

EAST MIDLANDS GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RUSHCLIFFE LEISURE CENTRE, NOTTINGHAM

THURSDAY 5th March 2015.

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), Veronica West (Notts) , Emma Pilgrim (Acro), Lynsey Palfreman (Area manager), Jo Gardner (Rhythmic TC), Kevin Gladders (Tramp) Alex Shaw, Clive Morgan (Tramp TC chair), Marie Mitchell (Kettering and WTC), Alisa Saunders (Witham Hill & WTC), Clive Mason (Mickleover), Hannah Dulston (Erewash & Rhythmic) Alan Price (workforce admin) Martine Storey & Billie MacKenzie (Notts)

Apologies: Peter Harris (Leics) Tony Ford (Hinckley) Kevin Flynn (NCAAC)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM.

Minutes of 2014 A.G.M

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

Chairman's Report:

2014 Another great year for Gymnastics.

The Commonwealth games continued the focus on Gymnastics and yet again Gymnasts from the east Midlands featured.

I remember saying something similar in 2012 around the Olympics and the legacy that it would leave and here we are 2 years later.

I personally believe that the Olympics and now the Commonwealth Games have been a massive success for the country and that still there doesn't seem to be a weekend that goes by where we have either a gymnast or celebrity doing gymnastics on the TV

We have as a region been very fortunate that we continue to be supported by English and British Gymnastics and even though we have had a difficult year in terms of Staffing we are on the right foot. Our staffing issues are still present but we hopefully should have a more stable year in 2015.

Especially now that we have Lynsey back. Whilst it is always difficult when we lose staff, it is testament to the calibre of the staff that we have that means they are in demand by other sports.

I would like to thank Lynsey and 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.

Overall it is still good news in 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. It is important to remain focused and make sure that we are still relevant to our customers as the economic situation starts to improve.

Gymfusion has again been a massive success, with the event breaking even again. In 2015 we are trying to combine Gymfusion and our awards to create something a little bit different, dates to be confirmed, but we should know by the end of March if that is going to be possible.

Financially we are holding up well and I am happy that the auditor has signed off the accounts with no issues. And even commented that Marie has done a first class job and made his very easy. However we do have a fairly big pot and we need to make sure that we invest appropriately going forward.

However this doesn't mean we can go on a spending spree and the TC's are still expected to generating a small profit from their activities and more importantly we haven't had to touch our reserves.

Finally my sincere thanks to all our volunteers and staff for their hard work and commitment in 2014.

Treasurer' Report: Full accounts had been circulated prior to the budget meeting and were unchanged after audit bar allocating one unallocated item to trampoline. Full accounts were not available at the meeting but have been signed off by the auditor and are available for inspection if requested. The auditor commented that funds were a little high in current accounts and this issue needed looking at so that money was earning some interest or spent on something. An overview of the accounts attached. The Region is in a good financial state and new bank account is now up and ready to start using details circulated at the meeting sort code 77-22-18 account number 46765960 Lloyds Bank PLC. Once this proves to be running without issue a bond for £50,000.00 will be opened and the TSB account will be closed.

It was agreed that Regional kit would be purchased by all disciplines with 75% being funded by the main account and TC's funding the remaining 25% themselves, as rhythmic do not need this kit it was agreed that the average each TC took from main fund would be ring fenced for rhythmic TC, MA have already purchased new kit and they are to be given a 75% refund on this from main account.

AUDITED ACCOUNTS ATTACHED

The accounts were proposed by Joy Dulston, seconded by Neville Burr & accepted by the meeting.

Appointment of Auditors

The current auditor Chris McGlashan is happy to continue, proposed by Marie Mitchell 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.

Technical Reports: Those reports received were handed out or read

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

ACRO & TUMBLING REPORT

There are still the same number of clubs in the region, Acro and tumbling have now been split including events. There have been competition & development opportunities as well as meetings. In acro 18 pairs qualified through to national finals with some silver and bronze medals coming home from this. Tumbling made the national semi final for the first time and qualified for national finals again with silver and bronze medals being won. Greg Townley has represented GB. The Acro performance pathway has just started.

GYMNASTICS FOR ALL REPORT

In 2014 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 26 clubs and last year over 650 gymnasts took part. 2015 will see the same number of competitions and information, routines, photo forms and entry forms will be on the EM only and not sent out as hard copy. The TC chair thanked Brenda Payne and Alex Shaw for all the support they give him over the year.

MENS REPORT

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 at the New College Leicester. We also bought new tracksuit tops for use at National competitions.

This year competitions have already started and 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's health is still poor she gets the competition arranged even if she is not able to attend in person. The performance clinics have been taking place since January and we have seen a good amount of coaches attending although it would be great to see even more new faces. This year we have managed to get Lee Woolls to run the clinics and his knowledge and experience have made the clinics excellent.

We continue to have a good representation from the newer clubs in the region and I'm happy to announce that the Notts boys are now bringing more boys to competitions. We hope the performance pathway will further increase our skills so that we can enter the strongest teams possible at National competitions.

WOMENS REPORT

2014 saw the continuation of the Performance Pathway clinics and camps, the main aim being compulsory grades for 8-10 yr olds with the target of encouraging more clubs to take part and to improve the region's position in the country at National finals. Our thanks go to Richard Smith for organising the events and to Adam Folwell and in recent months Jemma Wilson for their commitment to the region as National coaches for the clinics and camps.

2015 will see the formation of a new development squad which will meet 4 times a year under Jemma's instruction with the hope of better competition results in 2016 and onwards.

Seven Compulsory and Voluntary competition were held in the region ranging from County team floor & vault and 4 piece competitions, Club teams and individual competitions catering for Level 5 gymnasts in and out of age through to F.I.G gymnasts. All the competitions were well supported by the Clubs and Counties and our thanks go to the Clubs that hosted the events by providing the personnel to run the competitions on the day and to Notts academy for providing the scorers. New college continues to be a great competition venue and with the new entrance area, toilet and catering facilities has improved the experience for all considerably.

Club judging courses have taken place with the hope that all Clubs now have a qualified judge.

The wtc registration scheme is now being used to help cover the cost for coaches at The National Finals and providing a keepsake tote bag for all East Midlands competitors. 2015 will also see the purchase of new tracksuits for coaches and gymnasts.

The wtc looks forward to a computerised competition scoring system in 2015 and the automatic competition entry via the regional website.

Our congratulations go to of years and have just completed the process of registering with BG Gymnastics Academy, their gymnasts & coaches who have achieved places in the wtc national squads:

Beckie & Elissa Downie_ National High Performance Rio Squad Coach Claire Starkey

Laura Kaletha Junior European squad Coaches Jemma Wilson & Jo Miller

Scarlett Williams National Development Squad Jemma Wilson & Jo Miller

Finally my thanks go to Jenni Harris, Alisa Saunders and Veronica West for their hard work in organising the competitions and judges.

RYTHMIC REPORT

2014 was another great year for the regional rhythmic clubs. During the year all clubs had new level 1 coaches qualify, Northampton and Nene Valley have both had level 2's qualify. There are 4 new county judges with 3 more just taken their exams.

For the first time in many years we have a new rhythmic club in the region. Dexterity school of dance have been offering rhythmic classes to dancers for a number of years and have just completed the process of registering with BG.

Most clubs in the region are now at capacity with waiting lists – having worked hard to find suitable candidates for coaching and supporting roles clubs are mainly limited by training facilities or the fact that the majority of our coaches are all volunteers with pre-existing commitments elsewhere.

County and zone squads: Northampton county training is still well attended throughout the year. Zone training is now in its 3rd year, is held at Mpoulton College and all clubs within our zone have gymnasts and coaches attending on a regular basis. We have a number of young talented gymnasts in the region and coaches from each club are working hard to help them reach their potential.

Competitions and events : Northampton were invited to the gymfest opening session where they had many compliments on their performance and have been invited back this year. Nene Valleys Rose cup and Northampton's dance and duo's competitions have become regular fixtures in the national rhythmic calendar with clubs from across the country attending. The success of these competitions is a testament to the hard work of the individual clubs and cross club co-operation and support. Nene Valleys Espoir group had a very successful year in 2014, which included wins in Canterbury, Cardiff and Walsall. NVRGC will be entering the National League again in 2015 at espoir and senior level and this year Billings and Erewash will be entering the espoir league for the very first time. All clubs entered the 2014 regional, zonal and grades competition in 2014. Erewash Valley had a gymnast compete in the British Championships along with Nene Valley and Northampton gymnasts qualify for the National Grades Finals.

Joy gave her thanks to the coaches and volunteers that have supported her in the past 7 years as chair of the TC as she retires from post at this AGM.

GMPD REPORT – No report

TRAMPOLINING REPORT –

The year 2014 was a year of change.

It started with a change of trampoline competition structure to a NDP format and a different way of judging the first element of routines (6 jumps and arm set) for the lower levels.

It was also the year that saw a somewhat controversial trampoline league set up.

After a trial competition and some debate from some of the regions' members, we implemented the new structure in its entirety, running NDP 1-6 competitions.

For 2015 there have been further adjustments to the competition structure.

These include the introduction of a zero score (0.0) for all incomplete routines and a reduction in the number of qualification opportunities (now 2) for the Regional Team Finals.

There is, however, the added opportunity for the gymnasts in NDP 1-6 to qualify from the Regional Team Finals to the NDP Finals.

COMPETITIONS:

In 2014 we held three regional NDP competitions for both trampoline and double-mini trampoline (DMT) and a Regional Championships.

The regional NDP competitions were qualifying events for the first ever Regional Team Final, held in Exeter in June 2014.

The East Midlands was represented by 28 gymnasts at the event.

After a challenging day the East Midlands team finished in 5th place, with three gold medals, three

silvers and four bronzes, among other good performances.

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

There were medallists too. At the NDP Finals, the region as a whole secured five golds, four silvers and four bronze medals.

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

November 2014 saw the World Trampoline, DMT & Tumbling Championships and the World Age Group Championships in Daytona, Florida, which were attended by gymnasts from the East Midlands.

Brodie Hove-Coleman (Northampton Trampoline Gymnastics Academy) made her World Championships debut in the 11-12 girls and finished a credible 10th.

Andrew Stamp (also NTGA) claimed a silver and bronze medal in the 13-14 boys individual and synchronised trampoline events.

This continues Andrew's success as a trampoline gymnast. He was 4th in the 2013 world championships, and was a regional gymnast 18 months ago.

OTHER NEWS:

The Performance Pathway trampoline programme is now in full swing in the East Midlands. And a number of the gymnasts and coaches from across the region have been selected and have been in attendance at the camps that have been held so far.

Tracy Whittaker-Smith of Northampton received the 'Outstanding Coach of the Year' award at the British Gymnastics national awards for her work as the coach of the Great Britain Ladies Trampoline Team.

This year (2015) has a new set of challenges and expectations for everyone in the East Midlands at every level. And these will be reported on in the future.

COACH EDUCATION REPORT – no report received

AREA MANAGERS REPORT – There is a 12% increase in BG membership in the East Midlands in the last year, with this being especially good in the 11+ age group, recent club development day and leadership Academy captains day were a success. Gym Fusion is still in the planning stage at the moment.

Election of Executive Members:

ROLE	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDE D	DUE FOR RE- ELECTION
Chairperson	Paul Lipton	Marie Mitchell	Jenni Harris	2016
Secretary	Jenni Harris	Marie Mitchell	Vicky Pyatt	2016
Treasurer	Marie Marshall			2017
Welfare & Ethics Officer Lead	Linda Thompson	Paul Lipton	Jenni Harris	2017
Young persons advisor				
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	Alisa Saunders	Jenni Harris	2017
Affiliation Secretary	Veronica West			2016
Comp secretary	Alisa Saunders	Marie Mitchell	Vicky Pyatt	2017
Judging Convenor	Jenni Harris			2016
Member	Katherine Boden			Non elected Brevet/ Tutor technical advisor
MTC (see below)	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDED	DUE FOR RE-ELECTION
Chair	Neville Burr	Sue Snelgrove	Jenni Harris	2017
Comp secretary	Karen Rate	Neville Burr	Sue Snelgrove	2017
Judging Convenor	Sue Snelgrove	Neville Burr	Karen Rate	2017
Member	VACANT			
RGTC (see below)	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDED	DUE FOR RE-ELECTION
Chair	Joanna Gardner	Joy Dulston	Hannah Dulston	2017
Secretary	Deborah England	Joy Dulston	Joanna Gardner	2017
Members	Hannah Dulston	Madlen Rakadjeva	G.Saunders	2017
	Alexis Powell	Jenny Bott	Clare Ross	2017
ATC	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDED	DUE FOR RE-ELECTION
Chair	Dean Walters			2016
Secretary & comp sec	Emma Pilgrim	Dean Walters	Alex Shaw	2017
Members	Kathryn Ford	Emma Pilgrim	Alex Shaw	2017
	Alex Shaw	Emma Pilgrim	Dean Walters	2017
GFA	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDED	DUE FOR RE-ELECTION
Chair	Richard Payne			2016
Secretary	Brenda Payne			2016
Members	Jon Smith			2016
	Kerry Bishton	Richard Payne	Brenda Payne	2017
	Katie Cuddington	M Mullett	Richard Payne	2017
	Alex Shaw	Brenda Payne	Richard Payne	2017
TRAMPOLINE TC	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDED	DUE FOR RE-ELECTION
Chair	Clive Morgan	En bloc proposed Neville Burr Seconded Richard Payne		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			
DMT Rep	Sarah Corral			
Schools Sec	Kirsty Ringsell			
Squad Co-ordinator	Rose Townsend			
Coach Tutoring	Mandy Daybles			
Welfare Officer	Ann Gladders			
Trampolinists rep	Amy O'Brien Alice Banks			
County Reps	Darren Potts Natalie Jacques Kieran Grundy Dani Martin Liam Townsend	Derbyshire Notts 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

GMPD

There is a change from BG with responsibility for GMPD being passed to each TC. Therefore no election at the moment as things develop plan for each TC to have a GMPD rep that will make up this committee if they need to meet as a committee.
EM & London have offered to pilot new schemes for BG.

***** It was agreed that in view of issues over the past year or so that a team of welfare officers was needed to support Linda. We need someone with welfare responsibility named at all events. BG prefer more than one nominated officer per region and with a lead team it will be easier to offer support to clubs and their welfare officers. These roles are to be nominated by each TC and election is not required at the AGM to facilitate quick changes during the year, to ensure continuing cover at all times.**

Acceptance of County Representatives to the Executive Committee

Derbyshire:	Clive Mason
Leicestershire:	Peter Harris
Lincolnshire:	Neville Burr
Northamptonshire:	Marie Mitchell
Nottinghamshire:	Martine Storey

AOB

- Once changes have happened at BG and we have a full compliment of welfare officers - to revise regional safeguarding policy and if necessary amend constitution.
- Proposed change to constitution agreed proposed Neville Burr seconded Marie Mitchell.
- Query over Tc spending any surplus they have – agreed it is possible to spend your surplus but this does need Exec approval.
- Young persons advisor between age of 16-25 to be sourced if possible exec members to see if someone suitable can be found from young leaders academies.

Date of AGM 2016:

Thursday 3rd March 2016 – Rushcliffe Leisure Centre

Close of meeting:

The Chair brought the meeting to a close at 9.05pm

2015/16 Regional Committee meeting dates:

11th June 2015.

10th September 2015.

14th January 2016 (Budgets) deadline for submission of budgets to treasurer 25/12/2015

3rd March 2016 after AGM