Tim Johns (Chair) Yvonne Budd Mike Euridge

Michelle Hamilton-Kendall

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**1. Apologies** Alan Cleave, Richard Franks, Meriel Fry, Alain Cook

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting – 24th April 2014**

Although we have had grant application meetings, our last formal Trustees Meeting was held on 24th April 2014 and these minutes were agreed as a true record.

**3. Matters Arising**

None.

**4. Grant Application**

We are due to hear from ECC if our grant has been successful by 16th September.

**5. Bank Loan**

Tim said we are still awaiting confirmation from HSBC of loan amount of £59,000. If there is likely to be a problem, Yvonne suggested looking into funding from Peer to Peer lending from either the Funding Circle, Wellersley and Rate Setter – Tim would investigate these options if need to use them, but he was hopeful HSBC will confirm their loan.

**6. Donation Wesbsite for fundraising – Givey and Give As You Live**

Tim confirmed that both Givey and Give As You Live websites should now be active and we can start promoting it. Michelle said having just spoken to Ian Honnor before meeting, he could not see that Exeter Gymnastics Club had a link on the Givey website. Unfortunately as both Alan Cleave and Alain Cook were not able to attend meeting, an update could not be given, as they were looking into this particular piece of work. Tim offered to email them for an email update to group. Mike thought that they had contacted Suzanne in terms of the membership database and contacting members, but as yet didn’t know if they had actually met with here – this can be confirmed at next meeting.

**7. Treasurer’s Report**

Yvonne gave out a copy of the accounts. There is still £325.69 in Malta Fund which would be carried forward to next year’s trip. A separate fund has been set up for direct debits for USA trip and fundraising. She is still having problems with changing account details at Royal Bank of Scotland to change name to Cheer. Yvonne will contact our accountants as year end accounts will need to be finalised for AGM in November.

**8. Malta and Florida**

Mike had already confirmed that we would like to take up to 30 children to Malta next year. Chaperones would be matched to those children attending unaccompanied, but it looks like mainly families are looking to book. There was a “wash up” meeting from 2014 trip and it was agreed that any fundraising this time would be split proportionately between gymnasts and officials towards costs of their travel – rest would be paid by parents; and other part towards the end of comp BBQ and trips if there is money left. Mike had stipulated to parents that fundraising for Malta would not start until October, but that this would not clash with boys fundraising. Friends are looking into the booking of the package for next year, as well as looking into other fundraising opportunities. Mike confirmed closing date for applications for those wanting to attend is October half term.

Fundraising was ongoing for the boys trip to Florida. Dates have been offered for bag packing to Steve and Kylie and would be publicised when agreed. The event at Princesshay went well and it is hoped another could be planned again. It is good to see that both boy and girl squads are supporting each other with their fundraising events.

**9. Friends Activity**

Mike had emailed dates of competitions being hosted at Exeter. Michelle had printed off a rota to ask for volunteers – this is available in the coffee shop. Michelle said she would look to reinstate formally the Friends group. Although volunteers are available to help and support on going events, it would be good to ask for more help and support. She had spoken to some parents who were coming up with fundraising ideas, these just need to be looked into and taken forward. Coffee shop is still running well, with volunteers manning it evenings and Saturdays.

**10. Noticeboard**

Tim suggested the presentation given to ECC for the Grant could be printed off and put on noticeboard to inform members. Mike said there was space on the noticeboard in the coffee shop area, as well as downstairs in foyer.

**11. Any Other Business**

Update from Mike: Mike confirmed that business arrangements were going forward to change business to a CASC – the issue Mike had was about following these changes the Trustees would be liable. He is looking into how this can be resolved. In terms of general arrangements, staff changes are taking place in terms of recreational coaching. Mike has employed a cleaner 4hrs per day from next week.

The Exeter Foundation: Following email from Richard about this, Ian Honnor has agreed to apply for funding from this foundation, as a lot of information needed he already has from Grant application. For information, the Mission Statement of the Foundation is: To provide the city of Exeter and its surrounding areas with a ‘Civic Trust’ that will promote our community and pursue the vision of people who live and work there. The Foundation will act as a fundraising body with a commitment to the future prosperity of Greater Exeter, and also as a vehicle for promoting collective civic pride.

**12. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 7th October at 6:00pm. AGM is taking place on Tuesday 5th November.