

Sussex Gymnastics

Chairman's Report 2015/16

This year has been the most difficult year so far what with one thing or another. We have seen the suspension of our Treasurer and Secretary, called emergency meetings and are in the process of updating our Constitution. An investigation in to our Sussex accounts was done with no further action needed to be taken.

We voted in a new Vice Chair this year, who has been eager to engage with clubs more to find out what it is you want from your Committee. A survey was sent out to all affiliated Clubs, but only a handful replied to the Questionnaires, which lead us to believe that what we are doing at the moment is sufficient enough for clubs and the main reason for affiliating was to be able to enter Sussex competitions. The attendance at discipline meetings are usually well attended as they are either after a competition or squad training. If any club would like to see any changes then please let your discipline reps know to discuss at any future committee meetings.

Simon has kindly taken over as treasurer and is still finding his feet, please be patient if you are waiting for cheques etc.

The Sussex Championships moved from October to July this year to help some disciplines with prep work for higher level competitions. This hasn't worked as well as expected so after the Sussex Champs this year we will look again at moving it. If anyone has any thoughts on this we would love to hear from you.

Two Sussex based Welfare officers introduced themselves to the Committee at one of our meetings earlier in the year. As yet we are unsure of what is expected of us or them for the future but if any one has any concerns or issues they would like to discuss, you can contact them from the Sussex website or alternatively contact Mike Geveaux who is our Regional Welfare officer.

It has come to light that our constitution is in need of updating. A new updated copy has been sent out to affiliated Clubs to read through and will be looking to be agreed at this AGM.

I believe we have a large amount of strong clubs within Sussex and think we should be looking to support each other and help smaller clubs that may well be struggling or in need of direction.

Although gymnastics is a competitive sport in itself, it shows a strong person / club to step in and help others. There has been a lot of changes within Clubs this year and it's

been nice to see first-hand the support that is out there. I am really proud to be part of Sussex Gymnastics and hope it continues. Lots of clubs have an array of problems and changes, please let's be there to help them.

I would also like to, on behalf of all clubs, thank the discipline reps, treasurer for all their hard work throughout the year and to Ali who has stepped in and been an absolute godsend these past few months.

Let's hope we can have another strong year from Sussex

Emma Ballancore

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