



## KWAZULU-NATAL GYMNASTICS UNION

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### Presidents Report for the year June 2015 – June 2016 (Allan Chadwick)

Ladies , Gentlemen , Affiliates , and Board Members ,

Once again it is my pleasure to welcome you to our Annual General Assembly and to report on the activities (in brief) of the Union for the year under review

The period under review has been a busy as one as they all seem to be in the past few years.

I trust that the discussions and decisions taken by the AGA will be for the better of our sport and give us some insight as to how we may improve our service to members and grow the sport in general.

I would like to repeat my plea that we spread the load amongst more people to make the tasks manageable and enjoyable , create a team spirit in attaining common goals and of course working harder to do all of this by taking responsibility of self and team activities.

#### 1. Office and Administration

The site of the office and staffing remains unchanged and currently still suits our purpose.

#### 2. Finance

As usual I can remark that for a relatively small organisation our books tend to be rather time consuming as we have to account for the various projects that have been funded by Provincial Academy , the Department of Sport & Recreation and our 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of our Lotto allocation

Our major sources of funding (apart from our faithful members) are :-

- Department of Sport & Recreation – Province of KwaZulu Natal
- KZN Provincial Academy of Sport
- National Lotteries Distribution Trust Fund
- South African Gymnastics Federation

We sincerely thank them for their generous funding and/or donations and give them the assurance that we have used the funds to the best of our ability for the purposes intended.

#### 3. Board

The current board held regular meetings during the year and can still improve it's functioning. The establishment of discipline committees is still problematic and we trust that going forward this will improve or we possibly relook at our rules and regulations and revisit this matter.

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#### 4. Membership

We have maintained our club registration figures however with the introduction of the online system for schools we have seen very few schools formally register. This will seriously impact on our goal of establishing district structures which is becoming more urgent and nessesary.

#### 5. Macro Organisations

##### 5.1 South African Gymnastics Federation

The following members of our Union served on national committees :-

Name	Position
Mrs Paddy Chadwick	WAG program manager of the SAGF (until June 2016)
Mr Allan Chadwick	MAG program manager of the SAGF (until June 2016)
Mr Clive Naidoo	Member of the SAGF Board – Vice President
Mrs Stella Stewart	Member of the Aerobic Gymnastics TC of the SAGF
Mrs Caron Henry	Member of Gymnastics for All TC of the SAGF (until June 2016)
Mrs Bongwiwe Ngcungama	Member of the National Schools Gymnastics Committee

Good flow of information was received from the SAGF.

KZN Provincial Development Officer position will need attention as this is an important position with regards to growing our sport.

##### 5.2 Provincial Academy of Sport

Excellent support was received from the Provincial Academy who assisted with sending 2 young coaches to Summer Camp in the USA for experience and mentoring.

##### 5.3 Department Sport & Recreation

Further to my comments on finance we must also thank the department for their continued support and interest in our activities – their support and interest in our activities has been beyond expectations although the anticipated support for 2016/17 is half of previous years due to budget cuts and our poor representation in the districts – supported programs will have to revisited in terms of sustainability and impact.

##### 5.4 School Sport

The changes to the artistic program in late 2015 has impacted negatively on the growth – this will need serious intervention going forward into 2017.

#### 6. Programs

The Union has continued to run the whole range of programs that have traditionally been our “forte” for the past 30 or so years and I will not bore you with detailing each one and the highlights – our prize giving is designed to reward those gymnasts , coaches , judges and clubs that excelled.

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## 7. Gymnaestrada

Many thanks to Robyn who was in charge of the KZN team – they performed to the best of their ability and had a memorable experience in Helsinki.

## 8. Transformation

Transformation is still a high priority with every government agency and we must be committed in our approach to achieve significant gains in this area. (I am sure you have seen the recent news from the Sports Ministry on this issue!)

## 9. Provincial demarcation

We are still struggling in our efforts to have some “presence” in each district. This continues as a massive task and we hope that school sport will be a great “driver” of this effort – with the assistance of the DSR and Lotto we have run teacher training workshops in 5 Districts so far this year.

## 10. Gymnastics Apparatus

Continues at our 2 academy projects with some excess equipment distributed to member clubs.

## 11. Academy projects

Still not functioning optimally but recent artistic squads and training sessions have been very encouraging.

## 12. Conclusion

I believe that we have several challenges facing our sport and organization – in brief I list them below

- Traditional activities (eg. artistic apparatus) will be difficult to expand significantly due to their “cost” (money, facility, equipment, training time, specialist coaching, etc.)
- Lack of activities at provincial level which would make the organization economically viable without grants
- The traditional “club” is under threat (volunteers, funding, etc.) and essentially member organizations need to be more “business” like
- Gymnastics at Commonwealth Games 2022 not on the program as yet !!

We do however have some great opportunities if we are brave enough to embrace and leverage our position

- School sport roll out – esp. rope skipping
- Possibility to “invent” new events – similar to the old Novice Team trophy
- We do have some committed volunteers and new willing people in school sport
- Potential for gymnastics to be added to the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Durban – we must try and leverage on this

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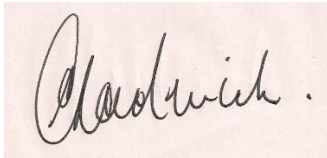
The following 4 projects were run in early July – many thanks to all the willing members who made them possible

- National Championships - Artistic
- National training camp for MAG in conjunction with Japanese Federation
- National training camp for WAG
- GFA FIG coaches training

Once again please excuse me if I did not mention all the “workers” and star performers by name – you have seen them at competitions and at meetings – to each and every one of you that contributed during the past year the board thanks you.

Even though there are many challenges ahead of us I believe that we have enough committed members to go from strength to strength and I wish the new board every success going forward.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is cursive and reads "Allan Chadwick".

Allan Chadwick  
President - 27 July 2016

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