



Rimutaka Gymsports Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday 19th October 2022
Venue: Big Gym
Time: 7:00pm

Minutes

1. Apologies

Sylvain Farcy

2. Attendance

Melanie McFarlane
Megan Russell
Samuel Cripps
Barbara Kiernan
Emily Quilty
Monique McPartlin
Jo Kiernan
Janelle Gray
Kate McNabb
Victoria Sofeni
Crystal Smith
Stig Brinkley
Lisa Shearer
Leon Fox
Amanda Abels
Kevin Alkema
Ulrike Hubl
Ian Sims
Brooke Shardlow
Claire Walker (non member)

3. Apologies

The meeting was opened by Melanie McFarlane, who welcomed members and thanked them for their time, and noted the above apologies.

Melanie McFarlane moved that apologies be accepted.

Seconded: Barbara Kiernan

4. Appointment of Scrutineers

Victoria Sofeni and Leon Fox appointed as scrutineers.

Moved by: Melanie McFarlane

Seconded: Barbara Keirnan

5. Adoption of Minutes of 2021 AGM minutes

Motion that the minutes of the 2021 AGM be received, approved and adopted.

Moved by: Melanie McFarlane

Seconded: Ian Sims

6. Presidents report.

Read by Samuel Cripps

President's Report AGM 19th October 2022

Good evening. I would like to thank you all for attending tonight's AGM. It's great to see so many of you here showing an interest in maintaining and supporting the success of Rimutaka Gymsports. As you may be aware, Rachel de Lima-Brinkley who was our club president, stepped down from this role earlier in the year, therefore I will offer an overview of the year.

And a year it has been! It has been wonderful to see increased normalcy return to the club. Our coaches have done an outstanding job managing the ever-changing rules and guidelines presented to them with the pandemic and, have continued to display professionalism and commitment to the gymnasts which has not gone unnoticed.

I would like to thank the members of the current committee who have gone above and beyond to ensure the club has run as smoothly as possible this year. There have been many a time that members have had to step in to fulfil additional roles and have done so willingly and enthusiastically. Although few in numbers, much has been accomplished.

A big thank you to our fundraising committee for their endless work raising funds to upgrade our kitchen and bathroom facilities. I'm sure you will agree with me that it looks fabulous. Many of you will be aware that the fundraising team held a sleep over at the end of term 3. This has been the first one back since the pandemic began which was thoroughly enjoyed. Big thanks to the senior gymnasts, coaches and parents that volunteered their time... hopefully everyone caught up on some sleep the following day.

It has been fantastic to see many of our gymnasts across GFA, Excel and our competitive teams represent Rimutaka in competitions across wellington and further afield. There have been many amazing achievements and results and we couldn't be more proud. We have also had two amazing gymnasts selected from our club to represent Wellington at the Gymnastics NZ National Championships in Invercargill in July. Well done to both Ingrid Sims (step 9) and Lucy Mcfarlane (step 5) for this fantastic achievement and a special congratulations to Ingrid for receiving a bronze medal on bar in finals.

We would like to express our thanks to all of our members who continue to support the club in a variety of ways such as working bees, contributing their time and donating goods for competitions, sausage sizzles and attending away trips.

Thank you to Toni for all the work and commitment you have given the club during your time here as club manager. You will definitely be missed, and we wish you all the very best for your next adventure. On this note, we would like to welcome Brooke Shardlow to the Rimutaka team. Brook

has accepted the club manager role and has started with us just this week. We look forward to working with you.

Lastly, we are very grateful to our sponsors:

- Gold – Woodstock Firewood and Refined flooring
- Silver – The Professionals – Blundell and Mark Realy Ltd and Laura Riddley Photography
- Bronze – Mint Skin and Beauty Clinic, Hair of Envy and Subway Upper Hutt

Their contribution to the club is valued and very much appreciated.

Written by Samuel Cripps

Please note that New World Silverstream is also a Gold Sponsor
Motion that the Presidents report is accepted

Moved by: Melanie McFarlane

Seconded: Kate McNabb

7. Operations Report

Read by Samuel Cripps

Rimutaka Gymsports Operations Report For 2022 AGM

The year since the 2021 AGM has seen many changes. A second significant lockdown was announced the day after the 2021 AGM, which lasted several weeks.

The impact that Covid has had on the Club was yet again significant as we worked through the uncertainty around vaccination mandates, passes, face mask wearing, and traffic light restrictions. In addition, the impact around isolation requirements and staff illness meant a lot of juggling was required to ensure we had coaches in classes. While we faced many challenges during this period, for the majority of the year, we were certainly lucky to only have to cancel or postpone the occasional class. A very big thank you to the coaches for their adaptability and willingness to step into classes they may not otherwise take.

Due to the restrictions imposed as part of the “traffic light system”, we have maintained the smaller class numbers in order to continue operating safely and in all scenarios. This has resulted in full classes and waitlists across the board

Membership has been maintained in all Codes. WAG has seen a small drop-off of seven gymnasts, of which four have transferred into another area of the Club, but we have welcomed nine new gymnasts into Step 1. Recreation classes have had 80 percent return rates, and Excel has grown with eleven new gymnasts into the Code.

We hosted three competitions throughout the 2022 year. In March we ran a GFA and Excel competition, which we kept as an in-house event due to the attendee restrictions in place as part of the traffic light system. In June we hosted the Rimutaka Juniors step 1-4 competition, which saw 200 gymnasts over 4 rounds competing. In early July we ran a two-day School’s Festival with over 300 children from six local schools participating. This event has grown significantly over the past couple of years, in part due to it being an inter-school event that has not been affected by Covid, and also due to it including children in years 1-3 who typically do not get included in inter-school events. In September we hosted an incredibly successful GFA and Excel competition, a week after all restrictions, including the requirement to wear face masks, were lifted. This saw 62 gymnasts competing in our in-houses stages round, and 180 gymnasts from around the region competing in four Excel rounds.

We have been incredibly proud of two of our gymnasts, Lucy McFarlane and Ingrid Sims, who competed at the 2022 Nationals in Invercargill. Lucy achieved some wonderful personal bests,

including her season best on bars and a much improved vault. Ingrid's Step 9 team finished 1st overall on their first day of competing. On apparatus Ingrid finished 3rd overall on bars. Both girls have worked incredibly hard all year and their achievements are well deserved.

Our fundraising committee has put a significant amount of work into the canteen and fundraising for these events. In addition, they have worked hard on fundraising for away competitions, clinics, Nationals, and work around the gym. Our kitchen, bathroom and flooring work has really lifted the functionality of the space. Thanks Mel, Brooke and Kerry for your amazing dedication to this. We have been incredibly fortunate with our grant applications this year. Grant funding has been severely affected in recent years due to Covid restrictions and closures of facilities.

This year we have secured:

- \$2,700 from Hutt Mana Charitable Trust for first aid training and kits
- \$10,000 from the Lion Foundation as a contribution to the Wellington Nationals Team accommodation costs
- \$5,000 from Pelorus Trust to finish the kitchen and bathroom work
- \$9,680 from Pelorus Trust for new bar rails in both the big and small gyms
- \$6,911 from Pub Charity for repairs to the roof in the big and small gyms, and lighting over the bar and back area in the big gym
- \$9,330 from the Rimutaka Licensing Trust (plus a very generous \$10,000 donation from the Sims family) for a new vault table and beam in the big gym.
- Donation for purchase of equipment from Sims family. Over Ingrid's 10 years of competing for Rimutaka Gymsports Ian's parents followed her progress keenly, although being in Britain meant that they only watched her through videos we sent. My father died in September 2021 and my mother died in January this year; both lived full lives and were active sportspeople. We have decided to make a donation from their estates for the club to put towards purchasing a new vault table and beam. We hope these will enable Rimutaka gymnasts to train on equipment that they will encounter at competitions in the coming years.

Our coaching team have had increased opportunities for education and upskilling this year in both coaching and judging, with restrictions having been lifted. Two Xtnd coaches have nearly completed their courses, and three new Xtnds have recently started the programme.

All staff are police-vetted and the majority have completed their Child Protection/Safeguarding training. A newly developed youth coach safeguarding course will be run soon for our younger coaches.

I think we all agree that we're looking forward to a year with no restrictions and to continue with the positive progress.

Written by Toni Swain

Motion that operations report be accepted.

Questions: Who wrote the report? Their names should be on it.

Moved by: Leon Fox

Seconded: Amanda Abels

8. Treasurers Report

Read by Barbara Kiernan, current club treasurer

Treasurer's Report

AGM 2022

As you all know, the last 2 years have been tough nationwide, and, unfortunately, we as a club have felt the effect of this with the last year being a bit challenging compared with previous years as is shown in the attached Financial Statements from the auditor.

The Covid lock down and restrictions to gatherings resulted in a significant decrease of income for the club due to limitations to our programmes and cancellation of some competitions and birthday party bookings. As it was decided that the safety of our community was the most important factor to be taken into consideration, the birthday parties were put on hold for several months. This income is unfortunately not covered by the wage subsidy and resurgence payments received from the government and therefore become, quite simply, a loss of income the club has to carry.

In saying this, on the positive side, Monique has worked diligently with the fine tuning of classes/training sessions and coaches to ensure that all available gym times are fully utilised to the best advantage for the club and gymnasts, thereby ensuring that the club is operating at full potential and achieving the full worth of our wages bill. This is an important factor for the club as our wages bill equates to 85% of our annual expenses.

Adding more positive factors, Toni once again secured several grants from various funding providers for assistance towards costs of programmes, projects and maintenance. I am sure you have all noticed the refurbishment of the kitchen area and toilets. This has been achieved with the very successful efforts of our hard working fundraising committee and a grant, and I am sure it will be appreciated by everyone involved with the club. Without the commitment of our industrious fundraisers this, along with other things such as assisting families with costs for their child to attend National's, would not have been achieved, so a big thank you to those involved, especially Mel.

The annual fees review has been completed. Unfortunately, as I am sure you can appreciate, expenses for the club continue to rise and we need to keep abreast of these. We appreciate that families are also experiencing the same increases to their living expenses and have kept the increases to an absolute minimum for all of our gym families. Hopefully we have reached an end of the Covid crisis and activities will continue in a more positive vein for the upcoming year and we can all look forward to an exciting and successful year for the club.

Written by Barbara Kiernan

Motion that the treasurers report be moved.

Moved by: Amanda Abels

Seconded: Kate McNabb

9. Appointment of the 2022 Rimutaka Gymsports Committee

President: Melanie McFarlane

Secretary: Crystal Smith

Treasurer: Barbara Kiernan

Gymnast Representative: Amanda Abels

General Committee Roles

- Janelle Glover
- Kate McNabb
- Lisa Shearer
- Samuel Cripps
- Stig Brinkley
- Sylvain Farcy
- Ulrike Hubl

Moved 1st Scrutineer: Victoria Sofeni

Seconded 2nd Scrutineer: Leon Fox

10. Life Membership

Motion that based on the votes Ken Ryan is accepted as the first Life Member of Rimutaka Gymsports.

Moved by: Melanie McFarlane

Seconded: Ian Sims

11. General Business

Questions received:

How many votes came in through proxy votes?

Answered by Megan Russell – She was not able to give a number.

Are there new bars and are the lights getting fixed?

Answered: Yes we have new bar rails and the lights over the bar area in the big gym are getting redone.

12. Meeting Closed at 7.55pm