

SCOTTISH GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION
NOTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE
STIRLING COURT HOTEL, UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING
ON SATURDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 1:00 PM



Present and Proxy: See list at end of the Minutes

Apologies: See list at end of the Minutes

Minute taker: Lara Gregson, Executive Officer, Scottish Gymnastics (SG)

Scott Harper (SG Chair) opened the meeting at 1.09pm and thanked members for attending. Scott Harper advised that in order for the AGM to be quorate there was a current requirement for a minimum of 48 member Clubs, in addition to the Individual and Honorary Life Member Categories, to be present or to have submitted their vote by proxy i.e.

Membership Type	Total Votes as at 23 September 2017	30% requirement	Voting Members Attending	Votes by Proxy	Quorate Yes/No
Clubs (159) 2 Votes each	318		25	35	
Honorary Life Member	27		1	2	
Individual Member	9		6	2	
Total	354	107	32	39	No

The outcome is that this meeting is not quorate and no resolutions can be considered. Notes will be taken and once reviewed, uploaded to the SG website. A list of those present and apologies received is available at the end of these notes.

Scott stressed how important it is to attend these events and support the governance of the organisation. We are in the process of change as a result of the General Data Protection Regulations so there will be the need to review and update the Articles to reflect any relevant change. It is likely there will be a new set of Articles which will be brought to an EGM in March 2018.

Ruth Griffin, West Lothian GC asked how proxy votes work.

Scott confirmed we need 30% of members to be quorate, and proxy votes do count. He stressed to those present the importance of voting and to encourage your fellow members do so.

Scott introduced the new Directors nominees, Ian Chambers and Ally Whike and as the meeting is not quorate, he confirmed that the process of co-opting directors on to the Board will be followed and we are looking forward to their contribution.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The 2014, 2015 and 2016 AGM minutes had been previously circulated to members but as the meeting is not quorate these minutes cannot be approved.

Chairman's Update

Scott Harper presented the annual report in a video format. Scott confirmed there were also hard copies which can be picked up and there is an online version that can be read.

CEO Update

Euan Lowe shared our vision as we continue two years in to our 12 year journey. Euan highlighted that membership is increasing year on year and was now at over 27,800. There have been huge gains through the work of our clubs and the help and guidance SG has put in place to support and develop the clubs.

Euan continued to explain more about the external influences that have an impact on sport in general with more inferences being increased levels of support for the health agenda and getting people active. Funding for sport has been impacted and there is less money available which has resulted in a reduction in our grant funding. It's likely to continue that way, however it's not all negative and we need to be mindful of seeking opportunity to promote the role that gymnastics can play in supporting the health and equalities agenda and in getting people more active.

GDPR is a significant legislative change and a huge amount of work has been spent preparing us for this. We have had great support from British Gymnastics in this area and as a result the relationship has grown.

The Board Advisory Groups will be key going forward, and this will be an opportunity to really engage and inform forward work. This is an opportunity to test our strategy and vision. In addition we will be seeking your input as we review how we are progressing against our strategy. The aim being to start these discussions over the winter and early in 2018.

Next year is an exciting time with both the Commonwealth Games in April and the Euros coming to Glasgow in August. We need to think how as clubs want to capitalise on the likely increased profile for gymnastics.

Our Annual Awards is on 11 November. This is a great opportunity to come along and celebrate success.

Finally a huge thank you to you all for what you do for gymnastics.

Finance Update

Scott Harper presented the financial statements to the members. He explained that a proportion of the affiliation fees is paid to BG. Commercial activity is still growing and we can start to put our funding in to real action for the sport. He confirmed that we have put ourselves in a real strong financial position now. Financial details are contained in the annual report. Scott confirmed there was no inclination to review the fee charging structure and that our commitment to tying in with BG remains consistent with no indication that BG are looking to change their fee structure. We are moving towards a more sustainable position. Gymnastics is being seen as a long term career, with clubs developing themselves well for sustainable futures. Education courses are continuing to support the increase in coaches.

Our overall turnover is more than £2million and we hope that continues. Our Insurance costs have increased as a result of enhanced cover but this is still less expensive than BG and providing good value full cover.

Scott asked if there were any questions.

Ruth Griffin from West Lothian asked why the education figure shows a profit of £130k, and why would it not break even? Scott explained that that figure did not include staff costs.

Scott shared the profit and loss graphs and explained that the shown surplus is down reflecting the cuts to funding so we need to be more conservative in our spend, but with clubs registering now we can make some projections on future surplus and then consider how we can invest that spend.

Election of Any Directors: Board Appointments

Scott Harper advised the meeting that he cannot seek approval of the three Board vacancies as the AGM is not quorate.

The meeting closed 1.46pm.

Present:	SG Board of Directors: Scott Harper, Keir Stewart, Adele Tolometti, Patricia Swan, Zoe Frost, Peter Boucher, Euan Lowe. Nominated Directors: Ian Chambers, Ally White Sportscotland representative: Lorna Callan	
	SG Registered Clubs:	
	Auchterarder GC: Terri Gow, Fiona Cameron	City of Edinburgh GC: Kristen Wheeler
	City of Edinburgh TC: Claire Noble, Sandra Millar	City of Glasgow GC: Rod Smith, Pauline Smith
	Dundee Discovery GC: Donna Crowther	Dunfermline Zodiak GC: Katrina Harper, Scott Harper
	Enigma GC: Jennifer Mann	Garioch GC: Trish Swan, Cathy Osborne
	Irvine Bay GC: Amanda Boucher, Peter Boucher	Kirkcaldy GC: Dawn Blair
	Lasswade GC: Jillian Givan	Pentland GC: Claire Sills, Kerry Halliday
	Saltire TeamGym: Catriona Morton, Rachel Ross	Tiggers TC: Keir Stewart
	West Lothian Artistic GC: Ruth Griffin, Tina Robertson	
	Honorary Life Members:	Penny Kilbane
	Technical Panel Members:	Rod Smith, Cathy Osborne, Katrina Harper, Dawn Telford, Amanda Boucher
	SG Staff:	Steve Paige, Lara Gregson, Jacqui Stone, Steven Maloney,
Apologies:	SG Registered Clubs:	
	Edinburgh University TC	Jump GC
	Forres GC	Falkirk School of Gymnastics
	Kestrel Gymnastics	East Kilbride
	West Lothian Rhythmic	Flyers TC
	Midlothian GC	Banchory TC
	Levenmouth GC	Tryst GC
	Falkirk Adults GC	Carnegie Spartans
	Sapphire GC	
	Technical Panel Members:	Kay Ross, Caitlin Ross
	Honorary Life Members:	Robert Callahan, Jean Callahan, Ron Jevons
	Individual Members:	Phil Langstaff, Oliver Barsby
Proxy Votes:	Flyers TC	Falkirk School of Gymnastics
	Meadowbank GC	Edinburgh University TC
	Tiggers Trampoline Club	Honorary Life Member: Robert Callahan
	Honorary Life Member: Jean Callahan	City of Edinburgh GC
	Midlothian GC	Donside GC
	Sparta TC	Glasgow TC
	South Lanarkshire TC	Kestrel GC
	Banks o'Dee TC	Tryst GC

	Tay Valley GC	Magic
	Earlston GC	Inverurie GC
	Flair GC	Falkirk Adult GC
	East Kilbride GC	Meadowbank GC
	Broxburn GC	