



SCOTTISH DISABILITY
SPORT

LEADING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORT AND PHYSICAL RECREATION
FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES THROUGHOUT SCOTLAND

Minutes of the Thirty-second Meeting of the Management Committee of Scottish Disability Sport held on Wednesday 12 December 2001 at **sportscotland**, Caledonia House, South Gyle, Edinburgh EH12 9DQ at 18.00 hrs.

1.0 Attendees:

Richard Brickley	Chairman
Jim Thomson	Vice Chairman
Jacqueline Lynn	Convenor Sports Development
Gordon McCormack	Branch Representative
Jen Quinton	Branch Representative
Anna Tizzard	Athletes Representative
Gavin Macleod	sportscotland Co-ordinator/ Convenor Local Development
Jane Ferguson	Development Officer
Cynthia Clare	SDS Administrator (Minute Secy.)

Apologies:

David Thomson	Treasurer
Rob Claridge	Marketing & Communications
Heather Lowden	sportscotland Liaison Officer

Action

2.0 Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 13 November.

The previously circulated minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 November, with the undernoted amendments, were accepted as an accurate record.

Page 5 Item 6.2.1 - SFGB should read ASFGB.

Page 6 Item 6.2.4 - National Swimming Gala is not on the 27 April this is the date for athletics. PD Swimming Gala is on 20 April and LD Swimming Gala on 18 May.

Page 9 Item 8.1.9 – 8 branches should read Players from 8 branches were included in the team.

Action

3.0

Matters Arising – Minutes of 21 June

- 4.1.3 Chairman confirmed he had met with Alan Jones and raised the issue of the retirement of Alastair Kidd.

Matters Arising – Minutes of 9 September

- 4.3.3 Lomax Mobility - Chairman as yet had been unable to follow up on meeting.

Chairman

- 5.2.4 Re sponsorship with Clydesdale and Royal Bank. Chairman awaiting feedback from Rob Claridge.

Chairman/Rob Claridge

- 5.2.7 As per the condition of the award of £500 towards the Annual Conference, photos and a report to be sent to Unemployed Voluntary Action.

Chairman

Matters Arising – Minutes of 9 October

- 7.1.1 Nothing further to report on European Funding. Jim Thomson to produce an action plan.

Jim Thomson

Chairman confirmed that he had tried to arrange an interview with the consultants that are reviewing Glasgow. Gordon McCormack confirmed that the consultation is ongoing.

Matters Arising – Minutes of 13 November

- 4.2 Confirmed all covered.

- 5.2.1 Chairman showed the wall planner on which SDS had taken advertising space. These had been issued to every school in Scotland. Copies still awaited for Branches and Member Organisations.

Cynthia Clare

- 6.2.8 Gavin Macleod had spoken to Jane Scott, Yachting regarding their application for associate membership of SDS. To be carried forward to January.

Carry Forward

- 6.5.1 Jacqui Lynn to send Performance Indicators to Gordon McCormack.

Jacqueline Lynn

Suggestions for a catchy title for the 2003-2006 Development Plan still awaited

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Action

7.3.2 Jim Thomson advised that no decision had been taken yet regarding the INAS registration of athletes. INAS re-instated to IPC. Short discussion followed on the eligibility of athletes and the forthcoming events.

8.1.9 Chairman confirmed that he had written to Alastair Kidd and Gordon McCormack reported how delighted Alastair had been with the letter.

Newsletter – Chairman confirmed that this is being compiled and will be sent to printers in January.

Jane Ferguson advised that she had spoken with John Forsyth. He was looking for £500 if his company were to promote any of our events. In the past this had been carried out for free.

4.0 Officer Reports

4.1 Team sportscotland Officer – Gavin Macleod.

Gavin Macleod circulated and spoke to his report, Appendix Item 1.

SDS will need to give some thought to what is to happen with Aberdeen branch. Gavin and Pam to discuss in the New Year.

Glasgow – Gordon McCormack advised that he was looking for a letter to indicate SDS wished to see the Glasgow branch moving forward and for SDS to attend a branch meeting. Gavin Macleod to write.

Gavin Macleod

Gordon McCormack advised that he had been asked to sit on Glasgow's Healthy City Committee to represent people with disabilities.

Highland – Decision will be taken on the future of the branch after the meeting on the 18 December with the Convenor and Director of Education from Highland Council.

South Ayrshire - Following the archery session, contact to be made with local archery clubs to see if the 12 regular players could be integrated into these.

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Borders – Boccia sessions being planned. Considering multi-sport launch events and also publicity date for the handing over of cheque.

East Lothian Development Officer position now been filled and Stephen Duff will commence employment on 7 January.

Sports Development

Wheelchair Rugby – Following the demonstration at the Scotland New Zealand International Gavin Macleod to maintain links and make contact in the New Year to see how SDS takes this forward.

International Event

Steve Stewart, Royal Mail has just move jobs and joined Stagecoach. Suggested Chairman to send a letter to thank him for his help.

Chairman

BP Tourfest – Chairman to arrange for **sportscotland** To be invoiced for £1,800 to cover this event.

Chairman

BP Performance Camp – Concerns raised in respect of funding for this event. Letter to be sent to Stewart in support of the camp and expressing concerns about its continuation.

Chairman

South Ayrshire – In-service course attended by Jane Ferguson, Gavin Macleod and Jim Thomson.

4.2 Sports Development – Jacqui Lynn

Nothing to report until the new structure has been reviewed.

Gavin Macleod had been requested for an end of year report for 95/96 Ready Willing and Able Sports Match. Jim Thomson and Gavin Macleod to liaise on response.

**Jim Thomson/
Gavin Macleod**

4.3 Development Officer – Jane Ferguson

- 4.3.1** This would not be such a structured report as Gavin Macleod's and there was nothing for circulation. It was a brief overview of what had taken place of the last 6 weeks which had all gone so quickly.
- 4.3.2** Basically had been trying to assess what areas needed to be looked at. To date visits had been made to 8 branches and it was really interesting to see the diverse range of styles and activities.
- 4.3.3** Consideration had been given to the key areas to deal with. Support would be given to 8/9 branches including Renfrew and everyone had already had a copy of the specific sports that would be covered.
- 4.3.4** Jane Ferguson indicated that she would be considering resurrecting the Education and Training programme including seminars and courses. A generic model for education would be developed.
- 4.3.5** Ethics and Equity issues were being reviewed to help in the production and dissemination of an Ethics and Equity package. An equity meeting had been attended last night at which a number of contacts had been made and an exchange of useful information had taken place. Anna Tizzard had also been present at this meeting.
- 4.3.6** Meeting to be held next week with John de Courcy and Janice Eaglesham to review and take forward an athletics junior development programme.
- 4.3.7** Website – make this more accessible to people with disabilities and parents with children with disabilities. Branches all wanted a page on the website for their branch. Jane Ferguson emphasised how important it was that branches could publicise themselves. Chairman explained that currently the branch pages had been put on hold due to problems with the main site and the different sections.

Action

- 4.3.8** Last but not least, updating the Resource Guide and Leaflets. Other Governing Bodies to be contacted for their suggestions/ideas.

Branch Reports

- 4.3.9** Attended North Lanarkshire AGM prior to which Gavin Macleod and Jane had had a meeting with Tom Coll regarding suspending the branch. Tom Coll arranging for the Local Authority to ensure the Branch continues. Following discussions the new office bearers are going to try and put together a Boccia day plus some friendly competition through four Boccia social days next year.

Tom Coll

- 4.3.10** Short discussion followed on the various options available including possibly merging with South Lanarkshire. North Lanarkshire Volunteer Development Agency to be contacted by Jane Ferguson. To also ascertain Alan Sage's skills and achievements.

- 4.3.11** Dundee – Visit with Gavin Macleod and had a meeting about SportSability. Office there arranging Sportsability day. About 124 local schools interested. It is hoped that the schools will then hold Sportsability tournaments. Could be the way forward for all the other local authorities in Scotland. SDS is required to support Sportsability events and suggest Gavin, Anne, Jane and Jim cover these.

- 4.3.12** Meeting arranged for January with Mountain Recreation, Lorraine Nicholson and Laura Bowden, to discuss disability awareness. Looking at doing a coaching course.

- 4.3.13** Reference was made to Lochoilhead Centre that had lots of activities and was advertised as wheelchair accessible. Jim Thomson has visited this centre and the Chairman asked if he would submit a report on his findings.

Jim Thomson

- 4.3.14** Jane Ferguson hopes to have a draft work programme ready for the next meeting.

Action

- 4.3.15** Jacqueline Lynn would look at the education and training once Jane Ferguson had had discussions with the other governing bodies.

Jane Ferguson expressed her thanks especially to Jim Thomson and Gavin Macleod for taking her around when she had no transport and to Richard Brickley for organising a vehicle for her.

5.0

Finance

- 5.1** The financial statement for the period was circulated and approved. The following questions were raised.

5.1.1 Gordon McCormack asked if a cheque had been received from SFA? Chairman confirmed nothing to date.

5.1.2 Wheelchair Basketball – Royal Mail money is in there out of this year's budget.

5.1.3 Chairman drew everyone's attention to the £7,000 reimbursed this was in respect of monies paid for the period between Karen Lewis and Jane Ferguson's appointment.

5.2

Other financial Issues – Richard Brickley

5.2.1 National Playing Fields Association, that donates £1,000 to SDS, has limited funds for the coming year. Another sponsor therefore needs to be found for the two National Junior Swimming Galas. Proposed that SDS ascertains if it can get a grant from the Glasgow City Council for the 2 events.

**Gordon
McCormack**

5.2.2 Sportscotland Sponsorship Award is being sponsored by Tennants. SDS would possible consider putting Royal Mail forward under long term sponsors.

Gavin Macleod

5.2.3 SDS Plaques – Confirmed order placed and confirmation of delivery date awaited.

Action

5.2.4 Sports and Foundation Awards – Chairman had had a response from Jim Thomson. Chairman summarised what SDS were looking for and asked everyone to think about this and let the Chairman have any comments before the end of the week to enable a response to be made before the end of the year.

5.2.5 SDS Ties – Gordon McCormack showed a selection of ties. The blue tartan and all over logo tie were selected. Gordon McCormack to obtain samples and costings for the next meeting.

**Gordon
McCormack**

5.2.6 Thoughts to be given to a suitable item for females, possibly a brooch or pin. Ideas to be brought to next meeting.

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5.2.7 Daily Record/Sunday Mail Sports Person of the Year Awards – Enquiries to be made as to who was to receive the money from this event. Understood to be going to a disability group.

6.0 Projects and Programmes

6.1 Athletes Committee – Anna Tizzard

6.1.1 Not a lot going on at the moment. Currently trying to put together a questionnaire to send out. Short discussion followed on linking athletes with branches. Document dated 5 October to be updated and early in the New Year will be circulated and put on the website.

All

6.1.2 Confirmed the paper on TAP funding, A Guidance Note, had been amended and would be issued to co-ordinators and put on the web site early in the New Year.

6.1.3 Richard Brickley requested a profile plus photo of Jane Ferguson for the newsletter.

Jane Ferguson

Action

- 6.2** Governing Body Issues - All
- 6.2.1** Meeting to be held with SFA on Monday. Elaine McKenna, Gordon Thomson, John Jackson and Jim Thomson will attend.
- 6.2.2** Anna Tizzard and Jane Ferguson had been approached during the Ethics and Equity meeting by canoeing, regarding paddleability and SDS's approach. Chairman explained that canoeing were already doing a lot for people with disabilities. SDS will always listen to people's comments/questions. Encourage people to write to SDS with their questions and we can review and get back to them.
- 6.2.3** Chairman confirmed the Ken Kelly letter referring to the 3-tier system had gone out.
- 6.2.4** All present in agreement with the response to the Paralympic approach by Edinburgh University.
- 6.2.5** Ken Kelly has responded to the Code of Practice correspondence.
- 6.2.6** Confirmed the athlete profiles are coming in.
- 6.2.7** High Performance Coaches – Confirmation of whom SDS are putting forward for support needs to be finalised. Chairman to have a brief discussion with Jim Thomson and Jacqueline Lynn after this meeting.
- 6.3** Ethics Issues – Update
- Jane Ferguson had made some good contacts. Nothing further to report.

**Chairman/
Jim Thomson/
Jacqueline Lynn**

Action

6.4 Branch Conference – Debrief

6.4.1 Chairman thanked everyone for their input to the day. Excellent turnout from the Branches and Chairman had had 13 phone calls saying how good the day had been. It was good to let people have their chance to speak.

6.4.2 Conference report to be prepared. Cynthia has copies of all presentations, which will be issued once they are pulled together.

Cynthia

6.4.3 Copies of the discussion sessions were circulated and all present confirmed they were happy for these documents to be issued in that format.

Cynthia

6.4.4 Minority Sports – Check for selection of sports and issues whether should be developing from non-ID sports.

6.5 Development Planning Update – Jacqui Lynn

Nothing to report. Branch Conference findings to be assessed. Cynthia to liaise with Jacqueline Lynn re issuing.

Cynthia

6.6 Sports Facilities Programme

All agreed that this was a Local Authority issue.

7.0 Links with external bodies

7.1 BPA – Jim Thomson

7.1.1 Chairman confirmed he had attended the AGM. Lot of time spent on financial issues of BWRA/UK Athletics leadership. Made contact with Ken Kelly and Anthony Hughes from Wales.

7.1.2 Jacqueline Lynn confirmed that she had spoken to the people at Stirling University and had obtained prices for the swimming pool. £106/day for 50 metre pool and half that for the 25 metre pool. Possibly obtain better rates if go through Scottish Swimming. Dates to be forwarded to Chairman.

Jacqueline Lynn

Action

- 7.2** UKCC – Jim Thomson/Heather Lowden
Group had not met since the last meeting.
- 7.3** UKSA – Gordon McCormack
- 7.3.1** UKSA – Gordon McCormack attended the last meeting. Representatives from England did not turn up. They have resigned from UKSA. Links with gymnastics are stronger than ever.
- 7.4** Commonwealth Games 2002 – Richard Brickley
- 7.4.1** Bowls – Following trials 3 bowlers, David Heddle, John Robertson and Ivan Prior have been identified and their names have gone forward to the Commonwealth Games Council. Currently negotiations taking place for a reserve and another member of staff to act as support person for Bob Dick. Chairman has communicated with bowlers to advise who has been selected. **Chairman**
- 7.4.2** Swimming – Chairman to liaise with Alan Lynn re swimming issues. **Chairman**
- 7.4.3** Weight Lifting – Chairman had heard nothing regarding the Andrew Caldwell situation.
- 7.5** Special Olympics Scotland – Gordon McCormack
- 7.5.1** Gordon McCormack advised that the AGM had been held 3 weeks ago. Jed Renilson had been appointed as Chair and Laura Smith as Vice Chair. Chairman requested that Gordon McCormack provides an updated list of co-ordinators. **Gordon McCormack**
- On Monday SOUK will become SOGB.
- Chairman thanked Gordon for all his hard work and help in drawing SO and SDS closer together.

Action

Jen Quinton advised that at the Branch Conference questions had been raised about SO and SDS and there being no events in Scotland. Chairman requested a list of the events. Chairman will make reference to SO in the newsletter.

**Gordon
McCormack/
Chairman**

7.6 Others

7.6.1 SIS communications with athletes. Anna Tizzard is the link with the athletes. Need to ensure that our athletes are getting the services from SIS.

7.6.2 Proposed that Kenny Herriot, Aberdeen is put forward for Area Institute support and TAP funding applied for. It is anticipated that Kenny Herriot will become one of Scotland's top road racers. All present agreed that Kenny should be put forward.

8.0 **Reports**

8.1 Domestic Events – All

8.1.1 Indoor Archery held at Lasswade.

8.1.2 International Gala Area swimming night held in Fife. At the end of the day winners of this event were decided by 2 points.

8.1.3 Short Course Swimming Championships held in Sheffield.

8.2 International Events

8.2.1 Currently 6 swimmers in Argentina.

8.2.2 IPC General Assembly INAS been left. Phil Craven who was chair of International Wheelchair Basketball is the new President of IPC. Bob Price, International Paralympic Association. Chairman to write to Phil Craven and Bob Price.

Chairman

8.3 New Office Premises

8.3.1 The Scottish Hockey premises at Juniper Green had difficulty with access for people with disabilities. It is hoped to look at a property before Christmas owned by Livingston Corporation located in a converted steading in Livingston Village. It is part of a small workshop complex.

9.0 Any Other Business

9.1.2 The following Sports Co-ordinators had joined the team:

David Fairholm, Table Tennis.

Fraser Govan, Wheelchair Basketball. Chairman had had a very good meeting with him last week. Jane Ferguson had been briefed. Wheelchair Basketball sessions had moved to the Letham Centre for the rest of this series.

Richard Kermath, Pool

If anyone expresses an interest in applying for any of the vacant sports co-ordinators positions they will be given consideration.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 hrs.

Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 22 January 2002 at sportscotland, Caledonia House, South Gyle, Edinburgh EH12 9DQ @ 18.00 hrs.