



SCOTTISH DISABILITY
SPORT

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

Minutes of the Thirtieth Meeting of the Management Committee of Scottish Disability Sport held on Tuesday 9 October 2001 at **sportscotland**, Caledonia House, South Gyle, Edinburgh EH12 9DQ at 18.00 hrs.

1.0 Attendees:

Richard Brickley	Chairman
Jim Thomson	Vice Chairman
Gordon McCormack	Branch Representative
Gavin Macleod	sportscotland Co-ordinator/ Convenor Local Development
Heather Lowden	sportscotland Liaison Officer

Apologies:

David Thomson	Treasurer
Rob Claridge	Marketing & Communications
Jacqueline Lynn	Convenor Sports Development
Jen Quinton	Branch Representative
Anna Tizzard	Athletes Representative
Cynthia Clare	SDS Administrator (Minute Secretary)

Action

2.0

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 9 September.

Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as an accurate record.

3.0

Matters Arising (Minutes of 23 May)

- 5.2.5. Football strips ordered from FILA had now arrived.

Matters Arising – Minutes of 21 June

- 4.1.3. Chairman had still not met with Alan Jones as he had not been in attendance at the Physical Activity Task Force meeting. **Chairman**

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Matters Arising - Minutes of 9 September

- 4.3.3** Lomax Mobility - Chairman had still to make contact with this company with regards to potential future sponsorship. **Chairman**
- 5.2.1** It was noted that the footballers were now not travelling to France and their request was for the footballers to be supported to travel to a Scotland vs England match to be held at Lillieshall in November. **Chairman**
- 5.2.4** Re sponsorship with Clydesdale and Royal Bank. There had been a change to the criteria from the Royal Bank of Scotland but it was felt that it may still be possible to obtain sponsorship. Chairman to contact Rob Claridge. **Chairman**
- 5.2.7** Application had been submitted to Unemployed Voluntary Action for £500 towards the Annual Conference. No response to date. **Chairman**
- 5.2.8** TSB report for Year 1 Funding is still to be carried out. **Chairman**
- 5.2.10** Accommodation – Chairman had written to Ian Robson looking for a stay of execution. In the meantime Cynthia to continue to seek alternative accommodation. To be placed as a separate agenda item for the next meeting. **Chairman/ Cynthia**
- 6.2.6** It was noted that the date of 12 November had been set for a meeting between SDS and Scottish Football Association.

There were no other matters arising.

4.0

Officer Reports

- 4.1** Team sportscotland Officer – Gavin Macleod. Gavin Macleod tabled and spoke to his updated report.

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4.2

Sports Development – Jacqui Lynn

Jim Thomson reported that no one had attended the Local Development meeting. It was identified that this was a concern. Then followed a discussion on how do we engage with the local development people and sport co-ordinators on a group basis. It was agreed that in the meantime that each co-ordinator would be given a personalised invitation to attend the Conference on the 25 November. Agenda Item note that Items 4.2 and 4.3 should be combined as one item.

4.4

SC Liaison Officer - Heather Lowden

4.4.1

Heather Lowden reported that the top five sports had been identified in a points system and that due to the fact that there was a close point scoring system that this should be extended to six sports. Those identified being swimming, athletics, boccia, football, curling and bowls. Draft paper would be drawn up on the results and the groupings.

Heather Lowden

4.4.2

Heather Lowden asked what would be the process for future consultation following the ASF GB meetings as Eddie McCluskie was the new representative of SASA.

4.4.3

Athletics – Heather Lowden expressed disappointment about the time frame that SDS was required to respond to Ken Kelly and the possible selection meeting to be held in Birmingham. The group agreed however it was felt that a positive response from the chair's communication had been received.

4.4.4

Heather Lowden raised the issue of personal liability for the Management Committee and whether this was adequate. It was agreed that this should be pursued with the current insurers.

Cynthia Clare

Action

5.0

Finance

5.1

Chair tabled the financial statement. Following some points of clarification accepted.

5.2

Other financial Issues – Richard Brickley

5.2.1

Chairman suggested that the Association should consider purchasing a number of commemorative plaques, which could be used as “thank yous” for people working with the Association in the future. A number of plaques to be ordered.

**Chairman/
Cynthia**

5.2.2

Gordon McCormack asked if in the same context the Association would consider purchasing SDS printed ties. This would be considered.

Chairman

5.2.3

National Coach

It was further agreed not to pursue at this time lottery application for National Coaching post.

5.2.4

Sports Facilities Programme

Chairman referred to document received from **sportscotland**. This would be circulated with the minutes. This to be placed as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Cynthia

6.0

Projects and Programmes

6.1

Athletes’ Committee – Anna Tizzard

6.1.1

Chairman reported that Anna Tizzard had been involved in two pieces of work and tabled a paper produced by Anna. Any comments to be submitted to Anna asap.

All

6.1.2

The second paper on TAP funding, A Guidance Note, had been drafted by Anna and will be circulated to co-ordinators and athletes for their future reference.

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- 6.2** Governing Body Issues - All
- 6.2.1** Sailing – Gavin Macleod had met with Jane Scott of the RYA who had concerns with regards to the financial position of the SailAbility programme. The Chairman agreed to raise this issue with Bob Mitchell who had for a number of years been closely associated with this project before getting back to RYA on this matter. **Chairman**
- 6.2.2** Swimming – Chairman commented on the successful launch of the Bank of Scotland Flying Start Programme.
- 6.2.3** Tracy Wiscombe – Chairman reported that he had had discussions with Scottish Amateur Swimming Association on their policy on the transfer of swimmers from one nationality to another. It was noted that the transfer can only go through on the approval of the home country following a request. It was agreed that SDS not stand in the way of Tracy's proposed representation of England. Chairman to contact Paul Bush to inform him of this decision. **Chairman**
- 6.2.4** It was noted that Athlete Profile form requests were slow to return.
- 6.2.5** Table Tennis – Chairman reported that he had met with David Fairholm to discuss a number of developments with regard to table tennis. Information on the Table Tennis Leaders Course had now been circulated. Following some discussion it was agreed that the Chairman should approach David Fairholm to find out his interest in potentially taking over as the Table Tennis co-ordinator. **Chairman**
- 6.2.6** Tennis – It was noted that two learning disability tennis players had attended a Tennis Tournament in the Czech Republic. It was noted that Karen Ross had been involved in this project and that there was a need for SDS to improve the liaison between Karen and itself.

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6.2.7 Football – Gordon McCormack reported that there were almost 600 participants, 36 SFA coaches covering sixteen stations at the Football Coaching Day held in Glasgow Green. The project had been funded through the Scottish Gas/SFA sponsorship. It was noted that Tommy Wilson would become the new link liaison person coach between the SFA and disability sport.

6.2.8 Gordon McCormack reported on a successful golfing project in the West of Scotland and how this would continue to link through the Special Olympics programme into the Golf developments being carried out by Alan MacMillan.

6.4 November Conference Update

Initial notice of the Conference had been circulated to branches. It was noted that there should be a request to branches and sports co-ordinators seeking information on what they wished to get from the Conference.

6.5 Development Planning Update – Jacqui Lynn

It was reported that three interviews had taken place for the National Development Officer post and a final interview would be carried out on Friday 12 October.

7.0 Links with external bodies

7.1 BPA – Jim Tomson

7.1.1 Jim Thomson reported on recent information from the BPA on European Funding in the year 2003 for disability sport amounting to 12 million Euros. It was suggested that SDS look at how this may be utilised for branch developments.

Heather Lowden would contact Scottish Executive re future funding plans and potential assistance in formulating a submission for grant funding.

Heather Lowden

Jim Thomson reported that he would be unable to attend the next BPA meeting on the 1 December. Chairman agreed to attend this meeting.

Chairman

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7.1.2 Chairman tabled 2 papers from David Tillotson, first on the talented newcomers' camp and it was agreed that SDS should continue to be involved in this programme. The second paper on a proposed post and SDS contributing £4,000 to this; deemed not to be beneficial to SDS. The Chairman would respond to David Tillotson stating that SDS was already contributing substantial funds through support of its co-ordinators to talent identification and therefore would seek the £4,000 from BPA to continue to support that programme.

Chairman

7.3 UKSA – Gordon McCormack

Gordon McCormack reported that EKSA had resigned its membership from the UK body and was seeking options to apply for individual membership of the European Association. Therefore a number of potential future options that required to be taken. Heather Lowden would speak to Michelle Hammond on the UK sporting funding issues and the status of the UK/EK English body. In an attempt to maintain the UKSA it was suggested that a possible option may be for EFDS to take up the EKSA's membership within the UK sport. Chairman would respond to Roger Turner's communication getting the Scottish situation.

Heather Lowden

Chairman

7.4 Commonwealth Games 2002 – Richard Brickley

Chairman updated that the swimming situation was going well with a number of swimmers still in contention for selection. With regards to bowls he stated that two new bowlers were now under consideration following recent performances and that the selection event would be run in the near future.

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7.5

Special Olympics Scotland – Gordon McCormack

Gordon gave an update on the Special Olympics programme including the confirmation of the Special Olympics Conference on 27 November. Publication of the 2003 Special Olympics Newsletter, team selection for European Championships would be completed by February 2002. Gordon further reported that he was still negotiating for additional swimming and athletics places for this event.

Finally Gordon stated that there was a proposal for SOUK to change its name to Special Olympics Great Britain at a future Extraordinary General Meeting.

7.6

Others

7.6.1

Chairman referred to a communication received from Israel, which was questioning the IPC position with regards to quotas and numbers for minority groups within the IPC sports programme. JT stated that BPA would already be in a position to support a similar type of motion when laid before the IPC General Assembly to be held in December.

7.6.2

A discussion followed on the communication relating to the relationship between INAS and the IPC. No progress had been made to date and concerns were now being expressed on the future involvement of learning disability athletes at Paralympic and IPC sport level.

8.0

Reports

8.1

Domestic Events – All

It was noted that Angela McCowan and Sean Adams had been nominated for the National Playing Field Association award.

Noted letters from John Oulton thanking for his Coaching Award and Alan Alstead re the Annual General Meeting.

8.1.2

Service to Sport Award – JT agreed to fill in the nomination for John Oulton as coach for the above awards.

Jim Thomson

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- 8.1.3** Commonwealth Sponsorship Awards – Consideration to be given to BP Amoco, BT as a long term sponsor and EDS for events sponsorship.

9.0

Any Other Business

JT circulated paper on Volunteer Employment and Management.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 13 November at sportscotland, Caledonia House, South Gyle, Edinburgh, EH12 9 DQ @ 18.00 hrs.