



Minutes of the Management Committee, Windmill Campus, Kirkcaldy on Thursday 30th November 2017.

Present: Gordon Fyfe, Alistair Cameron (Chair), Liam Redpath, Greig Hopcroft, Kenny Crichton, Michael Kavanagh, George MacDonald, Cllr Gordon Langland, Mark Clunie, Ken White and Jennifer Mann

1. Welcome

Alistair Cameron welcomed all along to the first meeting of the Management Committee since the AGM in September. Alistair extended a welcome to Liam Redpath on his first meeting as Secretary. Alistair also welcomed Ken White to his first meeting since taking ill health earlier in the year.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Altany Craik, Cllr Colin Davidson and Don Burns

3. Minutes of previous meetings

3.1 Committee Meeting Held on Thursday 20th July 2017

Approved – Kenny Crichton

Seconded – Alistair Cameron

3.2 Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2017

Approved – Kenny Crichton

Seconded – Gordon Fyfe

4. Chair Update

Alistair wanted to place his thanks on record to Don Burns for incredible job he has done to get the accounts in order. Alistair advised that the remainder his updates will be under any other competent business.

5. Secretary Update

Liam Redpath advised that he had nothing to report after still finding his feet in the role

6. Development Officer Update

Greig Hopcroft advised that there is not a great deal to report as everything within the Sports Council is moving along nicely. Greig advised that Michael Kavanagh has now submitted the accounts to Fife Council which should mean the grants and payments will be forthcoming.

Greig continued by advising there has been 5 more applications for grants in the resent months. 4 of these have been given out as they met the criteria but one had to be declined due to the applicant staying in Kirkcaldy but the club was in Dundee. Feedback was given to this applicant about Dundee Sports Council.

Greig stated there was a lot going on within the Sports Council in the forthcoming months with the website being updated and refreshed, the award (which has now been added to the website). Greig recently attended a meeting in Kinross with East Fife Sports Council, West Fife Sports Council, Perth

Sports Council and Ross Ogilvie with regards to how clubs are run. Ross Ogilvie has taken a lot of notes and will feed this back in due course.

7. Finance

Don has now had the financial accounts audited for the year end. The accounts have been submitted to give the additional part of the grant. Overall the finances look healthy. It was highlighted that the Sporting Dinner made £2800 which should be seen as a great success

8. Awards

George MacDonald updated everyone on the planning of the awards with him meeting Fife College who confirmed that they can have St Brycedale Campus on Thursday 8th March 2018. George has thanks Ken for providing a timetable of events as this has helped the planning.

There was 4 names confirmed for the professional award (Lorraine Watson, Craig Easton, Jonny Adams and Safyaan Sharif). Matthew Elder looked to change name of the award which will now be known as Fife Free Press Group Sports Personality of the Year. Voting can be done online and via Facebook.

George continued by saying that there were 4 nominations in for the other awards. A reminder email has been sent out to clubs to advise that nominations are now open.

George advised that he has contacted the Photographer and Musician for 8th March who has confirmed they are free.

There was a discussion around who should be the guest speaker as the original plan was to ask Gordon Brown, but he will be over seas so unable to make the event. The suggestions are Lesley Laird, Henry McLeish, Lord McConnell, Bridget McConnell, Heather Stewart and Neil Findley.

The consensus was that a high-profile name should be approached given that this was the 10th Annual Award. George is going to look at the options and would bring a list of names to the next Management Committee Meeting.

Previously it has been mentioned that there should be school awards to follow what other Sports Councils do. Mark and Michael advised they would discuss what award to be given and this will be part of the panel for two awards (Youth Volunteer Award and Adult Volunteer Award).

As this will be the 10th Anniversary of the awards, George was keen to have a Sports Personality of the Decade award. George to consider this along with having photos of previous awards of the last 10 years. Kenny Crichton is going to help organise this with George.

9. Link Officer

Michael Kavanagh updated the Committee that an updated training programme to be updated on Facebook and on the website. Michael advised that him and Greig both attended 'Lead to Exceed' which is a workshop on building business plans for clubs. Michael advised that this will be followed up with 121s with the clubs.

Michael confirmed that Sport Relief have changed how they are going to operate with this no longer being a national campaign but more aimed at local clubs and schools therefore it is not worthwhile running an event but can still be promoted.

Michael went through the monitoring form and all the details. There was nothing of concern when filling in the form.

Alistair asked if there was anything for the forthcoming year that the Sports Council could be getting involved in. Michael Kavanagh advised that holding a business planning workshop would be a good idea and a survey should be provided to clubs to understand what opportunities they need.

10. Active Schools Coordinator

Mark Clunie advised that schools sports athletics are next week with 44 kids attending. Mark is keen to work with clubs to help them capture details of kids who have taken part at a class at Active Schools then follow up at clubs.

Michael, Greig and Mark are going to work together on how to measure impact of holiday clubs and fares.

11. Any Other Competent Business

11.1 – Development Officer Contract Renewal – Alistair Cameron proposed that the contract for Greig Hopcroft is renewed for 12 months. There was no counter proposals therefore this was passed.

11.2 – Emma Broadhurst Update – Michael Kavanagh updated that the first meeting to bring all the Sports Councils together went ahead and was around grants and how these are allocated. Most of the grants that are given out are club grants. The plan is to look at all coaching education grants to go to Fife Council with all club development grants to come to Sports Council. Michael advised that everyone at the meeting agreed this was sensible way for this to work and would feed into sport and physical partnership. This would provide a bit more governance to the way that grants are paid to all clubs in Fife. Michael finished by advised that Emma Broadhurst is keen to formalise grants between all councils.

11.3 – Sporting Dinner – Greig advised that the feedback was generally good but a change in month of event and this should be held in April. Planning is going ahead for the next dinner and looking to see, if possible, a female speaker. Kenny Crichton advised he was disappointed at lack of members in the hall. The feedback was this was still seen as a Sportsman's Dinner rather than a Sporting Dinner that it was intended to be. Kenny suggested that the change of name should generate more interest.

11.4 – Boxing Update – Kingdom Boxing Club have recently been award £9000 to help with the repair of their roof. This is really good news after recent disappointment. George from Kingdom Boxing Club wanted to thank everyone at the Sports Council for all their help.

11.5 – Kirkcaldy Football Club Partnership – Alistair Cameron advised that Paul Armour has resigned as Chairman of the partnership. All the clubs associated have been made aware of Paul's decision with clubs and SFA keen for the partnership to continue.

11.6 – Bowling Project - Gordon Fyfe updated that a local Scout group have offered heir facilities to teach scouts indoors. Gordon has spoken to Michael to try get this to happen.

11.7 – Gymnastics – Jenn Mann wanted to highlight to poor facilities that the Gymnastics club are having to use just now. The hall is very cold with there being no repair works for this hall. Jenn to speak to Cllr Colin Davidson and if this does not resolve this then the Sports Council will put pressure to resolve this issue.

12. Proposed Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 25th January 2018 – Fife House, Glenrothes.

13. Closure – Meeting closed at 8:23pm

The AGM was closed at 8:10pm.