

Minutes of Meeting

Title: **SportCheer Scotland – Annual General Meeting**

Date: Wednesday 1 August 2018, 6pm

Location: Centre 81, 2-16 Braes Ave, Clydebank, G81 1UR

Chair: Sarah McNeil

Minutes: Zoe Lumsden

Attendees: Sarah McNeil, Stacy Greer, Zoe Lumsden, Madeline Jamieson, Leanne Caird, Tammy Harkin, Leanne Wrench, Emma Davies, Jennifer Boyle, Jennifer Greer, Nicola Hamilton, Katie Black, Lynsey MacKenzie

Apologies: Lisa Tausney, Cherry McGrath, Jacqui McGrory, Dianne Macaskill,

Items for discussion:

1. Introduction

- Sarah McNeil (SM) welcomed and thanked everyone for attending our first AGM.
- Stacy Greer (SG) ran through the list of local authority representatives and recorded who was present.
- Discussion around who would be the scrutineers at this meeting to count the votes. SG suggested that two people from the working committee could do this to save us doing a vote on who should count votes. SM and SG were elected to count the votes at the meeting and everyone was happy with this.

2. Working Committee

- SM explained that a working group that was formed to get SportCheer Scotland up and running. The working committee members were SM, SG, Emma Davies (ED), Lisa Tausney (LT) and Jennifer Boyle (JB). They have been working away in the background to get SportCheer Scotland off the ground, the working group have no control over anything, they were volunteers who were working together to move SportCheer Scotland forward until the Board were in place.
- SportCheer Scotland started from LT speaking to Karl Olsen (KO) as no bids had been given out at events in Scotland to be the representative at the ICU Worlds. KO advised that nobody had any rights to the bids and he was going to arrange to come to Scotland if Lisa could arrange a meeting for all Scotland based coaches to come along to discuss our sport going forward.
- At this meeting it was brought to our attention that no one was running Scotland as we did not have an official federation. Without having this in place it is leaving it wide open for Scottish gymnastics to come in and take our voice in cheerleading in Scotland. This is what has happened to cheerleading in Australia which has limited what they can do, what competitions they can go to and means that gymnastics have the authority to make decisions on their behalf.
- KO and Mike Cooper (MC) have been working with several countries to set up federations and they had advised that we should probably use the statutes that they provided as these have been approved already by many different countries. This is what the working group have been working from, they have not made up any of the rules they have simply followed the statutes. Had Scotland decided not to use these statutes it would have meant that they would have had to be written from scratch and be approved by the ICU before we took them to Sport Scotland for approval.
- After ICU, SportCheer Scotland received an email about sending teams to ECU in Helsinki as it would be good to have representation at this event. As no one was going to represent Scotland at this point, the working group first of all spoke to the teams who had just represented Scotland at ICU to see if they could attend. As some of the teams did not accept this offer it meant that some of the categories would not have representation, the working group gave the teams who had won competitions in Scotland over the season the opportunity to put themselves forward. If all teams that had won of the season came forward, it would have meant that video submission would have taken place and a panel would have been selected to judge the entries.

- So far the working group have:
 - Set up working group
 - Set up votes for council representatives
 - Set up votes for regional directors
 - Set up AGM
- After the board is fully in place the working group will pass over to the board and there will no longer be a working group for SportCheer Scotland.
- The structure of SportCheer Scotland is:
 - Members (32)
 - Directors (8)
 - At Large Directors (4)
 - Athlete (1)
 - Officers (4)
- Local authority representatives are not there to order anyone about they are a messaging system to feed out to your local authority. You are a sounding board between the coaches and the board.
- Directors play a bigger role and have a vote.
- JB will produce an organisational chart.

3. **Conflicts of Interest**

- JB confirmed that she works for Glasgow City Council.
- SG confirmed that she works for the ICU and ACDC Events.
- SM confirmed that she is the treasurer for Renfrew Community Sports Hubs.

4. **Voting in Statutes**

- Discussed the statutes and offered everyone the chance to re-read the statutes. Everyone was happy that they have read the statutes and were happy to vote on the statutes.
- The statutes were voted in, everyone was in favour.

5. **Election of Officers and at Large Directors**

- President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer must all be voted in to the SportCheer Scotland Board.
- Only one person put themselves forward for the position of Treasurer and Secretary, so these do not need to be voted in. The treasurer is Sarah McNeil and the Secretary is Vicky Bichener.
- CVs were distributed to everyone to review for the position of President, these two candidates were Lisa Tausney and Steve Murphy. This will be elected by secret ballot. As only two people put themselves forward we could offer the person who is not elected the position of Vice President. If neither of the candidates are suitable for the position, we can go back out for more candidates.
- The president that was elected is Lisa Tausney. The position of Vice President will be offered to Steve Murphy.
- The working committee will have a handover with Officers to bring them up to date.

6. Appointment of Auditors

- SM advised that as there is no funds or records at the moment auditors are not required. Once we are further down the line the Treasurer will address this.

7. AOB

- It was discussed that committees will need to be formed to help with SportCheer Scotland, the people on these committees do not need to be on the Board. The following committees were suggested:
 - Complaints
 - Child Protection
 - Fundraising
 - National Team
 - Data Protection
 - Social Media
- Paracheer was discussed, SM has been working with Rick Rodgers from Paracheer and has had the approval for Twist and Hit to host Paracheer. Rick will be in Scotland before the end of the year and will host a Coaches workshop to allow Scottish coaches to learn about Paracheer and see how we can move this forward in Scotland. If anyone has any queries about this SM is happy to communicate with them. SM had only enquired about Paracheer as she does not do dance at her program, but Rick will be able to assist with ParaPom and Para Hiphop as well.
- Discussed Facebook as a method of communication and it has been confirmed as a legit form of communication.
- Official public facebook page for everyone involved in our Sport in Scotland to view should be set up now that SportCheer Scotland is up and running. This will allow us to announce that we have a board and everyone will be able to see what it is all about and see what is going on within cheerleading in Scotland. MJ and LW agreed to set this up.
- After this meeting, a discussion will take place on the national team selection with the directors. A decision will have to be made tonight on how the national team will be selected for 2019. Once this is made this will need to be announced to all coaches before being formally announced to the public.
- SG thanked everyone for coming.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - Thursday 1 August 2019, 6pm at Electric Candy Gym, East Kilbride