

## Dundee Gymnastics Club 2K

**Minutes of the AGM held at the Woodlands Hotel, 13 Panmuir Terrace, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, 5pm, Sunday 27th November 2011**

### **1. Chairperson's Report**

Richard McCready welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Present;** Richard McCready (Chair), Paul Carson (Director), Alison Bell (Director), Clare Huxley (Director), Tess Inglis (Director), Jane Samson, Caroline Brankin, Dot Brankin, Sandy Brankin, Toni Knox, Derek Duncan, Sarah Duncan, Julie Hutton, Laura McDonald, Melanie Barron, Jane Mason, Caroline McAuley and Angela Farningham

**3. Apologies;** Bea Petersen, Vicky Lothian, Wendy Gordon, Shona & George Mackenzie, Behrnice Keenan,

### **4. Chairperson's Report**

Richard McCready thanked all the directors for their support during the year and in particular Pam Bowie who has stood down after several years of supporting the club. The main development is the new facility which is due to open in April and there will be a lot of work in preparing for this.

### **5a. Treasurers Report**

Paul Carson read out the Treasurers report and is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

### **b. Fundraising Report**

Alison Bell reported on very successful fundraising throughout the year. The Raffle at the Christmas party raised £60, the Smartie Tubes filled with coins raised £350, the Bag Pack at Tesco's raised £434, raffle and cake and candy at the level 6 competition with the Forfar club raised £144, the Chocoholics fundraiser organised by Caroline McAuley raised £212 and the on-line shopping raised £119 giving a total of £1320. All the parents and friends were thanked for their contributions throughout the year.

In the coming year, fundraising will be held at the Club Championships and the Christmas party in December, the Smartie Tubes, Bag Pack and On-line shopping will all continue and it is hoped to have a sponsored event.

### **c. Grants Report**

Clare Huxley reported on the grants applied for during the year. An application for support for 4 new coaches to attend the UKCC level 1 course was submitted to Sport Dundee and 50% of the cost of the courses and petrol was awarded - £87 per course giving a total of £348.

Any gymnast attending National Squad training or competitions can claim 25% of travel and fees from Sport Dundee and a number of families had obtained these grants. However, these are only for gymnasts living in Dundee and there are no grants to cover the costs of the club coaches who need to attend the sessions. Other awards from Sport Dundee are available for start ups, events (not club championships) and equipment, none of which were relevant to DGC2K this year.

An application for a Club Dundee Development Project was submitted but in the end this was rejected as DGC2K did not need to set up a Working Group for the Development Squad.

Two letters of appeal were sent in relation to the increasing costs of the let for Menzieshill High School Gym. The first letter successfully brought the cost down from the

commercial rate (£65 per hour) to the concession rate (£11 per hour). However, the second letter saying that increasing the fees to £29 per hour in 2014 was too high, was rejected. As we expect to move into the Dick McTaggart Centre in April 2012, we won't pursue the costs of the Menzieshill gym hall but will concentrate on keeping the costs at the Dick McTaggart Centre to a reasonable level.

## **6. Coach's Report.**

The Coach's Report by Bea Petersen was read out by Richard McCready and is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

### **7a. New Coaches**

Following the successful training of 4 parents as level 1 coaches during the last year, the club will aim to train a new group of parents to level 1 and also to progress some of the current coaches to level 2. A meeting will be held in December for all coaches to arrange coverage of all training sessions and also for new coaches. Paul Carson to send out notices of this meeting.

### **b. Summer Camp**

Plans are well ahead to hold a summer camp in Viborg, Denmark, from 1st to 8th July 2012. The Club has previously held very successful summer camps in this training facility and a German club will attend at the same time, as has happened successfully in the past. The cost for this will be around £600 per gymnast and the trip will be open to all gymnasts over 8 years of age.

### **c. New Facility**

The new Dick McTaggart Facility is due to open in April/May and work is well under way. It will have 2 sprung floors, tumble track, vaults, bars, beams, foam pits etc.

It will be managed by Leisure and Culture Dundee and will be 'unmanned' (there will be no caretaker on site, but there will be a phone with number to call to report any issues with the facility). The coaches will have a token that allows entry at the allotted times and this will require arrangements to be made for gymnasts who arrive late to sessions and parents who arrive early for pick up. Parents stressed that they do enjoy watching sessions from the gallery at the Lynch. It looks like there is a viewing gallery on the plans. However, there is no seating for an audience to watch competitions.

A meeting is scheduled next week to finalise the cost of the sessions at the facility. However, we forecast that DGC2K will need to increase its membership from the current 55 to between 65 and 85.

## **8. New Director**

There is currently a vacancy for a Director who would take responsibility for publicity for the club. However there were no volunteers for this position.

## DGC2k Treasurers Report

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Over the past year due to the fee increase Jan 2011 our finances have started to stabilise, last year we ran at a slight loss.

Membership has been steady this year and with the addition of the Development section has eased the pressure on the club finances and allowed us to better cater for new coaches education and unexpected increases in hall hire from Dundee city council.

There will be no increase in fees next year, we are working on ways to increase the membership of the club by April next year to cover the expenses of the new facility and increased training time, so instead of a fee increases we will need to increase membership, which also brings an increase in coaches, to ensure quality training.

We will carry on with monies raised through fundraising where 50% goes to coach / Judges education and 50% goes toward projects like summer camp and international competition.

This year we have finally found a supplier for T-shirts & other club clothing where we are not required to buy in bulk and will not have to be specially made, competition club leotards on the other hand due to originality may still have to be bought in bulk.

So at present the clubs finances remain stable even in this economic climate.

Next year will be an exciting time for the club with a lot of changes to the core structure, with good leadership from the directors and support from the members parents, this can be achieved to make DGC2k a talented, coach orientated and financially sound club.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes that the parents may not realise

Training schedules

Competition organising

Financial recording

Companies house, Charities board OSCAR

Fund raising

Grants and awards

Child protection

Coach education

Meetings

Most of the above is by volunteers, giving their personal time and attention to these tasks.

Please note that DGC2k does not receive any funding for it's operation, DGC2k is a member owned private company with charity status.

Paul Carson, Treasurer.



## DGC2k Coaches' report AGM 2011

To begin with I would like to welcome all our new members – the next generation of our club. We will do our best to help your children to have a positive experience and success in gymnastics.

Over the last year we had another successful run across different age groups.

Our most senior gymnasts, Jordan, Kirsty and Jennifer competed in the Scottish championships in February and won the bronze medal as a team. Individually Jordan added another bronze in the all around competition. During the apparatus final on Sunday all three of them won more medals. Jordan went on to represent Scotland at the Celtic Cup a few weeks later. This is a competition between the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. Jordan was determined to do her best and amazingly succeeded in winning the individual all around competition.

In spring our younger gymnasts took the challenge to participate in the club and compulsory grades. Everyone passed and Rosa and Hayley excelled by qualifying for the British Finals in the compulsory grades 4 and 3.

Next up was Kirsty who represented our club at the senior British Championship. Amazingly, she competed in the same competition with Beth Tweddle and placed herself a respectable 17<sup>th</sup>.

During the summer Hayley, Jennifer, Sarah and Sofia took part in an international competition in Malta where (with the help from Emily Ford from Perth) they managed to take the bronze medal as a team. Individually Jennifer also managed to win the gold medal on floor.

This wonderful experience was followed up by a happy and successful training camp in Inverclyde. Next year we are planning to go to Viborg in Denmark (1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July) for a training camp which we will organise together with a German gymnastics club. All gymnasts aged 8 plus during 2012 are eligible to participate in this exciting venture.

In September we had gymnasts competing in Scottish voluntary competitions at various levels. Both Abbie and Kaylah won silver medals on floor with beautifully executed routines, whilst Tia won medals on beam and in the all around competition. Rosa won the floor in her level, Sofia took gold on bars and beam and silver in the all around in hers. Hayley and Sarah came second and third in the level 3. Their over all performances were excellent, to the point that they were selected to represent Scotland at the British Finals.

The national squad system is once again about to change and I think it will be for the better. Scottish Gymnastics are currently considering having squads for younger gymnasts again and I would be happy to put forward our most hard working and talented little ones. I will update you as soon as I have definitive information about the changes. In the past DGC2K benefitted from squad session mainly because we didn't have a facility to train from. This is about to change of course and I'm sure it will be exciting for all of us to train in the McTaggart Centre from April next year. However, the expertise different coaches bring to these sessions is very valuable in itself. I would just like to make parents aware of the fact though that for your child being part of squads means additional commitment by the parents and this is usually two-fold: financial and time/driving. But as you can see from this report your commitment is not in vain – the more we put into it the more we get back out of it – and when I say 'we' I mean: the parents, gymnasts and coaches together. It's not always easy to keep the communication between all of us going since some of us train in different venues and we don't meet several times per week to quickly discuss issues that might have arisen in the meantime. However, I would like to

encourage you to just phone or make an appointment if you have any queries at all. Let's continue to work together for your children so that they can enjoy a good time with us and fulfil their potential.