

RICHMOND GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD AT The RGA Centre
7.00pm MONDAY 17th June 2024 and virtually on ZOOM

Attendees::

Trustees: Sarah Campbell(chair), Carol Bailey(vice chair - writing minutes), Simon Kimberley(treasurer), Chris Brockbank, Cornelia Wietzel , Sally Wilson , Helen Gilbert, Victoria Green

Staff: Salme Naylor, Katie Delport (on zoom)

Members: Nine in person and two on zoom - See attendance list

Apologies for absence: Chris Cason

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened by Sarah Campbell who thanked everyone for attending.

2. The Minutes of the AGM held on 22nd May 2023

There being no queries, these were unanimously accepted by the meeting and signed as an accurate record by the Chair, Sarah Campbell.

3. The Report of the Chairman. – Sarah Campbell

- As of August 2023, the membership reached 1,400 members, an increase of about 100 gymnasts from the previous year. Classes remain popular and there has been a renewed focus on providing appropriate sessions for our secondary school gymnasts with the development of our Gym Team programme. We continue to run holiday courses during the half-term and school holidays
- There has been renewed interest in our Inclusion programme following a slow start to return to normality post covid for this vulnerable group. The numbers in our programme continue to increase, so a new class was started in September 2023 to help to get gymnasts off our waiting list.
- We have introduced ballet training for all the squads, which is greatly contributing to the partnerships, displays and floor exercises.
- As ever, our Christmas Display was a great success for both gymnasts, parents and visitors. We are very grateful to the coaches and gymnasts who put in a lot of work each year. Please continue – we love it!
- Sadly, we have three resignations and ‘farewells’ from the Board
 - Sally (Wilson) the Co-Chairman of the Board of Trustees, who has been a stalwart supporter and champion of Richmond Gymnastics Association right from the start, when Charlotte, her daughter, joined to become a competitive Tumbler. Sally was part of the initial Friends of

- Richmond Team, became a Trustee and finally, shared the Chairmanship role. Thank you for all your hard work and support Sally. We wish you well in your new venture
- To Simon (Kimberley) who has been the RGA Treasurer for over six years and was INVALUABLE when first he took over and helped us over a difficult time. He has kept a watchful eye on RGA finances and you can find his Report in the Audited Accounts.
 - Chris (Cason) – Chris has been a member of the board for nearly 25 years. She became involved when Claire joined RGA at a satellite centre and has been active, supportive and personally involved throughout. She brought invaluable support and expertise to the welfare officer role and was always available for Salme and her team of coaches. Chris' grand-daughter is now attending our pre-school at the RGA Centre – wonderful family continuity.
- We thank you all for your dedication and support and have a little something for all three of you at the end of the meeting.

There being no questions or comments, the report was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

4. The Report of the Treasurer - Simon Kimberley

The audited accounts for 2022-23 had been made available on the RGA website for members to view and hard copies were available at the AGM

In terms of our financial performance, we made a loss of £91,828 compared to a profit of £26,183 in the previous year.

The overall income for the year was £1,209,124 compared to the previous year of £1,085,899. This is an increase of £123,225 which is just over 11% increase on last year. Of the £123,225 increase, £94,400 relates to recharges to parents, in relation to squad gymnasts competition & travel costs, representing RGA and British Gymnastics at competitions in UK and overseas. Thus the real increase in operational income was £28,355 which is a like for like increase of 2.6% on last year.

Our costs for the year were £1,300,952 compared to the previous year of £1,059,715, which was an increase of £241,236 or just over 22.7%. As it was a full competitive season the majority of the increase £196,454 was related to this. This is broken down into competition and travel costs of £122,971 and our coaching costs increased by £73,483. As part of the coaching increase we invested in additional services, Physio, mental health / wellbeing in order to provide a safe and competitive environment for our squad gymnast.

With the building back in full time use, we had to make various repairs, which increased our costs by £25,277, office costs increased by £8,947, insurances increased by £6,968 and finally our depreciation costs increased by £8,745.

This contributed to a loss of £91,828 for the financial year, with a reduction in cash of £111,838 taking into consideration £54,060 of assets were purchased.

Overall our gymnastic numbers are around 1,400 at the end of September 2023 which is consistent with last year.

Our staffing numbers increased to 54, which is an increase of 11 from the previous year of 43.

From a cash position at year end we have recoded a bank balance of £228,647 compared to the previous year of £340,485 which is a reduction of £111,838. On an operating basis we have net current liabilities of £69,071 which the associate is looking to move in to a positive territory at the end of 2023/2024 accounts and making a profit.

5. Acceptance of Audited Accounts

The auditors, Felton Pumphrey had signed off the accounts and were content that RGA remains a going concern.:

There were no questions the audited accounts were proposed and seconded and unanimously accepted by the meeting.

Proposed: Sally Wilson Seconded: Helen Gilbert

6. The Report of the Director of Coaching.

Salme Naylor presented a report for the year

Thank you to all the trustees and particularly Cornelia, the Dawsons and Cooper-Divers for their huge fund raising efforts to provide the new spectator seating.

Since covid inclusion gymnasts have come back to the gym and Tracey has built back a very strong program with a new “exploration” class.

The acro squad had a successful competition season with 58 gymnasts going to Scotland and following this many medal winning partnerships at the NDP Regional and National finals and at international competitions.

The display group also attended a very successful event in Italy and the Floor and Vault squad also attended an international event.

The club is proud of the long term athlete development plan that is in place allowing gymnasts to progress from pre-school development classes to adult competitive gymnasts and all ages along the way. Gymnasts of all ability are also supported to become coaches and/or judges at the club providing us with an enthusiastic and loyal group of young employees.

7. Retiring Members and Committee Nominations

The following committee members retired at AGM,

Sally Wilson (co-chair)

Simon Kimberley (treasurer)

Chis Cason (welfare officer)

Carol Bailey (vice chair)

Cornelia Wetzel

Nominations had been received for the following trustees all duly proposed and seconded:

	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
Jenny Vos (Welfare Officer)	Josephine Long	Sue Potrer
Dan Allingham (Treasurer)	Simon Kimberley	Nick Long
Harriett Assem	Sarah Campbell	Carol Bailey
Maya Gilbert	Carol Bailey	Sarah Campbell
Kate Wooliscroft	Emily Cracknell	Sophie Bartholomew
Nick Long (previously co-opted)	Carol Bailey	Sarah Campbell

All were duly elected on a unanimous show of hands.

Sarah Campbell informed trustees that Nick Long had agreed to be co-chair with herself

For clarity, the 10 Current Elected trustees (as constitution allows) are now:

Sarah Campbell (co-hair)
Nick Long (co-chair)
Dan Allingham (Treasurer)
Jenny Vos (Welfare Officer)
Helen Gilbert (Health & Safety)
Chris Brockbank
Vicky Green
Harriett Assem
Maya Gilbert
Kate Wooliiscroft

8. Appointment of Auditors.

Felton Pumphrey were proposed to be re-appointed as auditors for this year the management committee having the authority to fix the remuneration. Agreed by the meeting.

9. AOB

Meryl asked about progress on replacing non-functioning heating system at the RGA centre and whether any grant applications had been made. Ingrid has investigated some grant options and will pass any information to Meryl.

It was recognised that a team of volunteers was needed to rejuvenate Friends of Richmond and help with fundraising, including grant applications and corporate initiatives, for the heating system replacement.

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The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Minutes written by Carol Bailey 27 June 2024