



SCOTTISH DISABILITY
SPORT

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

Minutes of the Forty-seventh Meeting of the Management Committee of Scottish Disability Sport held on Thursday 3 July 2003 at **sportscotland**, Caledonia House, South Gyle, Edinburgh EH12 9DQ at 18.00 hrs.

1.0 Attendees:

Richard Brickley	Chairman
Katie Oman	Convenor Local Development
Jen Quinton	Convenor Sports Development
Anna Tizzard	Athletes Representative
Claire Mands	Project Officer
Heather Lowden	sportscotland , Partnership Manager
Gavin Macleod	sportscotland , Youth Development Manager Disability Sport
Cynthia Clare	SDS Administrator (Minute Secretary)

Apologies:

David Thomson	Treasurer
Jacqueline Lynn	Vice Chairman
Gordon McCormack	Branch Representative
Jim Thomson	Branch Representative

Action

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and in particular the new SDS Chief Executive Officer Gavin Macleod and Claire Mands, the new Development Officer.

Congratulations were offered to Gordon McCormack and his team on their very successful participation in the World Special Olympic Games in Ireland.

2.0

Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 4 June

With the following corrections, the previously circulated minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 June were accepted as an accurate record. Page 2, item 8.4 should read Rhona Martin not Debbie Knox. Page 8 Item 7.2.2 Northern Ireland should read Scotland.

3. **Matters Arising – Minutes of 18 March 2003**

Lloyds TSB

See Agenda Item 5.2.5

- 5.2.2 Budget Projections – a list of the sports co-ordinators that had submitted their budget projections to be prepared for the next meeting.

Cynthia

- 8.4 AGM

Suggested that Rhona Martin, curler, be approached by Gavin Macleod. Rhona unable to attend therefore Plan “B” implemented. All circulated to see if agreed to approach Bob Price. Confirm letter has now been sent inviting him to the AGM. Chairman will advise outcome. *(Since the meeting have heard from Bob Price that he will attend the AGM).*

- 9.8 SQA – Jonathan Fisher – Chairman gave a brief update.

sportscotland are looking for a response from the Chairman in respect of the £30,000 coaching money for Forth Valley and Fife. This is being actioned.

- 4.1.1 Sports Development – Wheelchair Curling – RCCC – Gavin Macleod liaising with Chris Hildrey and Kate Caithness in respect of the Wheelchair Curling Constitution.

- 4.1.2 Progress has been made on the bid for the World Curling Championships to be held at Braehead in 2005. Chairman has written in support. Bid is going ahead.

- 4.2.1 Dumfries & Galloway – Following a request from Lee Seaton, two disability awareness training sessions, targeted at Local Authority staff and coaches were co-ordinated by Gavin Macleod and Claire Mands.

- 5.2.1 Jack Bradley – Arrangements made for out of pocket expenses to be forwarded to him.

Chairman

- 5.2.3 Application to the UVAG Main Grant Scheme for 50% of funding for a training officer was unsuccessful.
- 5.2.4 Endowment Fund – Heather Lowden issued document. Thanks were given to Heather Lowden for putting this together. See also under Finance Item 5.2.13.
- 5.2.7 Chairman confirmed receipt of cheque for £2,501 from Stirling Art following MacKenzie Thorpe exhibition. Will be used to support squad training at Stirling University.
- 5.2.8 Rotary Club/Scottish Sports Aid Foundation to support Laura Kinder with grant aid.
- 7.1 Chairman remarked that even though the date for TAP applications has now passed there are a few noticeable omissions.
- 7.3.3 Question has been raised in the Scottish Parliament with regard to athletes with learning disabilities being excluded from funding support. SDS had provided information. Understood that an approach had also been made to **sportscotland**.
- 8.1.1 Chairman confirmed he had written to Ken Miller.
- 8.3.3 Home Countries Bowls – See Agenda Item 8.3.3
- 9.2 Aberdeen – Chairman confirmed he had been in touch to thank Morag Mitchell for conducting negotiations.
- 9.3 Renfrewshire – Evelyn Stevenson just back from holiday. Claire Mands to contact Evelyn to finalise documentation etc. prior to becoming a branch of SDS.

4.0 Officer Reports

4.1 Team sportscotland Officer - Gavin Macleod

Action

- 4.1.1** Apologies were given for not having a written report to circulate prior to the meeting due to other commitments.
- 4.1.2 Branch Issues** – Aberdeen - visit had been made today and a long meeting held with Donna Agnew. Progress is being made. Amended Constitution and Development Plan are now moving forward. Sport specific route pushing multi-sports clubs is progressing with 26 juniors, mostly PD taking part. Disability Golf Day to be advertised through branches. Gavin Macleod to carry out some training with the multi-sports club as well as Sports Coach UK training from Richard Brickley.
- 4.1.3 Borders** – Commenced work on the Development plan. Problems of access with some schools. Jed Renilson hopeful of more children taking part.
- 4.1.4 Highland** – Final draft of development Plan in place. Gavin Macleod to arrange sign off in 2 weeks' time. Branch currently liaising with local athletic club.
- 4.1.5 Lothian** – Gavin Macleod met with Helen Bruce and Kim McGinty to discuss a joint funded post across the four local authorities. Meeting to be arranged with the four local authorities.
- 4.1.6 Activities - Curling** – Meeting held with RCCC Constitution Committee. Following discussions with various parties it looks as if will need to be affiliated to RCCC. If this is the case will suggest that RCCC help us with funding. Meeting to be held with group on 16th to take things forward. On Friday there will be a meeting with the British Group.
- 4.1.7 East Ayrshire** – SportsAbility Training Day held with all summer staff for East Ayrshire.

**Gavin Macleod/
Richard
Brickley**

Gavin Macleod

Meeting on Tuesday with John Frame from Sportsman Charity. May be interested in supporting SDS with funding. Gavin Macleod is meeting Mike Botterill, Sports Trust, on 16 July looking to see how he can progress the sport and take forward SportsAbility 2. Seeking lottery funding through **sportscotland**.

4.2 Project Officer – Claire Mands

4.2.1 Local Development

Claire Mands gave her apologies for the absence of a written report due to other commitments.

4.2.2 Forth Valley – Attended their Football Festival that included a big disability section. A good range of people with disabilities (mostly PD) there and all were integrated into the groups. Special Schools supported the Festival.

4.2.3 Dumfries – Claire Mands spent two days last week carrying out Disability Awareness training. People attending are now going to take out into the summer programme. Discussions held with Lee to see about branching out to try and get other people involved.

4.2.4 North Lanarkshire – Meeting attended by Claire Mands at which she proposed that the branch directed things through the local authority. Meeting to be held with Elaine Grubb next week to discuss RWA money and how to move back to SDS.

Claire Mands

4.2.5 Renfrewshire – Progress being made. Summer programme ready to roll out and autumn programme prepared.

4.2.6 Ethics & Equity – Discussions held with Donna Agnew today and branch considering suggestions. Excellent time for this branch to move forward with the pack offering direction.

Now that Gordon Quinton and Laura Smith have returned from Dublin can move forward in Tayside. After which the Ethics & Equity Pack will be fed out to other branches.

4.2.7 Summer Camp – There are 30 juniors on the list. Programme has provisionally been arranged. Facility details and room allocation to be confirmed. Claire Mands to prepare a small article for the website.

Claire Mands

- 4.2.8** Coaching money – create a post for sports people with a disability to work with school sport co-ordinators. Highlight good practice and improve on that thereby giving people the confidence to go out and deliver. Intention is to initially pilot the scheme in the Stirling area.

5.0 Finance

- 5.1** Financial Statement June 2003 – prepared by David Thomson

Copies of the financial Statement for June were circulated. No issues were raised therefore the report was approved.

5.2 Other Financial Issues

- 5.2.1** Due to problems with the printer in the Fife office a new printer has been purchased.

- 5.2.3 Fly Fishing** – agreed to fund them up to £500 this year and £100 from last year. Approximately £4,000 in income received to date. For further information on the event see Agenda Item 8.3.1.

- 5.2.4 Ready Willing & Able** - Money carried over from sportscotland.

- 5.2.5 Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland** – Successful with application for funding. Lloyds TSB have now funded the Development Officer post for 3 years. Submitted another application and have secured £10,000 for another year. SDS can re-apply next year for funding.

- 5.2.6 Annual Report** – Contribution received from Angus Council.

- 5.2.7 Swimming** – Minority unhappy with charges to swimmers for participation in British events. Chairman to discuss at a separate meeting.

**Chairman/Jen
Quinton/Anna
Tizzard**

Action

- 5.2.8 National Conference** – All invoices will be to hand shortly. Reminder to be issued for outstanding fees. **Cynthia Clare**
- 5.2.9 Rotary** – Laura Kinder put forward for assistance from the Rotary.
- 5.2.1** Application received from Shirley Mackintosh for funding for Target Shooting in the Aberdeen area. Proposed Chairman responds giving contact at Aberdeen and suggesting goes through the Local Authority. **Chairman**
- 5.2.1 International Event Funding** - IPC World Bowls to be held in Malaysia 3 – 13 June 2004. This is a Pan disability event and will involve the 4 Home Countries. It was agreed that SDS co-ordinates the involvement of a Scottish team. There will be financial costs.
- 5.2.1 Basketball** – Request received from Denis Bonner, Ayrshire Rolling Cougars Wheelchair Basketball for funding. Chairman to respond. Gavin Macleod and Claire Mands to consider what can be done to assist. Possibly invite to Summer Camp and investigate Trusts etc. **Chairman/
Gavin Macleod/
Claire Mands**
- 5.2.1 Wooden Spoon Project** – Rugby orientated fund raising charity. (Capital Expenditure) All monies raised in Scotland go to Scotland. Chairman to write and see if SDS could be considered possibly for the wheelchair rugby/soccer or junior clubs. **Chairman**
- 5.2.1 Endowment** - Application made to the Sport and Physical Recreation Fund (SPFR) under Option 2 to receive quarterly sums. Heather Lowden had drafted a letter requesting two instalments and confirmed paper in place. Chairman to return on behalf of SDS. **Chairman**

6.0 Development

- 6.1** Update on moving to Company Limited by Guarantee.

Letter of observation received from one branch. Chairman has responded and copies of correspondence circulated.

7.0 Projects and Programmes

7.1 Athletes Committee – Anna Tizzard.

7.1.1 Anna Tizzard gave a brief outline of the proposals for the Athletes Forum to be held at the Conference on Sunday 16 November. Athletes to be encouraged to participate. Confirmed that there would be no under 16's and discussions would include Children & Young People, Achieving Excellence, Priorities (Athletes and SDS).

7.1.2 Pre-warning note of Conference to be sent to Branches, Sport Specific Co-ordinators and website. Dewars Centre to be booked.

Cynthia Clare

7.1.3 Planning meeting to be held on Tuesday 15 at 9.30 or alternatively Monday a.m. (To be confirmed).

7.2 Governing body Issues - All

7.2.1 Golf – leaflet for One-Armed Golfers was issued. Branches to be sent poster and leaflet.

Cynthia Clare

7.2.2 Gavin Macleod and Claire Mands to research the various golf organisations/groups for Golf for people with disabilities and their links with other organisations.

**Gavin Macleod/
Claire Mands**

7.2.3 Katie Oman gave a brief overview on ClubGolf. Proposed that SDS contact Scottish Golf Union to find out how they cater for disability golf and identify juniors.

Gavin Macleod

7.3 Links with external agencies

7.3.1 INAS Registration – Following communications between UKSA and SDS it has been confirmed that Scots with INAS registration need to re-register.

7.3.2 Allan Stuart achieved a new British record time at Bedford in the AAA's under 23 mainstream 400 metre event. Fifth fastest by a Scot. See the previously circulated IPC report for list of events.

7.4 Conference Debrief

7.4.1 Cynthia Clare circulated and summarised the responses from the National Conference Questionnaires.

8.0 Reports

8.1 Domestic Events

8.1.1 Archery last week.

Number of activities coming up, British Athletics Championships, Bowls.

8.3 International Events

8.3.1 Fly Fishing – Best results for some years from our fishermen but sadly they were beaten by the Irish. John Hood who led the team was delighted with their performance. Next year is the 25th Anniversary event and will be hosted by Scotland.

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8.3.2 European Athletics, Assen. Three Scots did very well, Stephen Payton 2 golds, Pauline Latto gold, Karen Lewis 1 Silver, 1 Gold.

Kenny Herriot, a member of the Grampian Institute of Sport, is currently travelling overseas regularly. In Long Island, USA he came third in the Nick Katsounis Memorial Wheelchair 10k beating his previous best of 1m14 set in Manchester.

- 8.3.3** Home Countries Lawn Bowls Championships, Dumfries 23/24 August. Gavin Macleod and Claire Mands arranged to meet up with the Dumfries & Galloway group to discuss arrangements. Unfortunately Bob Barr did not make the meeting.

8.4 Website

- 8.4.1** Hits for June, 2438 an increase on last month. Best month since commencement was March with 2686 hits. Number of new people visiting the site is increasing slowly. Re-visits are spending longer on site.

- 8.4.2** Gordon McCormack to be contacted for Special Olympics article for the website. Suggested that the number of Scots in the team and SDS sports coordinators that were involved should be highlighted.

**Gordon
McCormack/
Cynthia Clare**

9.0 Any Other Business

- 9.1** Stoke Mandeville now has a new Stadium. Leaflet circulated. People speak very highly of this.

- 9.2** Wheelchair Access to Ice Rinks. Short discussion followed and views were given. Chairman to respond to legal firm.

Chairman

- 9.3** GB Survey – Scottish Sports Association – Governing Bodies of Sport. Information on SSA website at www.scottishsportsassociation.org.uk

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.30 hrs.
Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 2 September at sportscotland, Caledonia House, South Gyle, Edinburgh EH12 9DQ @ 18.00 hrs. Council 1.