

Sussex Gymnastics – Minutes for 18 November 2021

Minutes held at K2 Leisure Centre, starting at 14:00.

Present: Keith Walter, Sally-Anne Warner, Lisa Jestico, Richard Keasley

1. The Sussex Committee

- a. Emma Ballancore recently stepped down from the position of chair. This position will be filled temporarily by Sally-Anne Warner.
- b. The secretary position has been vacant for some time. This position will be filled temporarily by Richard Keasley.
- c. Very few clubs are involved in the management of Sussex Gymnastics. More clubs must get involved in the Sussex committee. Any club involved in the County's activities (e.g. entering competitions or in receipt of funding grants) should make an effort to find someone to take on vacant roles.

2. Funding

- a. The County has waived affiliation fees for the last 2 years.
- b. Many affiliated clubs have received "Covid grants" over the last 2 years. These grants were in line with the grants distributed by the region.
- c. No funding applications have been received since March 2020, though there is interest in funding for various projects. County funding should recommence once the County's activities resume.
- d. Clubs should remember they may be eligible for funding from the regional bursary.

3. Bank accounts

- a. There have been administration problems with the County's bank accounts which resulted in the account being frozen and at one point closed. These issues have now been resolved and the current committee will endeavour to keep the account in use.
- b. The current situation has vastly reduced the funds held by the County.

4. County events

- a. Nothing is happening in Sussex now.
- b. Some gymnastics' events across the country have been run in recent months with varying degrees of Covid restrictions in place (e.g. face masks) for those involved.
- c. Discipline representatives should consider if they can run a single discipline Sussex Championships in 2022.
- d. A multi-discipline Sussex Championships could be considered for 2023.

5. Sussex Constitution

- a. Sussex Gymnastics encourages all clubs and individual members to affiliate to the National Governing Body. As such, Sussex Gymnastics should not allow clubs to affiliate if the club (and their members) are not affiliated to British Gymnastics.
- b. The County recognises many clubs operate at a county level with no desire to expand outside of that. Sussex Gymnastics should not insist member clubs are affiliated to the Regional Gymnastics Association (South-east Gymnastics).
- c. The Sussex Gymnastics constitution will be re-worded to emphasise these aims. These alterations will be communicated at a later date, for adoption in May 2022.

6. Annual General Meeting

- a. The Annual General Meeting will be at K2 Leisure Centre on 11 May 2022.
- b. All clubs should make the effort to send a representative to this meeting. The last two years have been difficult for everyone involved in this sport. Sussex Gymnastics must now re-build which will require the help and support of all its member clubs.