

# EAST MIDLANDS GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
THURSDAY 3rd March 2016 at 8.00 P.M.

RUSHCLIFFE LEISURE CENTRE  
BOUNDARY RD WEST BRIDGEFORD NOTTINGHAM

**Present:** Paul Lipton (chair), Neville Burr (mens TC & Lincoln), Richard Payne (GFA chair & Selston), Marie Mitchell (WTC Chair & Kettering), Clive Morgan (Tramp chair), Stacie Ridley (Disabilities chair), Jenni Harris (Secretary & H&B), Veronica West (affiliations sec & Robin Hood), Alisa Saunders (WTC comp sec & Witham Hill), Martine Storey (Notts), Adam Folwell (Notts), Josh Champion, Richard Neely (Mansfield), Alissia Orton (Notts), Marie Marshall (Treasurer & Erewash), Alex Shaw (Acro / GFA TC & long Eaton Acro), Georgia Saunders (Erewash), Courtney Saunders (Erewash), Alan Price (Coach Education & Notts) & Sue Snellgrove (mens) Miroslav Tevekelyski (mens)

**Apologies** Chris Edwards, Jo Gardner & Emma Pilgrim

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM.

## **Minutes of 2015 A.G.M**

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

## **Chairman's Report –**

Yet Another great year for Gymnastics.

Our Clubs and members numbers are still on the increase. The legacy and the appetite for gymnastics is still as big as ever and I think we are in a great place as a sport to continue to impact on the Governments drive to get more Kids into sport and help reduce the Nations Obesity epidemic. Our Gymnasts are still performing amazingly across the disciplines but special recognition has to go to Ellie Downie for winning the young sports personality of the year award a truly amazing feat. Watch this space fingers crossed we will have two gymnasts going to Rio from the region.

## **Staffing**

More change in 2015 however this hasn't had a direct impact on us as a region we have still managed to keep the clubs and counties engaged without much input from the permanent staff I am glad to say we now have a new single point of contact in Stuart Featherstone who will act as the funnel and first point of Contact.

## **Ethics and welfare**

Given all the staffing changes our E&W team have been very busy indeed. This looks to be more of an active role going forward with lots more input required in terms of reporting back and being the initial point of Contact for all E&W Issues,

Thank you to our Team for their hard work and input of the past year through the period of Change

## **Pathway Performance**

Has now changed its shape and the qualification criteria is also changing. As a region I don't believe we did very well out of the PP, but I do think it has emphasised the need for a regional squad structure, that we need to build on going forward.

## Finance

Financially we are holding up very well. The auditor hasn't signed off the accounts yet but that is just a timing issue.

As with last year 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 be 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 TC's volunteers and helpers for their hard work and commitment to the region in 2015.

**Treasurer's Report** – We are in a strong financial situation and Exec needs to discuss what we do with monies as presently sitting in the bank not earning interest. Auditor has not yet looked at books but they will be signed off by next Exec meeting.

# ACCOUNTS

## East Midlands Gymnastics Association Accounts year ending December 2015

Cash Position	Dec-14	Dec-15	Movement
Main Account	216,651.30	233,383.89	16,732.59
Cheque	0.73	0.73	0
<b>All Accounts</b>	<b>216652.03</b>	<b>233384.62</b>	<b>16732.59</b>

Income and Expenditure	2015
YTD Income	£114,826.92
YTD Expenditure	<b>-£98,094.33</b>
<b>YTD Profit / (loss)</b>	<b>£16,732.59</b>
	15%

By Discipline	Income	Expenditure	Profit (Loss)
WTC	£12,003.27	<b>-£11,518.10</b>	£485.17
WTC Spon	£1,807.25	<b>-£1,784.70</b>	£22.55
WTC REG.	£1,802.00	<b>-£626.47</b>	£1,175.53
GEN R/F	£169.00	£0.00	£169.00
GEN.	£12,813.00	<b>-£4,821.54</b>	£8,191.46
ACRO	£6,243.00	<b>-£5,090.20</b>	£1,152.80
RHY Zonal	£1,151.00	<b>-£980.00</b>	£171.00
RHYTH.	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Tramp R/F	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Tramp Squad R/F	£410.00	£0.00	£410.00
TRAMP.	£12,761.00	<b>-£11,196.41</b>	£1,564.59
ADMIN.	£55,724.15	<b>-£56,628.97</b>	<b>-£904.82</b>
MTC R/F	£370.00	£0.00	£370.00
MTC	£6,925.00	<b>-£4,018.07</b>	£2,906.93
Coach Education	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Leader	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Judging Bursary	£0.00	<b>-£120.00</b>	<b>-£120.00</b>
Sp.Events	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
SCP	£0.00	<b>-£50.00</b>	<b>-£50.00</b>
BSGA	£2,648.25	<b>-£457.67</b>	£2,190.58 To clear balance owed from 2014
Unidentified	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	<b>£114,826.92</b>	<b>-£98,094.33</b>	<b>£16,732.59</b>

Account prepared by  
Marie Marshall ACMA

Signed

*Marie Marshall*

Treasurer

Dated

3.3.16.

Auditor Comments

Accounts Audited by

Dated

**AGM Finance Overview 2015**

Opening Balance for all accounts 2015 £ 216,652.03  
 Closing balance for all accounts 2015 £ 233,384.62

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

**Summary of cash position**

	Closing Dec 2015	50% move to Admin	Carried Forward
UNIDENTIFIED	£0.00		£0.00
WTC	£3,580.25	-£ 1,790.13	£1,790.13
WTC sponsor	£3,078.05		£3,078.05
WTC Registration	£8,621.71		£8,621.71
General ring fenced	£2,776.00		£2,776.00
General	£13,382.18	-£ 6,691.09	£6,691.09
ACRO	£480.09	-£ 240.04	£240.04
Rhythmic Zonal	£1,208.59		£1,208.59
Rhythmic	£477.80	-£ 238.80	£238.80
Trampoline ring fenced	£3,638.51		£3,638.51
Trampoline Squad RF	£928.50		£928.50
Trampoline	£2,734.93	-£ 1,367.46	£1,367.46
Admin	£169,442.88	£ 13,145.66	£182,588.53
MTC ring fenced	£742.00		£742.00
MTC	£4,570.78	-£ 2,285.39	£2,285.39
Coach ED	£8,691.59		£8,691.59
Leader	£532.74	-£ 532.74	£0.00
Judging Bursary	£6,547.50		£6,547.50
Special Events	£0.00		£0.00
SCP	£1,950.00		£1,950.00
BSGA	£0.00		£0.00
<b>Accounts Balance</b>	<b>£233,383.89</b>	<b>-£ 0.00</b>	<b>£233,383.89</b>
Cheque	£0.73	To close	
	£0.73		
<b>All Accounts</b>	<b>£233,384.62</b>		

*Marie Marshall*

PROPOSED Neville Burr  
 SECONDED Marie Mitchell

**Appointment of Auditors** – Chris McGlasham  
 PROPOSED Richard Payne.  
 SECONDED Martine Storey

**Setting of Annual Affiliation for Clubs & Counties 2017** – to remain unchanged  
 PROPOSED Paul Lipton  
 SECONDED Veronica West

## 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 at the New College Leicester.

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 has decided to step down as she no longer has any ties with a gym club and her health is still causing problems. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank her for all her hard work over the years for the East Midlands and to the MTC.

We have a new member on board as of this AGM and Josh Champion will become the judging convenor for the MTC. It is hoped that Miro will join the team as well as squad co-ordinator.

The performance clinics and camps have been successful 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 and Luke Folwell to run the clinics and their knowledge and experience have made the clinics and camps excellent. Our positions at Nationals improved slightly last year so something must be working.

We continue to have a good representation from the newer clubs in the region and I'm happy to announce that the Notts boys now have Josh and Matt at the helm and we hope this will strengthen our position as a region at Elite and club level.

Because of Rio and other circumstances we have had to re jig our calendar a little but we hope going forward into 2016 will bring the right kind of results that we want to see from the boys in the region.

### W.T.C.

#### Overview of Regional activities

The region has 28 womens artistic clubs an increase of 3 on 2014. Seven competitions were held including grades, floor and vault, county & club teams and voluntaries at seven levels from level 5 for 8yr olds through to full FIG. Entries were down slightly on the previous year but this was mainly in the grades competitions where BG had insisted on all competitors had to have silver membership even the eight year olds competing in their first level grade. The wtc requested that the whole area of membership be placed on the agenda at the National wtc conference which was held in January 2016 but although it was discussed it was stated it was not their decision. Our Chairman also spoke to BG but the requirement for silver membership still stands.

In 2015 we had 35 gymnasts engage in the performance pathway programme spanning 6-8 clubs, we also had approximately 50 gymnasts who attended for the original testing. Of those engaged in the programme positive improvements have been seen in the gymnasts and coaching level, a variety of clubs have been selected for national teams. Unfortunately BG has now changed the format to a National squad being chosen from competition results thus regional training will cease in this format but the wtc will be discussing other options to start up squads once more.

Coaches have been very receptive to the clinics and taken on board preparations and

ideas which they have filtered through their clubs.

The East Midlands wtc will be moving to online competition entry in 2016 using the BG/East Midlands website..

### Courses coaching judging etc

5 Level 1 course total number of candidates 57

1 Level 2 course total number of candidates 9

2016 proposed courses: 4 level 1 & 3 level 2 and places are still available on these courses

No judging courses have been held in 2015 but 2016/17 will see the code of points being reviewed with revalidation courses at all levels being held spring/summer of 2017.

### Areas of Achievement

I must congratulate Becky & Ellie Downie on their amazing results in 2015 culminating at the World Championships in October and Ellie becoming the BBC young personality of the year and we wish them both success in their pathway to Rio 2016.

The region does have quite a few gymnasts in the England & GB squads but these come mainly from one Club but hopefully this might change to a few more Clubs in 2016.

### Areas of concern/issues

The region must endeavour to improve the level of gymnasts who are entering National competitions. The National Grades teams tend to end in the middle to bottom of the other regions but at Compulsory Grades & In age voluntaries we are bottom or last from bottom.

2015 was made even more difficult by Notts Academy Level 4 gymnasts moving to a new Club and not entering the Voluntary Level 4 competition which made the team weaker than in previous years. Hopefully some of these gymnasts will compete at Level 3 in 2016.

The region does need to encourage more individuals to come forward to help with the committee and competitions especially the younger generation so that they are ready to take over when the existing committee feel the time is right.

I would personally like to thank Jenni Harris, Alisa Saunders, Veronica West Sue Sanderson and all our host Clubs for making all our competitions successful and run to time.

Marie Mitchell  
Wtc Chairperson

### RHYTHMIC.

The Regional rhythmic clubs have had another good year.

We have one new club now affiliated to the Northants County, however are still to affiliate to the region. All Northants clubs are operating at capacity with waiting lists mainly due to the availability of training facilities and the fact that all coaches are volunteers with commitments elsewhere, Erewash have a few spaces available for Rhythmic Gymnasts.

Number of active coaches: L1 - 3 L2 - 8 L3 - 2 L4 - 1 L5 - 2

Number of qualified judges: Club - 6, County - 5, Regional 5, National – 1, Brevet 1

### Squads:

Northants County squad suffered a set back last year when one club temporarily withdrew, however it is hoped that all clubs will be involved in County training again by the end of 2016. Erewash Valley were invited to attend some of our County sessions as guest to build on our collaborative working.

All competitive clubs have gymnasts and coaches attending Zonal training on a regular basis. Erewash Valley had 1 gymnast – Antanaska Kirilova selected to be part of the GB Espoir Squad in 2015.

### Competitions & Events:

Gymnasts from the Region have competed at all levels over the last year including Novice, County, Regional, Zonal and National competitions in both individual and group format. Among the highlights were Northampton's Gym fest performance, Nene Valley's Rose Cup and Northampton's Dance and Duos competitions, Billings and Erewash first season in the National League and Nene Valleys appearance at the British Championships in Liverpool.

### 2016 Plans:

Billings, Northampton and Erewash Valley, will be entering the National Group League this year and we wish them luck. Northamptonshire clubs are currently preparing for the County Championships and Novice Competition, which will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> March at Weavers, Wellingborough, and then will all meet at the Zonal, Grades and Regional Competing in April 2016, we are then organising a Novice Level 1 & 2 competition in the region in June.

Both Erewash (3 gymnasts) and Billings (2 gymnasts) entered this year's British Flexibility Testing.

Finally I would like to congratulate Vicki Pearson on being selected to judge at this summer's Rio Olympics.

**ACRO**.- No report received

**GFA** – Richard stated that the GFA programme had remained the same with same events and roughly same number of participants as previous years.,

### TRAMPOLINING,

**DISABILITIES:** The East Mids have and will this year host the National NDP's. We have 1 British Champion and 2 downs syndrome girls that went to Milan to compete in the Downs syndrome world champs, we have 1 senior gymnast competing in WA British champs in Liverpool in April on all four pieces, a contingent went to LA for the special Olympics and in trampoline British champs we had gymnasts placed 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Support from WA judges is growing in the region.

### Election of Executive Members:

ROLE	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDE D	DUE FOR RE- ELECTION
Chairperson	Paul Lipton	Marie Mitchell	Jenni Harris	2018
Secretary	Jenni Harris	Marie Mitchell	Alisa Saunders	2018
Treasurer	Marie Marshall			2017
Welfare & Ethics Officer Lead	Linda Thompson			2017
English Gymnastics Rep.	Paul Lipton			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			2017
Affiliation Secretary	Veronica West	Marie Mitchell	Paul Lipton	2018
Comp secretary	Alisa Saunders			2017
Judging Convenor	Jenni Harris	Marie Mitchell	Paul Lipton	2017 (1year term only. Paul expressed that he would like Jenni to relinquish this role in view of her other regional commitments)
Member	Katherine Boden			Non elected Brevet/ Tutor technical advisor
<b>DIABILITIES</b>				
Chair	Stacie Ridley	Jenni Harris	Paul Lipton	2019 (agreed would make this a 3 year post for Stacie as change going to happen and consistency needed)
<b>MTC</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>DUE FOR RE-ELECTION</b>
Chair	Neville Burr			2017
Comp secretary	Sue Snelgrove	Neville Burr	Josh Champion	2018
Judging Convenor	Josh Champion	Neville Burr	Sue Snelgrove	2018
Squad co- ordinator	Miroslav Tevekeliyski.	Neville Burr	Josh Champion	2018
<b>RGTC (see below)</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>DUE FOR RE-ELECTION</b>
Chair	Joanna Gardner			2017
Secretary	Deborah England			2017

Members	Hannah Dulston			2017
	Alexis Powell			2017
<b>ACRO TC</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>DUE FOR RE-ELECTION</b>
Chair	Dean Walters	Emma Pilgrim	Kathryn Ford	2018
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
<b>GFA</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>DUE FOR RE-ELECTION</b>
Chair	Richard Payne	M Mullett	Jon Smith	2018
Vice Chair	Alex Shaw	Paul Lipton	Jenni Harris	2018
Secretary	Brenda Payne	Jon Smith	Richard Payne	2018
Comp Sec	Courtney Saunders	Paul Lipton	Jenni Harris	2018
Members	Jon Smith	Brenda Payne	M Mullett	2018
	Kerry Bishton			2017
	Katie Cuddington			2017
<b>TRAMPOLINE</b>				
Chair	Clive Morgan	VOTED ON AT TRAMPOLINE AGM ACCEPTED EN BLOC AT THIS MEETING PROPOSED CLIVE MORGAN AND SECONDED JENNI HARRIS		
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	VACANT			
County Reps	VACANT Natalie Jacques Kieran Grundy Dani Martin Liam Townsend	Derbyshire Notts Leics Northants Lincs		
<b>WELFARE TEAM ***</b> Lead & WTC Linda Thompson Exec & WTC – Jenni Harris Tutor advisor – Tony Ford Tramp - Ann Gladders MTC – Bev Loblely 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:** Marie Mitchell  
**Nottinghamshire:** Stacie Ridley

**AOB**

- TC's are tasked by next Exec meeting to find a younger person to shadow each of their members for future security.

**Date of AGM 2017:**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Rushcliffe Leisure Centre

**Close of meeting:**

The Chair brought the meeting to a close at 9.05pm

**2016/17 Regional Committee meeting dates at Coalville:**

May 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

11<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

10<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (Budgets) deadline for submission of budgets to treasurer 24/12/2016

6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 after AGM

Agreed that apart from budgets meeting, we would hold meetings the first Thursday of the month after accounts quarter end, so that Marie can get accounts out for review just before each meeting.