

Present: Richard McCready, Alison Bell, Clare Huxley, Pam Bowie, Paul Carson, Bea Petersen

Apologies: Tess Inglis

1. **New Website:** Directors commented very positively on the website recently designed by AB. As far as photographs on the site are concerned the directors discussed whether or not it was necessary to have all pictures and videos password protected with the exception of pictures appearing on the home page which would have to be carefully vetted.
2. **Merging Dundee 2K with Perth Gymnastics Club:** BP explained why she felt it was necessary to consider a merger with Perth gymnastics Club. It is presently likely that Dundee will have a gymnastics facility within a year. In order to staff our club appropriately, that will then have a greater membership and more training hours, it is important to plan ahead. Perth GC has 2 well qualified coaches – Isabel and Lucie - who are keen to work within the new merged club. Both coaches are fully committed to gymnastics coaching and would enhance Dundee's team of coaches greatly. BP also explained that she had talks with all Dundee coaches and found that none of them objected to a possible merger. BP also highlighted Perth's large membership which would increase the newly formed club's potential to generate income. From a performance point of view the merger would allow talented gymnasts from Perth and Dundee to fulfil their potential in their chosen sport without having to travel to Edinburgh or Glasgow several times per week. Gymnasts from both cities would be able to become the best they can be without long travel or missing school. CH doubted that members of the Perth club would feel quite so positive about the merger since they would be forced to travel to Dundee when previously they enjoyed a local provision. BP explained that lower level competitive groups and young developing gymnasts should be able to continue their training in Perth whilst only the elite gymnasts who need the specific equipment found in gymnastics facilities such as pits would need to travel. Following this RMcC was asked whether he had any news about the facility plans in Dundee. He explained that DCC had submitted the second stage application to sportscotland which he thought was a very positive sign. PC asked how finances would be dealt with in case of a merger and told the directors that he would prefer to remain treasurer since his system worked very well at present. The directors agreed that PC's systems worked very well indeed. RMcC pointed out, however, that a completely new structure would have to be build up with committee members from Perth Club. He stressed the importance of a buy in from the Perth members. It was agreed that a joint committee meeting would be a necessity to discuss and decide the way forward. Generally the directors were open minded about future negotiations with Perth GC re a possible merger. BP to communicate this to Isabel Walten, head coach, Perth. Directors agreed to wait for a response from Perth before planning any other steps. CH suggested that BP should invite the Perth coaches formally to join Dundee's Saturday training session in order to give everyone a chance to form closer relationships.
3. **Funding for coach education:** CH agreed to apply for funding for the parent volunteers' coaching courses through Dundee City Sports Council. BP asked whether the club had sufficient funds to allow Lesley Moran to attend the same coaching as the other three parents: Laura McDonald, Derek Duncan and Behrnice Keenan. After lengthy discussion PC

agreed to allow Lesley to attend the same course. CH requires petrol receipts from the candidates for the journey to and from the course.

4. Summer Camp: BP informed the directors that for this year she planned to stay close to home and offer another camp at Inverclyde similar to the one the club offered last year. Dates would still have to be confirmed but should hopefully be following a planned competition to Malta. PB asked BP to consider avoiding the traditional Dundee fortnight as many parents might already have booked holidays during this time. BP agreed to do so if it was at all possible – subject to availability of the centre.
5. Travel expenses: PC explained that BP travel expenses were currently too high for the club to pay without any other assistance. CH agreed to look into funding opportunities to help pay for the travel. In the mean time it was decided the parents of Jordan Archibald and Kirsty Campbell were to pay £15 per week for lifts their children got from BP to Lasswade and Perth. The club would pick up the cost for the travel to Largs twice per month. PB suggested that the formers should pay £20 per month standing order in order to secure regular income for the club. This was to be suggested to the relevant parents.
6. Leotards: After long discussion it was decided that uniforms should not be bought until the merger was either complete or disregarded. Young gymnasts who are about to take their first grade (grade 14) should not be asked to buy the expensive club leotard but BP should identify an alternative less expensive option soon. This less expensive leotard should be purchased and worn by all Dundee gymnasts during the competition grade 14. Further discussions about club leotards in light of the merger are to be held in future.
7. Date of next meeting:.