

EAST MIDLANDS GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 4th April at 8.00 P.M.
ROBIN HOOD GYMNASTIC CLUB

Present: Paul Lipton (chair), Jenni Harris (Secretary), Marie Marshall (Treasurer), , Neville Burr (mens TC & Lincoln) Veronica West (affiliations sec), Claire Barbieri (Robin Hood) Clive Morgan (Tramp chair), Jamie & Alisa Saunders (WTC comp sec & Witham Hill), Katie Foster (Notts County) Susannah Watts (NGA) Helen & Callum Allen (Erewash) Kim Dornan (Rhythmic) Alba Farre (Robin Hood Rhythmic)

Apologies Marie Mitchell (WTC Chair) Alex Shaw (GFA chair) , Hannah Vickers (Rhythmic chair) Kevin Flynn (NCAAC) Lisa Freeman (WTC) Ian Davidson (tumbling & Acro)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM.

Minutes of 2018 A.G.M proposed Neville Burr and seconded Clive Morgan, & accepted as a true record by the meeting.

Chairman's Report – Yet again another amazing year for Gymnastics however also a very sad one. Our Friend and Colleague Mrs Derry sadly passed away. Glenys as most of you know was the back bone of our association from as long as I can remember and will be sadly missed. 2018 also seen the passing of Bill Slater who has also a massive influence on our sport and its evolution.

Last year I commented on how the years just seem to fly past and as a sport how we are truly fortunate to have such demand for the services that we provide. Our diversity and range is second to none and to be honest I am always extremely proud of what we as a region and a sport achieve. We are fortunate as a region to have such willing volunteers and supporters that make running the organisation possible and this in turn allows us to deliver a great programme of events and opportunities to our Gymnasts. We still have some gaps in our provision but to be honest we are in an excellent position however we should making filling these gaps a priority going forward

Finances,

We are yet again in a very comfortable position with the Technical committees delivering strong competitions and income streams. You have all done a remarkable job in maintaining our competitions and our squads and 2019 looks to continue on the same vane. Well done to all the TC's your hard work is really appreciated. As always the budgets and expenditure have in the main been roughly in line with our expectations and managed expertly 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. This is however Marie last year and we need to make sure that we continue with the great work that Marie has done. Hopefully Alicia will stand as our treasure at next year's AGM however it is only right that we offer out the role so if you do have any willing suitably qualified candidates then please let me know.

Awards

What a great evening, this was the first time we had used the conference centre at Loughborough and to be honest what a great venue. We did end up having to cap the numbers but it was lovely to see so many of our colleagues having fun and winning awards.

The junior awards still need to be re vamped for this year so we will start looking at booking this in after the AGM

Ethics and Welfare

Well done Jenni, Linda and Tony. This area of our sport is becoming massive. Their work load is ever increasing and to be honest I have no idea how they fit in all the club visits and audits not to mention the Issues that they are called in to support with.

Following on from 2018 We have some major changes in our structure for 2019 so good luck with the elections that follow

As most of you know Marie Mitchell is retiring from the WTC and from her long established club Kettering. So thank you from us all for your dedication and support over the years.

It is a pleasure to have headed the organisation again and thank you to you all for your hard work and commitment.

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. Attached are unaudited accounts, approved by the meeting to go to the auditor.

East Midlands Gymnastics Association Accounts year ending December 2018

Cash Position	Dec-17	Dec-18	Movement
Main Account	198,116.16	134,164.72	- 61,951.44
Cheque Account	0.73	0.73	0
All Accounts	198116.89	134165.45	-61951.44

Income and Expenditure	2018	
YTD Income	£71,739.78	
YTD Expenditure	-£133,691.23	This includes New
YTD Profit / (loss)	-£61,951.45	
	-66%	

By Discipline	Income	Expenditure	Profit (Loss)
WTC	£26,632.10	-£23,123.88	£3,708.24
WTC Spor	£1,899.40	-£2,371.80	-£472.20
WTC REG	£1,295.63	-£8,283.97	-£4,988.34
GEN R/F	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
GEN	£8,717.62	-£8,705.18	£2,012.44
ACRO	£2,634.50	-£1,280.16	£4,445.88
RHY Zonal	£0.00	-£45.29	-£45.29
RHYTH	£1,896.63	£0.00	£1,896.63
Tramp R/F	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Tramp Squad R/F	£0.00	-£500.00	-£500.00
TRAMP	£10,855.50	-£8,524.09	£2,331.41
ADMIN	£6,270.00	-£8,200.15	-£1,930.15
ITG R/F	£0.00	-£349.89	-£349.89
MTC	£11,138.40	-£7,485.94	£3,652.86
Coach Education	£0.00	-£1,736.90	-£1,736.90
Leader	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Judging Bursary	£0.00	-£650.00	-£650.00
Sp Events	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
SCP	£0.00	-£241.00	-£241.00
ESGA	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Unidentified	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£71,739.78	-£133,691.23	-£61,951.45

AGM Finance Overview 2018

Opening Balance for all accounts 2018	£ 190,116.89
Closing balance for all accounts 2018	£ 134,165.45

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

Summary of cash position

	Closing Dec 2018	50% move to Admin	Carried Forward
UNIDENTIFIED	£0.00		£0.00
WTC	£5,626.28	-£ 2,813.14	£2,813.14
WTC sponsor	£3,471.60		£3,471.60
WTC Registration	£8,082.71		£8,082.71
General ring fenced	£2,776.00		£2,776.00
General	£8,343.30	-£ 3,171.65	£3,171.65
ACRO	-£3,503.90		-£3,503.90
Rhythmic Zonal	£443.02		£443.02
Rhythmic	£2,443.00	-£ 1,221.50	£1,221.50
Trampoline ring fenced	£4,344.51		£4,344.51
Trampoline Squad RF	£428.50		£428.50
Trampoline	£4,215.76	-£ 2,107.88	£2,107.88
Admin	£85,306.58	-£ 13,506.44	£88,815.42
MTC ring fenced	£818.11		£818.11
MTC	£8,388.55	-£ 4,194.27	£4,194.27
Coach ED	£3,915.09		£3,915.09
Judging Bursary	£2,049.01		£2,049.01
SCP	£1,016.00		£1,016.00
EVGC Investment repay	£0.00		£0.00
Accounts Balance	£134,164.72	-£ 0.00	£134,164.72
Cheque Account	£0.73		
	£0.73		
All Accounts	£134,165.45		£134,164.72
Loan	70000		70000
Net EMGA Assets	£204,165.45		£204,164.72

Appointment of Auditors – Chris McGlasham to continue

Setting of Annual Affiliation for Clubs & Counties 2020 – to remain unchanged at the moment at £46.00 per club. There is still open discussion requiring approval of all English regions for this to shift online then requiring a fee per member this agreed at 50p a person voted 1 abstention all others in favour.

Reports from Technical Committees: The following reports were received but not read out at the meeting with the agreement of all those present.

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

Lots of changes to facilities not only New college getting a makeover but James Kitka at Northampton has moved into his own gym and spent a long hot summer getting it ready. Miro has opened up a small gym that he runs with his wife and still coaches at Retford.

We have run very successful competitions in 2018 and now have eight clubs regularly entering gymnasts into these events.

We decided because of the difficulty in the new grades to run a third stream of competition where those boys competed on the old grades to achieve medals, but obviously not team selection. The main reason for doing this was to keep the boys active within the region scene and also maintain the income expected in last years budget.

We held three train camps in the year, one in March for voluntary skills, one in June for grades and the final one in October for the teams selected to go to the National finals at GMAC.

Notts academy has also hosted the GB pathway squad run by national coach Matt Firth.

Courses coaching judging etc

There has been some increase in all levels of coaching this year; this is all good news for the regions clubs however cost and travel is always the issue as not many MAG courses run in the East Midlands, however there have been a few General level 1 courses that we have sent coaches on to get them started on the ladder.

I know there is MAG level 1 course scheduled for the spring this year at Notts run by Josh.

Areas of Achievement

Not a bad year for the region with Sam, Matt, Pavel, Rae and Liam all being selected to represent GB in 2018. Also Andy Smith being selected to represent Ireland one final time before retirement this year. We also had four of our clubs sending boys to the English and British Champs.

There was some promising results at the London Development Open and also Matt winning the U18 London Open and Rae coming third.

Our disability gymnasts had a good year with Oliver Kettleborough winning everything in the senior category including the Senior Open British Championships and Quentin Peberdy winning Junior Open at the British Champs

W.T.C. This will be my last report as Chairperson of the region's wtc. and my thanks and appreciation for all their hard work and limitless hours spent volunteering must go to Jenni Harris and Alisa Saunders, without them and people like them the sport would not function on a competitive nature. To Sue Sanderson and Veronica West for their attendance at all wtc competitions.

The East Midlands organised three grades and five voluntary competitions throughout 2018 ranging from Club Grade 6 to full F.I.G including club and county team competitions with over 1000 gymnasts participating. Also organised was a disability competition held at the same time as the WA Club team championships. The region is also now having to organise two qualifiers for British Gymnastics Challenge Cup gymnasts as a qualification score was introduced in 2018.

The region has had a very successful year both competitively and the evolving of the regional squad.

Becky & Ellie Downie representing GB at the World Championships.

National Grade 2 team winners with Courtney Leigh Simpson taking the bronze individual medal.

National In age Level 4 team runners up and the overall champion Esme Griffiths

Numerous gymnasts representing their home nations and being members of the GB & England squads.

At National events the regional Clubs are gaining numerous individual medals.

The formation of the regional squad has been the wtc most memorable achievement in 2018 And my thanks go to Claire Barbieri and Jemma Wilson in assisting at squads and to the Zone for their continued support in providing leotards for the squad. Thanks must go to the individual coaches and Clubs for supporting the squad which is held on a monthly basis. The squad took part in three National competitions The Bill Mcloughlin, The Rose Bowl and the Sandra Clarke invitational.

Coaching courses have been held at:

Level 1: five courses 61 attendees

Level 2 three courses 30 attendees

Level 3 Module 4 10 attendees

Level 3 Module 3 9 attendees

Level 3 Module 2 9 attendees
Level 3 Module 1 8 attendees

No judging courses have been held in 2018.

I am pleased to report that we have had a few new Clubs affiliating and competing at womens artistic competitions and the number of new and young coaches is very obvious at competitions which bodes well for the future,

I would like to pass on my best wishes to all disciplines in the East Midlands Gymnastics Association and wish them success in the future.

RHYTHMIC, Last year was another good year for the Rhythmic Clubs within the East Midlands. Clubs from the East Midlands were represented at the British Qualification Testing, County, Regional and Zone Championships, NDP Finals, British Championships, Rose Cup, National Group League L3 and L4, West Midlands Group Invitational, Seaside Cup and the East Midlands Winter Cup.

Generally, standards at competitions have shown significant improvement at all levels over the year which is a testament to the dedication and hard work put in by our clubs and coaches as well as the gymnasts themselves.

Vicki Pearson of NVRGC remains Chair of the National Rhythmic Technical Committee which continues to strive to improve the overall quality and standards of rhythmic gymnastics in the UK.

There was no technical symposium in 2018. British Gymnastics are now responsible for organising this event and despite its popularity when organised by the rhythmic community, the take up this year was extremely low. The reason for this was the pairing of Rhythmic with Acro and the failure to include any discipline specific content. The event was re-arranged with both disciplines being included at the Trampoline symposium – again with no discipline specific content.

There are 12 candidates waiting for a L1 coaching course, 8 waiting for a club judge course, 2 waiting for county judge course, 2 waiting for regional judge course and 2 waiting for national judge course. Again, these are organised by BG and despite competing the BG declaration of interest, as a minor discipline we are not a priority.

In September this year we will be running a Rhythmic Workshop for all the clubs within the Region. This workshop will be run by Mimi Isabella-Cesar. If this is a success our aim is to run them each year with the look to adding a second one in the future.

Club Highlights

EVGC

The club started off the competition season well by gaining 3 out of 6 Regional Titles. From this the girls went from strength to strength by gaining medals at nearly all competitions they entered. The highlight of the year was Atanaska qualifying for the British Championships

which took place in June at the Telford Arena. Atanaska performed very well and made finals with her Ball and Clubs. Atanaska finished her weekend by placing 4th in the Clubs final which is her best achievement to date.

We finished our year with our youngest gymnasts entering the East Midland Winter Cup, they all performed very well and we came home with 4 medals.

Our aim as a club is to keep on progressing and getting our gymnasts up to the next level.

Dexterity

Last year the junior group showed great improvement in the level 4 National League and the club have 3 espoir groups and a junior group entering the National League seeding competition next month.

The club held its annual gymnastics gala in December, showcasing the talents of members from toddlers to the elite junior and senior girls.

Billings

The club started last year's competition season well, gaining 4 out of the 7 county titles. Competition results for the Junior and Espoir groups did not reflect performance in training, but the club hopes to build on this experience as both groups prepare for the 2019 National League seeding competition.

The club entered GymFusion in Birmingham and held its first club championships last month with nearly all gymnasts taking part including recreational gymnasts taking their club grades, Novice Club Championships, and a Level 3/ 4 Club Championships for every age group.

NVRGC

The club entered gymnasts in county, regional and zone championships as well as NDP finals. Our new espoir group competed in the level 3 National League placing 4th overall and will compete again this year.

The club acted as host venue for County Championships, Zone Novice & Schools comp and the East Midlands Winter Cup as well as holding its own competition, the Rose Cup which is now one of the most popular competitions in the country.

Robin Hood

Robin Hood rhythmic started 2 years ago as a recreational rhythmic, we now have 20 gymnasts in the squad from ages 6-13 Level 1 and 2. Depending on the level and the age the girls train 3h/week or 5h/week. We are struggling to have floor availability in our gym so that's why Claire Barbieri decided to rent few hours a week, a new satellite venue just for Robin Hood rhythmic. The venue is good with nice high ceilings. We are currently fundraising to buy a carpet.

Once we buy the carpets, the venue is happy to host future Rhythmic competitions or training for the East midlands Rhythmic girls.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all coaches, judges, volunteers and gymnasts for their hard work and dedication over the last year and look forward to working with you again this year to progress our discipline further.

ACRO, & tumbling - No report received

GFA – There were 5 competitions held in 2018. 2 competitions held at Chesterfield and 3 at New College. This was the first full year with Alex running competitions. Each competition had a good turnout with new clubs to GfA attending throughout the year. There was also positive feedback from clubs about the events despite there being some long days for competitions. The extra awards for gymnasts have carried on being used at all competitions and they are still welcomed by coaches and gymnasts.

There has been an additional competition added for 2019 to help with trying to ease the long days. There is also a change of venue for some competitions in 2019 which will be exciting for clubs to experience a new venue.

There is a good team now working with Alex in organizing competitions. Susannah has been a great addition dealing with the financial side of competitions, Jo with her admin side and we've welcomed Danielle who is helping with the organizing of competitions. All their help and support has been greatly received and they cannot be thanked enough!

TRAMPOLINING, 2018 (and 2019 so far) was another great year for trampoline and double mini-trampoline.

Our clubs and members are on the increase, and the level of performance is continuing to improve in leaps and bounds too (no pun intended).

As can be seen by the growth in the number of trampoline parks around the region, the appetite for rebound sports is as big as ever, which means that we are in a great place as a sport.

And this is at every level, from grass roots to international.

There have also been strides in everything from performance and judging to coaching and volunteering.

Our gymnasts are still performing amazingly across the disciplines but special recognition has to go again to the Andrew Stamp for his historic silver medal at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires. Well done to him and the coaches at Northamptonshire Trampoline Gymnastics Academy.

We also had gymnasts from the region competing in world and European championships, as well as for the home nations.

This is not to forget those who have represented the region at events such as the Regional Team Finals. This demonstrates the hard work of our gymnasts and coaches.

So I would like to thank every one of you – the coaches, gymnasts, clubs, parents, judges, officials and volunteers – as we could not do what we do without them.

COMPETITIONS

In 2018, we will have held three regional NDP events for trampoline and two for double-mini trampoline (DMT) – two pre-qualifiers and a regional qualifying event, but unfortunately we had to cancel the regional championships.

We have held two trampoline and DMT competitions so far this year.

The regional NDP competitions were qualifying events leading to the Regional Team Finals held at the Arena Birmingham.

In 2018, the East Midlands was represented at the event by 60 competitors in trampoline and DMT. The teams finished in 4th (Trampoline), 10th (DMT) and 10th (Disabilities).

In 2019, this event will be held in June, again at the Arena Birmingham. We will again be fielding a team, and the results will be reported after the event.

The East Midlands had a good showing at the 2018 National NDP Finals, the English Championships and the 2018 British Championships, held at the Motorpoint Arena in Nottingham, the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield and the Arena Birmingham respectively.

There were medallists too.

NDP Finals saw 7 gold medals, 7 silver and 4 bronze return to the region. The East Midlands came away from the English Championships with 5 gold medals, 3 silver and a bronze.

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

We have two British Champions, two silver medallists and one bronze medallist.

Gymnasts, coaches and judges from the region were also selected to represent Great Britain at a number of international events, as well as at the World Championships and the World Age Group Competition in Russia.

Congratulations to all our competitors. They did themselves, their clubs and our region proud. We have some very promising and able young gymnasts, who we should support to the fullest.

This means that we must consider how we can better nurture our most promising gymnasts to fulfil their potential.

OTHER NEWS

As mentioned before, congratulations to Andrew Stamp on his brilliant performance at the Youth Olympic Games, which resulted in a silver medal – Great Britain's first YOG trampoline medal.

Harvey Smith, as Great Britain junior squad coach, and two members of Northamptonshire Trampoline Gymnastics Academy (Tyler Cole-Dyer and Brodie Hove-Coleman) travelled to the World Age Group Competition in St Petersburg, Russia.

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 included Clive Morgan (judge) and gymnasts Andrew Stamp, Brodie Hove-Coleman and Abigail Brown.

In 2019, there are representatives from the region attending or involved in the 2nd European Games in Minsk, Belarus.

On the EMTTC committee side of things, Kevin and Ann Gladders have decided to step away from their roles as treasurer and welfare officer for the region.

I would like to thank them both for everything that they have done for the region and beyond and their 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: No report received.

Election of Executive Members: The Chair stated that TC roles did not need to be elected as they had previously and therefore only the chair of each Technical Committee to be voted on.

ROLE	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDED	DUE FOR RE-ELECTION
Chairperson	Paul Lipton			2020
Secretary	Katie Foster	Paul Lipton	Karen Edwards	2021
Treasurer	Marie Marshall			2020
Welfare & Ethics team	Linda Thompson lead with Jenni Harris & Tony Ford	Non elected team		

Election of Technical Committee Chairs

	ELECTED	PROPOSED	SECONDED	DUE FOR RE-ELECTION
WTC	Jenni Harris	Marie Mitchell	Alisa saunders	2021

DISABILITIES	No nominations received or confirmation Stacie was happy to stand again – position therefore vacant			
MTC	Neville Burr	Sue Snellgrove	Ben Taylor	2022
RGTC	Hannah Vickers	Debbie England	Jenni Harris	2021
ACRO & tumbling	Ian Davidson	Paul Lipton	Jenni Harris	2021
GFA	Alex Shaw			2020
TRAMPOLINE	Clive Morgan			2020

Acceptance of County Representatives to the Executive Committee

Derbyshire:

Leicestershire: Jenni Harris

Lincolnshire: Neville Burr/ Alisa Saunders

Northamptonshire: Kevin Flynn

Nottinghamshire: Katie Foster

AOB – A range of new logo's were printed and a vote taken as to which each person present preferred and a new logo therefore agreed by a majority of those present.

Changes to constitution were agreed and made – attached

Main changes were addition of position of Vice chair and pre requisite require to hold any position with chair in the title or treasurer.

Date of AGM 2020:

Thursday 2nd April 2020 8.00pm – Erewash Valley Gymnastic Club Ilkeston Venue

Close of meeting:

The Chair brought the meeting to a close at 8.45pm

2019/20Regional Committee meeting dates at Erewash Ilkeston venue at 7.30pm:

Thursday 6th June 7.30pm

Thursday 12th September 7.30pm

Thursday 16th January 2020 (Budgets) to be to Marie for December 13th 2019

Thursday 2nd April 2020 after AGM