

EXETER GYMNASTICS CLUB – TRUSTEES MEETING
Wednesday 18th September 2013

Present:

Yvonne Budd
Alan Cleave

Richard Franks
Meriel Fry

Michelle Hamilton-Kendall
Mike Euridge

Apologies:

Tim Johns

In attendance:

Ian Honnor

Helen Honnor

*It was agreed that the Premises Report would form first part of meeting
with general business after.*

Premises Report

Although Mike had visited a site which looked feasible, when full plans were drawn up to accommodate space needed, unfortunately the shape of the building meant some of the square footage was too small for our requirements. Mike confirmed he needed at least a width of 36 metres and length of 54 metres. Ian and Helen would register with commercial agents, but having looked around extensively, there is nothing available at present. There was discussion about looking at the Pyramids site. Although Helen would look to make contact with Exeter City Council, this would be a longer term project, as it all depends on ECC finding a new site for swimming pool.

Further discussions took place about the plans already in place for work to start on Bull Meadow site to increase size of reception area. It was agreed to look to get prices and start work on this. To increase space within the “big gym”, Mike thought if we move the chairs in place and extend length of gym, this would give the space required in the interim. The Trustees agreed that a builder should be contacted for a quote and look at costs involved. Mike offered to do refine the plans, including dismantling and taking out of the chairs.

For both the short term and longer term aims, funding sources would need to be sought. Helen and Ian offered to write to funding branches about where we are now and how they can help.

In terms of fundraising, the club needed to make this a high priority and advertise what we are raising funds for. Michelle said she could discuss fundraising events with the Friends Group. If a notice board was put up, we could let members know what is happening and it may be members could offer services in kind, as no doubt there are members who could offer professional services and other help.

Minutes of Last Meeting

These were agreed.

Matters Arising

- **Stones Solicitor’s Fee:** This is pending on the Deeds, which are held by HSBC Bank. **It was agreed that we would discuss this at our next meeting when Tim is present.**

Treasurers Report

Yvonne had sent copies of report to group members. These were agreed.

Any other business

- **GymStars Event – Malta.** Mike confirmed this would take place 11-14 July 2014. He asked Michelle to find out from Friends who would be interested in having their children put forward to attend. Michelle and Friends would look into flight costings etc, with numbers going were confirmed.
- **Shop Cover required** – Mike confirmed that the Devon Novices Comp would be taking place on Sunday 6th October. This is a busy comp, starting at 8:45 and lasting all day. 22 Judges lunches would also need to be required, Michelle to look at cover and discuss with Friends.
- **AGM** – This is taking place on Wednesday 6th November at 7:00pm. This needed to be advertised to members at least 14 days before. Michelle offered to put up notices and would ask Suzanne to put a note on our facebook page and ensure members are informed of this. This would need to be done w/c 14th October or before.

Date of Next Meeting

No meeting date has been arranged yet, as it is envisage this would be done after AGM on 6th November.

APPENDIX A

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation • Demand • Track Record / performance • Support from British Gymnastics • Current site value • Number of members • Meets health objectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of available sites • Lack of assets to T/F • Accounts / affordability • Lack of potential sports partners • Lack of ECC having Sports Facility Strategy • Accessibility of current site • Current take up of Sky Park
<u>Opportunities</u>	<u>Threats</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £500-£600k value • Current site capacity • Sport England funding • Parent power • Educational partners • Sites for new build • New Homes Bonus • Community Infrastructure Levy • Transition to Sky Park • Pyramids • Extend area of search 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial business structure • Affordability • New build seems most viable • Timing and eligibility of Sport England funds • Competition for local community funds • Succession plan • Planning permission

OPTIONS

- Extend Bull Meadow Road
- New build
- Purchase a warehouse/industrial unit
- Wait for council property to come up, i.e Pyramids
- Make Bull Meadow Road the high performance centre – set up satellite venue for Rec
- Sell Bull Meadow Road and release £500-£600k – 2 new properties?
- Adjust expectations