Annual General Meeting of SportCheer Scotland
Sunday 20th October 2019

The meeting commenced at 3pm.

1. Welcome and Opening of Meeting- SportCheer Scotland Secretary Victoria Bichener
- Welcomes SCS Officers, Directors and Local Authority Representatives
- Expresses appreciation to everyone in attendance for representing the athletes and coaches across Scotland.

2. Roll Call
- Explains membership of Officers, Directors and Local Authority Representatives
- There are 13 members present
- Explains voting process.

3. Determination of a Quorum
- 21 members total with 13 members present- there is quorum.

4. Appointment of Scrutineers
- Jennifer Boyle and Sarah McNeill are appointed as Scrutineers.

5. Approval of the Agenda
- Madeline Jamieson motions to approve the Agenda.
- Stacy Greer seconds the motion.
- *Minutes were approved.*

6. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest
- Jennifer Boyle – Glasgow Sport
- Sarah McNeill – Legacy Cheer and Dance
- Victoria Bichener – SpiritSounds UK
- Stacy Greer – Allstar Cheer and Dance Company (ACDC)
- Lisa Tausney – Allstar Cheer and Dance Company (ACDC)

7. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- Emma Davies motions to adopt the minutes
- Dianne MacAskill seconds the motion
- *Minutes were approved.*

8. President's Report – SportCheer Scotland President Lisa Tausney
a. Overview of the SportCheer Scotland Objectives
- Manage, direct, promote, organise and assist the activities and disciplines associated with Cheerleading in Scotland
- Encourage the growth and development of Cheer Programs and opportunities to Scottish youth

- Provide SCS members; Scotland's coaches, teachers, and educators, with tools for researching trends, technology, ideas, issues and solutions to problems associated with Cheerleading
- Propose and support bids for international competitions in Scotland

b. Review of the Past 12 Months
- SportCheer Scotland was established in August 2018
- First AGM was held on Wednesday, August 1st as per the ICU statutes of governance
- Held the first ICU coach credentialing on Sunday, August 19th. LT expressed appreciation to Gemma Butterly and Stacy Greer for organising the session
- Negotiated with the European Cheer Union and was awarded full membership on 27th June
- Launched the SportCheer Scotland website
- Attended the ICU Annual Conference and represented Scotland at the ICU Annual General Meeting as the United Kingdom alongside a delegate from England. Attended seminars for Anti-Doping, National Federation Development, Special Olympics, and Adaptive Abilities.
- Awarded the ICU Breakthrough Award for 2018/19. To be recognised for the massive progress we have made as a national federation by the ICU and other member federations was a special achievement and one of the proudest moments of 2019.

c. Team Scotland Report
- Team Scotland is one the largest responsibilities of SportCheer Scotland
- Seven teams and two duets represented Scotland at the 2019 ICU World Championships
- In 2019 the greatest number of Scottish teams and athletes in history competed as Team Scotland
- We would like to thank the 2019 Team Scotland Staff:

Managers
Marguerite Modica
Jaqueline McGrory

Coaches
Cheer
Leanne Caird
Emma Davies
Nicola Hamilton
Sarah McNeill

Gymnastics
Scott McCormack

HipHop
Allana Henry
Karen Leitch

Jazz
Tammy Harkin
Sharlene Harvey

Pom
Jennifer Greer
Stacy Greer
Nicole McKenna
Lisa Oxnard

- SportCheer Scotland appreciates the dedication, hard work, and talent that goes into coaching these routines.

d. Recognition
- To Electric Candy for the hire of Team Scotland Cheer Facilities
- To CDC for the sponsorship of a year's use of Gymnastics and Dance equipment
- To ACDC for the sponsorship of a year's use of the full ICU dance floor
- To ACDC for sponsorship of athletes' entries for the Team Scotland 2019 Showcase

e. Aims for the next 12 Months
- To oversee and support Team Scotland 2019-2020 to another successful ICU World Championships
- To ensure Scottish representation at the 2020 European Cheer Union Championships
- To secure an office space for SportCheer Scotland
- To concentrate on the continued growth of SportCheer Scotland as an inclusive national federation focussing on what is best for the athletes and our sport.

9. Secretary's Report – SportCheer Scotland Secretary Victoria Bichener

a. Progress of SportCheer Scotland
- Recognised by the International Cheer Union as Scotland's National Federation
- Lisa Tausney, Jennifer Boyle and Victoria Bichener represented SportCheer Scotland at the 2019 ICU Conference and Annual General Meeting
- SportCheer Scotland has been registered with Companies House as "Cheer Scotland;" a Private Company Limited by Guarantee. This registration denotes SportCheer Scotland as not-for-profit
- SportCheer Scotland awarded full membership to the European Cheer Union as Scotland's National Federation

b. Objectives to further growth of SportCheer Scotland
1. Launch the SportCheer Scotland membership scheme
   - Proposed benefits to members include:
     - The opportunity to try out for national teams
     - Access to members' only instructional and/or educational videos
     - Promotion through SportCheer Scotland social media platforms

   - The scheme will provide much needed income for SportCheer Scotland
   - A record of the number and distribution of the athletes participating in Scottish Cheerleading is required by the International Olympic Committee and SportScotland. It is crucial that we begin to collate this information to further the opportunities for Scottish athletes and coaches.

2. Secure the Recognition of Sport Scotland

- In August 2020 SportCheer Scotland will have concluded its first two years as cheerleading's governing body and will be eligible to seek recognition from SportScotland
- A substantial benefit to recognition will be the access to potential funding for clubs. Most funding programmes list recognition as the first criterion for applicants.

10. Treasurer's Report – SportCheer Scotland Treasurer Sarah McNeill

- SM presented the financial report from 2018-2019 (see Appendix 1 for summary of accounts).
- SCS will be required to file accounts with Companies House in January 2021.

11. Reports of Standing Committees – SportCheer Scotland Vice President Jennifer Boyle

a. National Team Committee.
- Supported the administrative and financial management of Team Scotland 2018-2019
- This was the first year in which fully-unified National Teams represented Scotland at the ICU World Championships and the largest number of Scottish athletes attended in the competition's history.

-National Team coaches, athletes, parents and carers were surveyed at the end of the season for feedback. Recognised as areas for improvement were:

- Management workload
- Communication

-Management structure expanded to include Team Co-Ordinators and a designated Team Scotland Treasurer.

-A monthly newsletter will be sent to each athlete regarding training/upcoming deadlines/trip information/kit orders to improve communication.

b. Ethics Committee.

- Appointed Elizabeth Jolly as the SportCheer Scotland Child Protection Officer.
- Drafted the following SportCheer Scotland policies:
    - Child Protection
    - Equality and Diversity
    - Voluntary
    - Safeguarding
    - Privacy

c. Training and Coach Education
- Delivered ICU Cheerleading and Performance Cheer credentialing course at Centre 81, Clydebank on Sunday, August 19th 2018.

12. Modification of Statutes

-Two changes to the SportCheer Scotland Statutes were proposed:

1. References to the Cheerleading UK governing body be updated from SCGB to SCUK
2. The registered address of SportCheer Scotland to be updated to Centre81, Clydebank.

-Victoria Bichener proposed a vote on this modification, seconded by Jennifer Boyle.

-The modifications were accepted by the Board.

13. Board Seat Nominations

- VB recognised the outgoing Directors, and thanked each for their dedication and hard work in the foundation year of SportCheer Scotland.

The Board seat vacancies were elected as follows:

Regional Director- South	Leanne Caird
Regional Director- Lothian	Claire Mullen
Regional Director- North East	Kendall Smith
Regional Director- Glasgow	Jamie Thomson
Director-At-Large	Stacy Greer
Director-At-Large	Katie Rutherford
Director Representative of the Athletes	Lynsey MacKenzie

14. Proposals Submitted

a. Bids to the European Cheer Union Championships to be opened up for video entry
-Proposed by Lisa Tausney
-Seconded by Stacy Greer
The proposal was approved.

b. Local Area Representatives to work with Board Members on their assigned Officer role
-Proposed by Jennifer Boyle
-Seconded by Victoria Bichener
The proposal was approved.

c. To set dates for the 2019-2920 Quarterly Board Meetings
After discussion the dates were set as follows:
Sunday 17th November
Sunday 12th January
Sunday 17th May
Sunday 13th September

-Proposed by Victoria Bichener
-Seconded by Leanne Wrench
The proposal was approved.

15. Adjournment

Lisa Tausney thanked everyone for their attendance and confirmed that the next AGM would be held in January 2021, date and venue to be confirmed.

The AGM concluded at 16:50.

Summary of Attendance

Present	
Victoria Bichener	Katie Black
Jennifer Boyle	Leanne Caird
Emma Davies	Stacy Greer
Tammy Harkin	Madeline Jamieson
Dianne MacAskill	Lynsey MacKenzie
Sarah McNeill	Lisa Tausney
Leanne Wrench	

Apologies	
Jennifer Greer	Nicola Hamilton

Appendix 1

Balance Sheet

For the period between August 1st 2018- January 31st 2019.

Item	Income	Expenditure
Class Fees	£ 3,415.21	
Contracted Services		£ 467.20
Equipment		£ 3,808.05
Fundraising		£ 250.00
Marketing		£ 425.00
Merchandise	£ 13,588.00	£ 3,888.62
Transaction Fees		£ 69.12
Venue Hire		£ 4,260.67
Volunteer Expenses		£ 3,910.00
Team Scotland Package Payment	£ 85,160.06	£ 29,768.94
Total	£ 102,163.27	£ 46,847.60
Profit/Loss		**£ 55,315.67**