alex Shaw | | | 2015 |
| TRAMPOLINE TC | ELECTED | PROPOSED | SECONDED | DUE FOR RE-ELECTION |
| Chair | Clive Morgan | PROPOSED THESE APPOINTMENTS ALL ACCEPTED BY KEVIN GLADDERS AND SECONDED CHRIS EDWARDS | | Trampoline TC have an AGM and elect officers at this so needs ratifying only at EM AGM |
| Secretary | Chris Edwards | | | |
| Treasurer | Kevin Gladders | | | |
| Judging | Clive Morgan | | | |
| Competition Sec | Charlotte reeks | | | |
| Schools Sec | Chris Edwards | | | |
| Squad Co-ordinator | Rose Townsend | | | |
| Coach Tutoring | Mandy Daybles | | | |
| Welfare Officer | Ann Gladders | | | |
| Trampolinists rep | Guy Embrey & Brogan Mc Manus | | | |
| GMPD TC | ELECTED | PROPOSED | SECONDED | DUE FOR RE-ELECTION |
| Chair | Jon Smith | | | 2015 |
| Secretary | VACANT | | | |
| Members | VACANT | | | |
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It was proposed that Melissa approach clubs that have joined “I’m in “ and Trevor Low and see if they can offer support to GMPD clubs and Jon by joining the committee.

Acceptance of County Representatives on the Executive Committee

Derbyshire: Tracey Linekar
Leicestershire: Peter Harris
Lincolnshire: Neville Burr
Northamptonshire: Kevin Flynn
Nottinghamshire: Jemma Wilson

Date of AGM 2013:

Thursday 5th March 2015 – Rushcliffe Leisure Centre

Close of meeting:

The Chair brought the meeting to a close at 8.45pm

2013/14 Regional Committee meeting dates:

5th June 2014.
11th September 2014.
8th January 2015 (Budgets)
5th March 2015 after AGM