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Minutes 12th Annual General Meeting **The Friary, Tullideph Road, Dundee DD2 2PN** **5.30 pm, Sunday 27th September, 2015**

1. Chairperson's Welcome

Clare Huxley, acting chair for the meeting, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Attendance

Clare Huxley (Director and Acting Chair)	Sharlee Welsh
Jacqueline Archibald (Director)	Juliet Chow
Vicky Lothian (Director)	Joanne Mills
Paul Carson (Director and Club Manager)	Lisa Miller
Bea Petersen (Director and Head Coach)	Lesley Scott
Alison Bell (Director)	Rachel Scott
Colin Blakeman (Director)	Alison Boath
Don Scott	Jayne Samson
Jessica McLaren	Sandra Birse
Caroline McAuley	Nicky +Robbie McBean
Louise Rodger	Jimmy Moran
Karen Clayton	Lesley Moran
Ruth Brougham	Mike Hain
Victoria Ducka	Denise Norrie
Melanie Baron	Suzanne Uribe
Sarah Hunter	Martin Ritchie
Helen Sellarajah	Callum +Debbie Milne
Jordan Archibald (Coach)	Julie Hutton
Louise Carson (Coach)	Toni Knox
Magda Garbacz	Brain + Libby Mautay
Claire Johnston	



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3. Apologies

Richard McCready (Director)

Lisa Chalmers

Sarah Petrie

Alison Crawley

Angel and Peter Low

Laura McDonald

Joanna (mother of Kizzie and Leia)

Rosalind Smith

Clare and ChrisMcCance-Black

Kirsten Doig

Lindsay Mollison

Nicky Winter

Rosie McKenzie.

Caroline Kelly

Rachel Macdonald

4. Chair's Report (Clare Huxley, appendix i)

5. Treasurer's Report (Paul Carson, appendix ii)

6. Fundraising Report (Alison Bell, appendix iii)

7. Grants and Awards Report (Clare Huxley, appendix iv)

8. Coach's Report (Bea Petersen, appendix v)

9. Appointment of Directors

Alison Bell, Richard McCready, Vicky Lothian and Colin Blakeman were re-elected as Directors.

10. Any Notified Competent Business

Bea Petersen and Paul Carson outlined the plans for expanding club activities into a building on Brown Street which used to house Showcase the Street dance studios. The facilities at the McTaggart Gymnastics Centre are excellent and we will continue training here, however, we cannot expand any further. Specifically we cannot run classes during the daytime, and we cannot run anymore classes parallel to the current ones. We have a waiting list of over 300 and leasing the Brown Street building would allow us to run more entry level classes in the evenings, pre-school classes during the day and activities such as birthday parties at the weekends. The building is in good condition and has nice wooden dance floors, but we would need a large amount of equipment. Equipment can be funded by grants, donations and leasing. The Directors are putting together an Awards for All grant application. A list has been prepared for members and companies to select items to donate. Leasing can be done at approximately 10% of the value of the items per annum.

11. Club Gymnast Awards

These were presented by Bea Petersen and Louise Carson and are listed in appendix vi

12. Tea and Coffee with the coaches

13. Closure 7pm



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Appendix i

DGC2K Chair's Report

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Dundee Gymnastics Club 2K has had another very successful year in 2015. The Club has continued to expand rapidly and now has some 220 gymnasts in a range of classes including Development, Women's Artistic, Floor and Vault, Power Tumble, Rhythmic, Boys, Gym Stars and Adult. This has involved a parallel increase in pay for the coaches and the hall hire rates have increased significantly giving a club turnover of over £140,000 and Paul Carson will report on the accounts. There is always a need for fundraising from the Parents which Alison Bell will report on and from grant-awarding bodies which I'll report on.

There have been excellent results at all levels of competition and Bea Petersen will go through this in more detail. These high levels of achievement were recognised at the Dundee Sports Awards in February 2015 where DGC2K won Team of the Year and we were also short listed for Young Team of the Year and Club of the Year. The contribution of Bea to the very high levels achieved by club gymnasts was also recognised at the Dundee Sports Awards where she won Coach of the Year.

Our coaches have worked extremely hard and generously over the year allowing the Club to run a large number of activities in addition to the classes including group trips to competitions in Hamburg, Manchester and Stoke as well as more local competitions in Scotland, a Summer Camp in Viborg with a stay in Hamburg staying with our partner German club, the Club Challenge and the Development Open Day. Coaches also attended numerous National Squad Sessions, workshops to keep up with the latest developments in the sport and Safeguarding courses. To increase their qualifications, the coaches completed a number of UKCC coaching courses; Melanie Barron completed the modules for WA Level 3, Louise Carson completed all the WA Level 3 modules, Ivan Plyusch completed MA Level 2, Jordan Archibald completed WA Level 2, and Kirsty Campbell completed WA Level 1. This increase in the number and qualifications of club coaches is essential for the sustainability and growth of the club.

I would like to thank all the coaches who have put in such a lot of time and effort into helping the gymnasts achieve their very best. The Directors who are not paid as directors but put in their time and expertise. The parents of gymnasts for their continued support of their children including the driving to and from sessions and encouragement at competitions. And of course all the gymnasts for being prepared to train week in week out.

Clare Huxley

Director and Acting Chair DGC2K



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DGC2K Treasurer's Report

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The McTaggart Gymnastics centre is now 2 years old. Membership has been steadily growing throughout the year since February 2014 from 174 members to 228 members in February 2015, an increase in membership of 31%.

There will not be an increase in fees for next year.

Since moving to the McTaggart Centre our expenditure has also increased. The hall hire jumped to £31,621 an increase of 20% on the year before. We now employ 13 coaches, 4 of whom are full time, 9 part time and 3 voluntary, and our payroll increased by 38% due to additional coaches and coaches moving up to higher levels.

As our increase in fees only came into effect on 1st February 2015 we did not cover all our expenses in 2014, but this increase in fees and a more efficient member recruitment system has seen the club getting back on track to be sustainable.

Fundraising last year suffered due to the cancellation of the race night and missing out on the chocolate commissions. Monies raised through fundraising go towards helping coach / Judges education and projects like the summer camp, competition leotards, volunteer expenses, club competition medals, awards, small equipment and repairs where possible, etc.

For the year ending January 2015 the club's finances were down. The increase in fees implemented in February 2015 and the increase in membership have now stabilised the club even though the council increased the hall hire again 20% in April 2015.

Paul Carson

Treasurer and Director DGC2K



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DGC2K Fundraising Report : October 2014 – September 2015

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DGC2K have had a very successful fundraising year: a total of **£1,638.30** has been raised

Rag bag	244.48
Christmas Club Challenge	349.45
Development Group (Show & Tell)	201.80
Summer BBQ	219.55
Smartie Tubes	623.02
Total	1,638.30

There has been a steady stream of rag bag donations, I take to Cash for Clothes, Clepington Road where I get 40p a kilo (used to be 50p a kilo). They take second hand clothes & shoes only, no bric-a-brac, bedding, curtains, toys.

A very successful 2014 Christmas Challenge – nearly £350 from door entry, cake & candy, raffle & sale of second hand leotards. A similar result for the development group show & tell, with over £200 being raised.

The Smartie tubes was the most successful fundraising event of last year with over 66 smartie tubes returned, raising over £620 (You can get £12.80 into one tube).

We had a great day at the Summer BBQ – although it was only confirmed it would go ahead a few days before the event due to low ticket sales. We don't look to make a profit at this event, just want to cover the hire of the venue (Friary) and food etc, hence we keep the ticket prices fairly low. The ticket sales did cover all our outgoings. With the raffle and sale of water balloons we made nearly £220 on the day.

Upcoming Fundraising Events 2015/2016:

- **Christmas Chocoholics** – books being handed out at AGM for Christmas delivery.
- **Smartie Tubes** – fill with 20ps and hand back.
- **Family Quiz Night** : Saturday 14th November: 7.30pm @ The Friary.
Tickets will be on Sale soon.
£5 adult, £3 child (aged 5-16), £15 Family of 4.
- **Christmas Challenge** : Saturday 19th December @ Dick McTaggart.
Entry fee.
Sale of second hand leotards, cake & candy, raffle.
- **Christmas Party** : Saturday 19th December, 6-8pm @ The Friary.
This event is free for all club gymnasts.
- **Race Night** : date to be finalised, sometime in Q1.
Adults only event.

Alison Bell
Director DGC2K



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Grants and Awards Report

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Sport Dundee Grants – these pay 50% of the cost of courses for coaches

Level 1 allows a coach to start working as an assistant.

Level 2 allows a coach to take a class alone.

Level 3 etc allows more advanced moves.

UKCC WA Level 1 - Fiona Blakeman - £100

UKCC WA Level 1 - Tayla Ruddy - £100

Course March 2014, received money 30 October 2014

UKCC WA Level 1 - Jordan Archibald - £100

UKCC WA Level 1 - Ivan Plyusch - £100

UKCC WA Level 1 - John McCallam - £100

Courses, August 2014, received money 15 Dec 2014

UKCC Rythmic Level 1 - Ellie Skouroganni - £160

Course November 2014, Received money 12 May 2015

UKCC Level 1 Men's Artistic Add on module - Ivan Plyusch - £33

Course November 2014, Received money 26 June 2015

Double Mini trampoline Senior Club Coach - Paul Carson - £90

Double Mini trampoline Senior Club Coach - James Moran - £90

Course November 2014, Received money 24 June 2015

UKCC Level 2 MA - Ivan Plyusch - £130

Course March 2015, Received money 9 September 2015

Viborg - Bea Petersen, Paul Carson and Jordan Archibald - £300

July/Aug 2015, received £300 discretionary grant 9 Sept 2015

UKCC level 3 WA - Louise Carson

March 2015

Have been awarded £130, waiting to finalise money

UKCC Level 2 WA - Jordan Archibald

March 2015

Have been awarded £260, waiting to finalise money

£1,303 total in SportDundee Grants received with £390 outstanding.

Clare Huxley

Director and Acting Chair DGC2K



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Coaches' Report 2015

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After we have heard about how the club has further grown and opened up opportunities for boys, thanks to Ivan, and rhythmic gymnasts, thanks to Laura, and also for non-competitive gymnasts, I would like to focus this report on the successes the competitive gymnasts have had in the past year.

And what a year it's been! The most successful one yet. With 2 British medals, one in tumble won by Caitlin McCauley and one in WAG won by Sarah McKenzie; and a club record in the WAG section achieved by Sofia Ramzan. Beyond this the list of achievements is long and I am proud of every one of the gymnasts who achieved them and their coaches who helped them. Since I don't just want to read out names and rankings we have put it all together in a powerpoint presentation which will show during the coffee break.

A brief mention should go to our Floor and Vault group who competed very well in two friendly competitions in the last year, one in Fife and one up North in Inverurie. This is the first step towards performing for this group. The next step will be their participation at the Gymfest next year. In preparation for this the girls have already started to design a display routine. We'll do our best to have it finished soon.

Then there are the girls (this is referred to as WAG) and their club grades. Grade 6 is the first grade most gymnasts take. Scottish Gymnastics allows gymnasts to compete for the first time in the year they turn 8 years old but you are also allowed to sit the grades when you are older. Gymnasts can either enter the club grade route, which about 95% of all gymnasts do, or the elite pathway which would be elite grade 5 for gymnasts aged 8. In the last year we had 8 8-year olds passing club grade 6 with distinction or commendation, and 7 9-year olds whilst we also had one little girl, Nina Rodger, who passed the elite grade 5. This was an excellent result for the girls and the club and it means that we have another 16 gymnasts in competitive training.

In the club grade 5 we had another 4 girls aged 9 who passed with distinction or commendations and a couple of gymnasts in the regional and national grade 4. Everyone passed and with that, gymnasts and coaches received a stamp of quality assurance.

The grades structure is there to support the gymnasts and coaches in the development of basic skills which should be mastered with some precision in order to be able to learn more difficult skills later on.

We are now coming to the elite grades which take gymnasts onto a path which requires huge commitment in terms of time and effort from the girls, the parents and the coaches. Congratulations to Rebecca Farningham who passed grade 3 and to Sofia Ramzan and Rosa Holm-Huxley who passed grade 1. This is a special grade because it is the most difficult one and also serves as the qualification into the highest level competition in the country, the British Championships.

In December 2014 we had only one gymnast qualified to compete at this incredible competition, it was Sarah McKenzie who certainly made her presence felt as she tumbled and danced herself into the floor final only to go on and win a silver medal on this piece. This was a massive success!

To my delight the year continued in this fashion. Our top team who also liked to be known as the Fab Five (Jennifer Brankin, Sofia Ramzan, Hayley Bell, Sarah McKenzie and Rosa Holm-Huxley) won the Scottish Team Championships, the Gordon Forster, against strong competition from both West Lothian and Largs (who fielded British Squad gymnast Louise McColgan and Amy Regan, ex floor finalist at Commonwealth Games).

Just a couple of weeks before, the Fab Five adopted wee Rebecca into their midst as we travelled to Hamburg to compete in the annual Hamburg International. The girls impressed coaches and judges from many different countries as they went through qualification into the main draw where they came second. Another wonderful result.



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In February they continued by winning the silver team medal at the Scottish Championships whilst adding a good few medals in their apparatus finals. Sofia Ramzan broke our club record on day two of the championships when she scored a whopping 50.25 in her apparatus finals. Sofia also had an outstanding year with regards to the number of selections she got from Scottish Gymnastics. She competed at a high calibre International Competition in Arques in France, at the Celtic Cup, the UK School Games and the Northern European Championships. You can see she has been a rather busy young lady.

I would like all 6 of you girls to stand up, please. Jennifer Brankin, Sofia Ramzan, Sarah McKenzie, Rosa Holm-Huxley, Hayley Bell and Rebecca Farningham. Massive congratulations to you!

However, these gymnasts are not the only busy ones in our multi-discipline club. The tumblers have worked hard and travelled many miles to compete.

At the Tumble British Championships 2014 John McCallum won bronze in NDP national 6 and Iona Birse came a respectable 5th over all in NDP national 2. In 2015, the tumblers stepped up a gear. At the Scottish Championships, Lindsay Gordon won Silver at National Level 4, Iona Birse won gold at national level 3, Andrew Watson won gold at national level 3, while Caitlin McAuley won gold at national level 2.

Caitlin McAuley went through 2 British semi finals and then won Gold at the national level 2 finals, our first tumbling British Champion. Well done Caitlin. Tia Wilson was accepted in the performance pathway and Iona Birse and Caitlin McAuley were accepted into the development pathway for Scottish tumblers. Some great work coming from our tumblers as they move up the grades.

Allow me to finish by reading out the names of all gymnasts who won a medal last year:

Caitlin McCauley, Lindsey Gordon, Tia Wilson, Iona Birse, Andrew Watson – all tumble

Aimee Boath, Nina Rodger, Daisy Lothian, Sophie Miller, Trinity Clayton, Rebecca Farningham, Sofia Ramzan, Sarah McKenzie, Rosa Holm-Huxley, Hayley Bell and Jennifer Brankin

As every year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank with all my heart the directors for doing all the necessary work that enables us to run the club, the parents for their support, the coaches for their hard work and love for the sport and the gymnasts for their huge commitment!

Bea Petersen

Head Coach and Director DGC2K



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Appendix vi

Club Prizes awarded at the AGM

Performance:

Best team player: Winner: Sofia Ramzan

Nominations: Elise Wyper, Abbie McDonald, Jodie Christie, Aimee Boath, Hayley Bell, Bex Farinham, Tia Wilson, Robbie McBean

Most Courageous: Winner: Calvin Graves

Nominations: Sofia Ramzan, Ellie-May Duncan, Lyall Millar, Isla Hunter, Jasmin Chow, Hayley Bell, Rosa Holm-Huxley, Alex Murray, Rowan Davidson, Jodie Christie

Most Graceful: Winner: Abbie McDonald

Nominations: Amy Mills, Kristy Turtus, Bex Farinham, Alex Murray, Rosa Holm-Huxley, Piper Uribe, Aimee Boath, Rose Sellarajah, Leila Inatimi, Ruby Scott, Sarah McKenzie, Ruby Hutton,

Most Improved: Winner: Jodie Christie

Nominations: Katie Clark, Alex Gilligan, Lucy Wiseman, Aimee Boath, Caitlin Winter, Ava Paul, Sophie Miller, Rowan Davidson, Tia Wilson, Lyall Millar, Callan Shepard

Positive Attitude: Winner: Rowan Davidson

Nominations: Ruby Scott, Alex Murray, Hayley Bell, Sofia Ramzan, Amelia Rose, Erin Shannon, Ava Paul, Lucy Wiseman, Daniella Milne, Dylan Lothian

Most Persevering: Nominations:

Hope Barrie, Hannah Blakeman, Lyall Millar, Tianah Scott, Rosa Holm-Huxley, Amelia Nicol, Hayley Bell, Jodie Christie, Sophie Norrie, Callam Reddick

Winner: Sophie Miller

Development:

Most Improved: Winner: Ruby Ritchie

Nominations: Sophia Reddick, Peggy Kennedy, Suzanna Wylie, Hale Keay, Lahna Houston, Angela Low, Callum Ford

Most Persevering: Winner: Addison Conroy

Nominations: Poppy Bird, Suzanna Wylie, Poppy Hill, Lucy Gardner, Kate Hancock, McCance

Biggest Personality: Winner: Olivia Paton

Nominations: Holly Reagan, Madeline Lothian, Ava Tinley, Lilly Philips, Sophie Spankie, Carrie Krachan, Olivia Robertson, Logan Kelly, Nathaniel Kelly

Best Team Player: Winner: Olivia Millar

Nominations: Hale Keay, Alisa Gasperovica, Ella Shembri, Addison Conroy, Hale Keay, Anna McGoldrick, Callum Ford

Most Graceful: Winner: Sophie Doig

Nominations: Olivia Robertson, Fawne Duffy, Myleigh Parkin, Lilly Philips, Libby Mantay,

Most Courageous: Winner: Freddie Lothian



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