

Sports Council Minutes

18 September 2019

17:30 – 19:00

Room: NH208



	Agenda item	Person responsible
1.	<p>Welcome:</p> <p>In attendance: Michael Linton (ML), Tom Smith (TS), Zoe Nicholson (ZN), Fraser Allan (FA), Bethany Stevenson (BS), Brian Robertson (BR), Megan Ralph (MR), Vanessa Ciniltani (VC), Grace McCluney (GMC),</p>	Vice Chair
2.	<p>Apologies: Keir Thomson (KT), Martin Donnelly (MD).</p>	Vice Chair
3.	<p>Club Affiliations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Weightlifting: BR reported to the meeting information on weightlifting's new Club Pack. They have completed their fund raising and financial plan – Facebook people with over 50 people on it – reached their 20 signups – and so achieved this quickly. BR asked the Council if they were willing to Affiliate the weightlifting before completing their “come and try” sessions. The Council agreed to this Affiliation request. Action point: GMC notified Weightlifting using Social Media during the meeting to congratulate Weightlifting and confirm their affiliation.</p> <p>Orienteering BR gave an update on the Orienteering's Club Pack. They have not submitted their pack but have hit their target in terms of 20 sign-ups and have completed their risk assessment and are delivering “come and try” sessions on the 18th and 20th Sept.</p> <p>The decision of the Council was the FA will liaise with the Orienteering Club committee to try to get their pack completed by the next Council meeting.</p> 	<p>FA</p> <p>FA</p>

4.	<p>Committee Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compulsory attendance – stats so far <p>BR reported - Committee Training that was delivered towards the end of 2018 / 19 was quiet and so were the Training sessions that took place in Sept 2019. Some Clubs are committing to the Committee Training but others have zero attendance – and of the 29 affiliated clubs we had attendance of 12. Disappointing that more than half still need to attend.</p> <p>Feedback was that position-focussed training (all the Captains together, Treasurers together etc) – was a good idea but numbers attending were not consistent – so BR recommends FA to resort back to 3 or 4 staggered generalise committee training throughout the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ZN made the point that we should create an award at the end of year Sports Awards for Clubs who are committed to training sessions throughout the year. BS advised that to change the awards we need to change the Policy – so this needs to be an Agenda Item for discussion and action at the next Council Meeting. FA to incorporate in the next meeting's Agenda. 	<p>FA</p> <p>FA</p>
5.	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Sales <p>BR advised that this was the most successful August there has ever been in terms of sales to this point of time. Compared with last year there is an increase in membership of 20% and based on these figures we will exceed last year's membership levels. 897 was the membership for last year and we should easily exceed 900 and perhaps stretch to 1000 this year.</p> <p>BS raised the point that the Council should revisit the Policy on buying Membership and playing and how they police this issue.</p> <p>ZN & TS highlighted the best practice they used at their club – “no pay, so no play”.</p> <p>BS highlighted a social membership package to encourage recreational players within clubs and to enhance their interaction and enjoyment in the clubs. We must prevent people buying cheaper Social Membership, but then playing.</p> <p>Membership sitting at 66 on this day.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Grant Launch <p>Discussion held around using the Wolves Community Grant to facilitate membership using the hardship fund to pay membership for those who genuinely can't afford to pay.</p> <p>BR asked the Council to comment on the proposal that Clubs should not be able to apply for funding from the Community Grant if they had failed to attend Committee Training.</p> <p>DECISION: Council felt that a club should be allowed to apply for funding if at least one committee member had attended at least one training session.</p>	BS
6.	<p>Sports Lead Update:</p> <p>BS made a suggestion that we should have a “Presidents Lunch Club” to enable Clubs to share and discuss common issues across clubs and share best practice and experience.</p> <p>Action Point: The Sports Council agreed to set up the Lunch Club and at least two members of the Sports Council would attend each Lunch Club meeting in rotation.</p> <p>BS advised that the name of the Wolves Mascot was to be drawn at the GCU Wolves launch night, that evening.</p> <p>Team of the week criteria format was agreed. Decision: Any Club who messages the Wolves Facebook page should post their claim for “Team of the Week” and justify it – performance, social training, equality etc.. The decision would then be discussed by members of the Sports Council and they would agree the winner.</p> <p>“Show racism the red card” – Stated that 4th October 2019 will be the day – all unions to have an awareness day. However – to be in line with the Sports Clubs BUCS Wednesday and GCU Wolves night – BS suggested a “Wear it Red day” for all GCU Sports Clubs will be Wednesday 2nd October. Agreed by Council.</p> <p>BS advised that Strathclyde have a UV Sports Hall – and she suggested that Sports Council visit and experience the UV Sports Hall and if they like it they can look to rent it out as a social event to their clubs.</p>	<p>BS</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>BS</p>

7.	<p>Other Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Potential Pride Week</p> <p>ZN Introduced discussion on Pride Week. Decided that GCU will have a day and it will be the last week of February – 24th to 29th, linking it into the Glasgow Taxi Cups Stonewall Rainbow Races Campaigns which takes place in March.</p> <p>Action Point: BS to liaise with the LBGT Society to get involved that week.</p> <p>By-election for vacant position</p> <p>ZN asked for clarification – whether the vacant position need to be filled by a member of the club already represented on the council. The answer was “yes”.</p> <p>Action point: FA to create and publish a Jotform for the vacant role of PR convenor.</p> <p>Potential Use of Photographer</p> <p>ZN felt that it would be good to get a competent and good Student photographer involved but to combine this with a professional photographer also there as a backstop. Robert Wilson is an ex GCU student has previously been used and he has offered a competitive package – discounted rate – and he wants to be hired. Pricing for Robert Wilson is £50 for on-GCU-Campus or in Glasgow and £75 for a night-time shoot and £100 for a Sports Ball.</p> <p>Decision: BS and FA to pass on his details to the remainder of the Sports Council.</p> 	<p>BS</p> <p>FA</p> <p>FA & BS</p>
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8.	<p>AOCB:</p> <p>BS stated that the success and partnership with Re:union has nurtured a positive relationship with the Sports Clubs.</p> <p>JMc provided feedback on surveys which were completed by Sports Clubs at the Freshers Fair and these highlighted some positive points. However, some Clubs were not aware of the positive work being done by the Sports Council. BS made the point that the Presidents Lunch Club could be the solution for improving communication on the Sports Councils Actions.</p> <p>ZN said that to create the Wolves unified one-sports-union culture then a big event at the Refreshers would be good and she highlighted the previous success of the “Dress up as another Team” Social event and that could be repeated with success this year.</p>	
9.	<p>Dates & Times of Next Meeting:</p> <p>FA and BS will liaise to agree dates that are available and e-mail these to Sports Council members.</p>	FA & BS