

**EXETER GYMNASTICS CLUB – TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

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**Present:** Tim Johns Marie Evans Mike Euridge  
Alan Cleave Seb Martens  
Michelle Hamilton-Kendall

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1. **Apologies:** Richard Franks, Yvonne Budd, Jess Hurell, Vikki Jehu, Debra Long.

2. **Minutes of last meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Minutes were agreed and would be available on Drop Box.

3. **Feedback from 7<sup>th</sup> July Awards Night**

Overall the feedback from event was good and those who attended thoroughly enjoyed it. However, some felt the same price of £12.00 for adults and children was a bit expensive and the buffet was not as good as before.

4. **Social Calendar**

4th August – Princesshay: It was agreed that this event would need to be cancelled due to coaches being away and some of the gymnasts being on holiday. It would also be near when the new floor will be delivered, so quite a lot is already going on at the moment. Tim will let them know and look to see if we can have another date in the future.

BBQ after Summer Camp: Michelle asked if she would need to order the food for this event, but Mike said that parents would be asked to bring their own food and can cook it on the BBQ provided. This was an event being run by Mike and coaches.

5. **New floor**

The floor is due to delivered and assembled the morning of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Prior to this, the old floor and equipment needs to be cleared to make space. Mike had put up posters asking for help on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August and again on the morning of 8<sup>th</sup>. Food and refreshments would be provided for those helping.

Tim asked how the selling of squares was going. Marie said she was disappointed that not many had been sold. Michelle said that not everyone seems to stop and look at the large posters and information on wall, also some parents come along without bringing cash with them and some may not be aware as they don't always drop off and collect their child. Michelle suggested that if the information (similar to what is already put up) could be put on an A4 sheet of paper, this could be given to each gymnast. If the Gift Aid form was put on the back, then parents can fill them out and return to coach, office or coffee shop – thus encouraging them to do it and given them more information about the need to fundraise for the floor. Marie said she can get Flo to do this and these could start to be given out when children return after the Summer holidays. Tim also said it should be put on social media again.

**6. Coaches Report**

A few coaches had recently passed their coaching exams. For the girls side Jemma Rivers passed Level 1 as well as the “Time to Listen” exam and is now Welfare Officer with Verity Tapp; Amy Finch and Sarah Wiseman have passed Level 3; Vikki Charters is due to take her final exam for Level 4 end of August; Daniel Stone has passed Level 1 for boys and is soon due to start Level 2 and Taylor Cleave will soon be starting Level 1. However, there are still gaps as we have lost a few coaches, especially for Freestyle, although it is hoped some of the younger coaches can keep this going.

There are two competitions in September being hosted by Exeter Gym Club. The A-Star Challenge on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August and the Exeter Challenge Recreational Competition on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September. For both events the Friends will be asked to support this and cover the coffee shop.

**7. Treasurer’s Report**

Yvonne circulated accounts to Trustees.

**8. Survey of Membership**

Tim suggested that a questionnaire could be put together so we can survey members asking if we were to put a social programme together for 2019 would they suggest us doing, would they be interested in attending, would they help etc. Or would they prefer to donate a one-off payment annually. This is something we can think about and possibly do for end September.

**9. Fundraising Ideas**

Design a Leotard: Michelle said one of the parents had suggested that to encourage the girls to support fundraising, maybe we can run a competition to design a leotard and pay to enter. The winner will get their winning design made into a leotard for them. Tim said A-Star can help support this and have a leotard template that can be used.

100 Club: Tim wondered if this kind of fundraiser would work. Members can pay into the draw and a winner drawn every month to win set amount.

Slush Puppy machine: Exeter Trampoline Academy recently had one of these installed and is already making a profit. More information would be needed on cost, maintenance etc, as if this is put in coffee shop area it would be the volunteers who would need to operate this.

**9. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 6:30pm.