

ASPIRE GYMNASTICS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 20.7.22

MINUTES

Present: 71 parents signed in to the meeting. There were 680 members on the system. This meant that a quorum existed to allow the meeting to go ahead.

Committee members present were: Beverley Smith, Simon Mearns, Natalie Laws, Alun McMillan, Christine Blanshard, Sarah Ashton.

Committee Apology: Deborah Sage.

Additional Coaches present were: Sara Ostler, Emma McMillan, Bethany Atkinson, Paul Smith, Ellie Stevenson, Sophie Foston, Evie Walker, Karren Taylor, Alisha Taylor

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BS opened the meeting, welcoming all the parents and set out the order of events ie. that there would be an official A.G.M. followed by Displays of gymnastics. She explained that our constitution requires us to have an Annual General Meeting and it is right that all members are kept up to date.

BS explained that she had filed a report as interim Chair. Reports had also been filed by our Head Coach, Secretary, Health and Safety Officer and Volunteer Coordinator. These had all been sent to the Members via e mail in advance of this meeting. All of the Committee members present were introduced and each given an opportunity to address the spectators which they all did briefly.

BS explained that the retirement of Jean Laws as Chair and Treasurer has created the need for roles to be changed. A big thank you was given to Jean Laws for all her years of dedication and hard work.

BS told the members that she is employed full time at Aspire, she is a founding Committee member and has hitherto been Vice Chair. She explained that the reports are available to view today together with Accounts for the last financial year.

Today we will vote for the Committee members but this may only be for a few months in view of the proposed change from an unincorporated organisation to a limited Company. There will be the need for an EGM before this can go ahead.

She went through the agenda item by item as follows:

1. Approval of previous minutes.
2. Receipt of Financial Statements.
3. Appointment of Committee members. (This was done by a raising of hands which included the majority of the members present.)

The Committee for the coming year will therefore be:

Chair: Beverley Smith
Head Coach: Simon Mearns
Treasurer: Alun McMillan
Secretary: Christine Blanshard
Health and Safety Officer: Alun McMillan
Volunteer Coordinator: Natalie Laws
Welfare Officer: Deborah Sage.

There was a formal thank you given to Sarah Ashton for the work she has done for the Club, with the announcement that her daughter is going off to University and she is therefore retiring from Committee as Parent Representative.

BS then read the next item on the agenda which was a motion to change the Constitution of Aspire by allowing Proxy votes at both A.G.M. and E.G.M events in the future. This again required a raising of hands by the Members. The majority of members present voted for the motion and therefore the motion was passed.

No other business was raised and therefore the meeting was ended with a bit thank you to all who attended.

Group displays followed.