

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013 MINUTES

SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2013
Sheraton Skyline Hotel, Heathrow

The meeting commenced at 2.30 pm with Anne McNeill in the chair

1) Present (in order of signing in)

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| Andrew Freeman, | Michael Freeman | June Tatch | Lorna Goddard, |
| Simon Moore, | Elaine Reece | L. Walden, | Abi Spear |
| V. Broughton | Vanessa Finn, | Bernice Negri, | Jessica Capelli, |
| Nicola Hagger, | Salme Naylor, | Claire Ongley | Peter Moore |
| Anne McNeill, | Kay Salter | Jessica Lascaris | Julie Ewenson |
| Kay Ongley | T. Curtis | S. Curtis | M.V.Dunkling |
| Ted Maxey, | Dawn Lockyer | Kirsty Reece | Kyle White |
| Liz Jones, | Betty Smethurst | John Ransley, | Elizabeth Awde |
| Helen Underwood | Diane Moore, | Karsten Shaw | Paul Robinson |
| Andy MacDuff | Dave Balmer | Christine Brockbank | Catherine Bates |

2) Clubs represented

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| A & V Rhythmic GC | Bromley Valley GC | Allstarz GC | City of London GC |
| Cheam GC | Croydon SoG | East London GC | Enfield GC |
| Falcon Spartak | Jaybees GC | Kingston TA | Harrow SG |
| Holborn GC | Mayfield GC | Merton GC | Richmond G.Ass |
| Sutton G.Academy | Sutton SoG | Tooting GC | Zodiac GC |
| Catleaps Gym Club | | | |

3) Officials Present

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| Regional President | Regional Chairman | Regional Treasurer | Regional WO |
| WTC Chair | MTC Chair | Disability Chair | Festival Chair |
| Acro Chair | HLVP (5) | Club Dev Officers (2) | Area Manager |
| Workforce Co-ordinator | Performance Pathway Co-ordinator | | |

4) Apologies for Absence

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| Jane, Swinbourne | Penny Burrows | Tania Swallow | Heather Maxey |
| Vicki Gibbons | Emma da Voss | Crystal Palace GC | Mayfield GC |
| Ben Murphy | | | |

5) Chairman's Welcome

Anne gave a brief welcome and introduced the President, Mr Peter Moore

6) **Presidents Address**

Peter noted how busy and rewarding the past year had been and thanked all those officials in the Technical Committees for their hard work. He commented on the great achievements – with London gymnasts going from strength to strength and he thanked all the coaches for their time and dedication. He commented on the three big London events –(i) The London Open, now an international competition (ii) the Awards Dinner and (iii) The London Festival and he gave his thank to Anne and Ben and all the teams involved. He was looking forward to a further great year.

7) **Minutes of 2012 AGM**

These had been circulated in advance, and we agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. There were no Matter arising from these minutes

8) **Financial reports**

These had been circulated as part of the Annual reports.

- (i) A query was raised into the format of the Rhythmic TC accounts. These were presented in a form known as a Register Report – and it was clear and detailed, but not a Reconciled Account which was the more usual method for such reports.

It was agreed that a standard format for accounts should be followed and the regional Treasurer, Dave Balmer confirmed that he would be willing to give assistance to any TC who required this.

ACTION

A meeting to be arranged with this TC members and the Management Committee to help to rectify this problem for the future.

It was pointed out that all TC members were volunteers and it would be useful if those with accountancy/bookkeeping expertise would be willing to take on roles of treasurers.

- (II) A query was raised with regard to the Bleacher Seating (£16,296) in the main accounts.

It was confirmed that this had been purchased by the Region and, at present, was stored at Europa GC. This will be hired out as requested and necessary. It will be shown as part of the Assets owned by the Region in next years' accounts.

There were no further questions or comments and the Accounts were agreed.

8. **Election of GfA Chair**

Ted Maxey, the existing Chair, was not opposed and therefore his position of Chair of GfA was ratified for the next three years.

9. **Amendments to Constitution**

Resolutions for the following amendment had been circulated –

Membership 4.2 addition of (ii) Vice Chairman – appointed

AGREED unanimously – confirmed that Ben Murphy had been appointed

Membership 4.3 Amendment - under E.C. shall appoint the following non-voting members – (To read

- (i) Representatives of the BG workforce in London
- (ii) The Regional Representative to the English Gymnastic Association
- (iii) A regional representative for schools and education

The MC & JTC shall also have power to co-opt additional specialists as and when appropriate.

The amendments were agreed, on a show of hands, unanimously

It was noted that constitution can be downloaded from the London Gymnastics website at **www.london-gymnastics.co.uk**.

10. Discussion on future

Anne introduced this item – firstly informing about the changes in the BG Workforce.

She Introduced

Jessica Capelli (Area Manager),
Claire Ongley (South of Thames Club Development Officer),
Helen Underwood (North of Thames Club Development Officer),
Elizabeth Awde (Workforce Co-ordinator),
Nicola Hagggar (Performance Pathway Co-ordinator)

Helen had recently taken on her post when Tim left, Nicola's post was new, and Liz Awde had now been confirmed to have been appointed to the new position of BG Education Officer – and her post in London had been advertised, the interviews were to take place later this week. Christine Brockbank will represent London Gymnastics on the interview panel.

Helen and Nicola were welcomed to London and Liz congratulated on her promotion.
We were pleased to note that she would still stay within the region as both a coach and tutor.

Catherine Bates introduced the new initiatives from BG –

Club Development
Gym Challenge
Gymfit
Gymfusion/
My Leadership Academy
My Club
GymNet
FreeG

These were shown via pp presentation, with information about GymNet. This has advantage of much more information on club members now shown and able to be printed from the spreadsheet. Also, changes to club information is now much easier to do.

IMPORTANT – for clubs to check that all their information on GymNet is correct.

Also linked to Disclosure & Barring Service (was known as CRB), and competition entries can be printed via this system.

11. London Initiatives

The Management Committee were enthusiastic that monies within the region should be used to further knowledge, etc. amongst members. They had allocated sums to be used on the following ideas –

- (i) Multi-discipline Training camps
Proposal to hold these at LNSC with five gymnasts from each discipline was turned down by those present. General feeling was that it needed more gymnasts to attend and would be far better held within London.
- (ii) The following volunteers are required. (some are already in place, but are looking for replacements over the next two year) –
 - Marketing Media Officer
 - Regional Welfare Officer
 - Events officer
 - Regional Secretary/General Manager

- Finance Officer

Task Descriptions will be written for these and all position will be appointed for three year,
Over the next two year, these positions will be offered out to interested people in the region

(iii) CEOP training for all Club Welfare Officer

(iv) Re-instate the bi-annual meetings of Club WO (hopefully arranging these in the four parts of London, so that travel is kept to minimum. These to be held at 'no cost' to CWO's.

ACTION: **Discussion and further proposals will continue via survey-monkey on the London region website**
 IMPORTANT that email address of Club Welfare Officers are given so that they can be contacted directly (not just via their club)

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Suggestion that all regional competitions should look at having display from other disciplines to emphasise that we are a multi-discipline organisation.

AGREED that all T.C.s' should look into this for their competitions.

(ii) Following a query regarding Rhythmic Gymnastics and venues for competitions, etc., it was agreed that this be referred to the Joint Technical Committee and the JTC Chair will look into these matters.

(iii) 2014 Award Dinner and 2014 AGM: Discussion on suggestion to change month in which they are held. September is now a very busy month.

Questions to be asked

(a) Should Technical Assemblies be held on same day as AGM? It was felt important to keep these all on same day as people often needed to attend more than one.

(b) Could Awards Dinner be held at end of Summer term?

ACTION: **To continue discussion to get thoughts from as many people as possible via survey monkey which will sent out to all clubs**

(iv) Clubs were reminded that the 'Early Bird' discount for regional registration finished on the following day (Monday). Those clubs that did not send in their club registration by end of October would be subject to not being able to compete in any event for six months

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and for the interesting and useful discussions and the meeting closed at 4.15 pm.