

Minutes – 7 February 2024



Minutes for the Sussex Gymnastics committee meeting held on 7 February 2024 at John Selden PH, Half Moon Lane, Worthing BN13 2EN, starting at 8:30pm.

Present

Laura Wilton

Sarah Dyson-Bottle

Lisa Jestico

Nikki Huggins

Dawn Hyland

Mike Gevaux

Richard Kearsley

Heather Sampford

Beth Burchett

Sally-Anne Warner

Keith Walter

Apologies for absence

Emma Ballancore

Kim Mirceta-Nash

Charlotte Wynne-Pennels

Mark Poore

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

SumUp has “verified” Sussex Gymnastics; the county’s credit card machine is operational again.

The county’s Facebook page now gets more activity and updates.

People would like to see more photos on the county’s website. However, we need permission to publish such images. The organisers of the next county event (Sussex Floor & Vault) will contact clubs to obtain permission for these photographs. We will try to put together a photo album of the event.

2. Chair’s Report

Report submitted.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Report submitted.

Those present at the meeting all agreed the treasurer should open a savings account. This account is a “community account” and will provide interest (whereas our current account provides none). There will be an initial deposit of £25,000. This account will provide as an emergency source of funds in case of an emergency (such as another Covid lockdown).

Money has been deposited in the county’s account for an event the treasurer knows nothing about. Event organisers must ensure a budget sheet has been submitted for all events so the treasurer can keep track.

4. Discipline Reports

General Gymnastics

Report submitted.

Festival

Report submitted.

Acrobatic

Report submitted.

There was a county event on 1 October 2023.

This event included gymnasts from Infinity GC. This club did not want to affiliate with Sussex Gymnastics and should not have been part of the event.

Some affiliated clubs did not realise the event was running. There would have been more interest from affiliated clubs if they had known the event was going ahead.

Trampoline / DMT

Nothing to report.

Tumble

Report submitted.

Team-gym

Report submitted.

Men's Artistic

Report submitted.

Women's Artistic

Report submitted.

5. Welfare report

Report submitted.

Some clubs do not adhere to the BG rules on the number of participants per "helper" coach. Some clubs struggle to keep enough Level 2 coaches in the gym to maintain this coaching ratio.

6. Annual club affiliation

Clubs should all renew before 1 April.

The renewal fees will be kept the same as 2023.

Richard (secretary) will send renewals at the beginning of March.

- Non-competing club: £ 15.00
- Less than 100 members: £ 20.00
- 100 to 299 members: £ 35.00
- 300 to 499 members: £ 50.00
- 500 members or more: £ 75.00

7. Funding requests

There has been a funding request for club tracksuits.

This request stated that BG insists gymnasts wear track-suits for presentations / etc. This is a misunderstanding; T-shirts / leggings are just fine.

Laura (chair) will reply and explain BG policy.

8. Any other business

1. Hawth has asked BG if they can run a helper award course for adults only.
2. Lisa (WAG) asked if the county would consider funding gymnasts in the home nation squads. Gymnasts in these squads face considerable expense and receive no financial help.
Lisa will put together a proposal for these gymnasts. We need to be careful in case we incur costs we cannot afford.

9. Date and venue for the next meeting

AGM: Wed, 8 May 2024, 20:30 – 22:30

The venue for this meeting has not been decided.

The John Sedon was an ideal venue; quiet and room for more people than we needed. However, the location meant those from East Sussex (Hastings, Eastbourne) had a longer journey, which stopped at least one person attending. We should remember the vast majority of committee members are involved in their clubs until 20:00 on a week night.

Ideally the venue should be near the A27 / A23 (the route used by most people across the county).

Richard (secretary) will try to find a venue.

The meeting finished at 21:55.