

DGC2K

Minutes of the meeting held at 2 Pittempton Rd, Dundee, 8pm, 1 Nov 2011

Present; Paul Carson, Alison Bell, Richard McCready, Clare Huxley and Toni Knox

Apologies; Bea Petersen, Tess Inglis

- DGC2K Directors and positions for 2012:** The directors present (Paul Carson, Alison Bell, Richard McCready and Clare Huxley) were all happy to continue next year in their current positions. There is room for another director who would be responsible for media and publicity (getting notices into newspapers etc). An invitation for this should be included in the notice for the AGM and hopefully someone can be appointed at the AGM.

A suitable date for the AGM would be Sunday 27th November, 4 to 6 pm. Need to ask Bea Petersen whether she can make this date. Paul to make the arrangements with the Woodlands Hotel.
- Reports required for the AGM:** The Directors at the meeting all agreed to do their reports for the AGM and to be ready to present them to the meeting. Bea to do the coach's report.
- Any changes to the Welcome Pack:** Paul will update the Welcome Pack in January. The Directors will look at the Pack and send any amendments/additions by the end of December. A section on Child Protection would be added. In general it was felt to be a very good pack.
- Menziesshill High School Appeal:** The Head of Education, Michael Wood, had replied to the second appeal letter - 'There is no discretion for each department to amend these charges ...I am therefore unable to consider changing the concessionary rate you are currently being charged for your let.' If we wanted to start a protest, we would do this in co-ordination with Steven Maloney (Salto GC and Dundee United Sports Club). Alex Knight had emailed to say Sports Development is in the process of writing a report and Paul Carson had filled in a form for this. Clare Huxley to email Alex Knight to see if there is progress on this (done 2 Nov). However, we hope to move into the new facility in April and would no longer use the Menziesshill facility.

There had been a meeting about costs for the new facility and Paul reported that it was initially going to be £45 per hour. However, Paul had pushed for a lower cost and it was thought that it would come down to £36 per hour in line with similar facilities at Lasswade and Largs. If it is charged at £36 per hour and DGC2K had 28 hours a week we would need 60 gymnasts paying £100 per month (Paul's calculations). Also bookings for 1/2 of the hall can be made and this should be done where possible.
- Competition Calendar for 2012:** Bea is preparing the 2012 calendar. Bea has arranged a level 6 competition with the Forfar club on November 26th and also a Club Championship on Saturday 10th December.
- Club Christmas Party;** Two options emerged: Monday 19th December 6-8pm in the Menziesshill

hall - however, it would be difficult to make it a fun venue and no alcohol as a weekday evening. Or, Sunday 18th at a venue similar to Ferrari's with food brought by the families and a bar to buy drinks. With the Development Squad, there might be up to 100 people so Ferrari's might be too small. We need to investigate other venues.

7. **Possible Summer Camp Venue for 2012;** A camp in Denmark, for 8 year-olds and up, using the venue previously used by the club was agreed to be a great idea. If it could come in at ~£450 each that would be OK. We would try to do a sponsored event to raise money for this - cart wheeling over the Tay bridge is still popular.
8. **Lack of Senior Club Coaches;** Currently there is no coach to go with the 5 gymnasts who attend National Squad Training for the remaining 3 sessions this year; 19th November, 26th November, 3rd December. Alison Bell said that Jacky Archibald could be asked - Bea to speak to Jackie Archibald.
9. **Scholarships;** Paul is keen to approach local companies to see whether they would sponsor scholarships for gymnasts who have difficulty paying the fees. This would be means tested using a pre-existing criteria such as free school meals and would require the gymnast to stay on a certain level of attainment.
10. **Club T-shirts and tracksuits;** Paul is investigating whether we can have an arrangement where we set up the template for a T-shirt and then can order as many, or few of whatever size when we need - rather than needing to put in a large order.

Bea has been looking in to new club tracksuits. However, those at the meeting all liked the old one and maybe we could continue with it.
11. **Chocoholic Fundraiser;** Thanks to Caroline McAuley for arranging a Chocoholics fundraiser for which the orders need to be in on November 11th.
12. **Miss Milano Model Competition;** A parent had emailed in about a competition to be a model for the Milano catalogue. Alison to put this on the Web site.
13. **Complaints;** A parent had written in with concerns about how gymnasts are chosen to progress from the Development Squad to the main training sessions. Paul Carson and Bea Petersen will meet with this parent to discuss the situation. Parents should communicate any concerns with the club at the earliest possible time to try to resolve any issues that do arise. However, it was re-stated that decisions about progression from the Development Squad, inclusion in the Perth and Auchterarder sessions, entry into competitions and all similar things are at Bea Petersen's discretion. The track record of the club shows how successful this is. In addition, good discipline during training sessions is essential for safety as well as the high levels of attainment expected, and it was felt that this is handled well in the club at the moment. Good communication with parents (and gymnasts) about gymnasts' progression is essential and the club should continue to work on this.
14. **Next meeting:** This will be the AGM on 27th November (if Bea can make it).