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Acting Chairman's Report 2021/2022



The Club started the year with Ms Leila Eastman as Chairman, but due to unforeseen additional work commitments Leila stepped down as Chairman, but kindly agreed to continue as Secretary. I agreed to continue as Acting Chairman till the AGM on 22nd November 2022, prior to this I was Vice Chairman.

The Club has continued to move forward this year, but we are not back to our pre Covid-19 members. The Clubs 'can do' attitude to re-build has prevailed with taster sessions being re-introduced and Club numbers now on the increase. A tough decision was taken not to re-open the satellites held in schools and leisure centre locations, due to several factors: - concern for the stability of the Club after Covid, lack of coaches able to support the satellites and potentially low satellite numbers, which had been evidenced when Caddsdawn had re-opened. I remain optimistic that at some point we will expand back to offering grass roots gymnastics to a wider area as previously achieved before Covid -19.

The Club has well qualified and committed coaches, volunteers, apprentices, and young coach helpers. It has been an exciting year returning to attending competitions and festivals. The gymnasts have participated in displays locally along with travelling to Guildford and London. It is a pleasure to see how much the gymnasts enjoy these events and great that we can offer them again.

Looking forward to a return to stability and a steady increase in membership as was previously indicated, the Club is again, regaining a position of strength to look and work towards its future Club development as a Community Facility offering activities to all ages and abilities.

The Trustee's continuing aim is to own our own premises, housing all activities, both gymnastic and social events in safety and comfort. Funds are being set aside and fund-raising efforts will continue to be made albeit difficult at these challenging financial times ahead and inflated costs.

There remains much uncertainty in the future. We have dealt with the circumstances so far with positive actions to do our best to look to the security of the club for the future. As always, none of the above would be possible without the huge commitment and hard work given by the Head Coach, the Coaching Team, and our Volunteers.

Therefore, my personal thanks go to our Head Coach who works tirelessly, along with our Membership Administrator, aiming for the best future for both the Club and its gymnasts and to all our coaches for their commitment and hard work to NDDGC in helping it remain true to its core values especially in difficult times.

Our thanks must also go to our volunteers: -

Trustees, all volunteers, who give up their time regularly and shoulder the legal responsibilities to manage the Club. All our helpers, both in coaching and working at events to raise funds; and to all our sponsors and those who gave grants, without whom we could not continue. To all the parents that support, coming along to our events and travelling far and wide to support their children and the club – thank you.

The Club is aware of the difficulties ahead but will always strive to overcome them, to provide a gymnastic facility our community can be proud of. It has always been and remains the ethos of the Club to be open to all as a grass roots club embedded in the community. In doing this our aims are to bring the sport of gymnastics and the associated activities of the North Devon Display Gymnastics Club to as many people of all ages and abilities as possible and to have a reputation built around Accessibility, Inclusion, Safety, Enjoyment and Aspiration. I and the Trustees, as always, work with optimism for the future.

Beverly Dore, Acting Club Chairman - Report to November 2022