

WIGTOWNSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL

Minutes of Executive Committee held on

Thursday 31st March 2016 at 7.30 pm in Glen of Luce Hall, Auchenmalg

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. In Attendance

Brian Park (Chairman)
Ilene Park
Colin Dewar
Raymond Smith
Alison Murray - Leisure & Sport, Dumfries & Galloway Council
Jane McDowall (Secretary & Treasurer)

2. Apologies

Action

John Galloway, Jim Hayes and Bobby McKie.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

All agreed that the minutes of the February meeting were an accurate record of the business conducted and their adoption was proposed by Colin and seconded by Ilene.

4. Matters Arising

None.

Colin

5. Affiliations

Newton Stewart Sub Aqua Club.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Balance Sheet up to 31st March was circulated showing grant awards of £5,719.90 (adjusted for reduced grant to West End Bowling Club) to date.

Invoices for the Sports Personality Awards will be included in the year end accounts to 31st March 2016.

7. Grant Aid

Mr Smith (father of Robbie Smith, rugby player) had telephoned Jane on 14th May 2015 enquiring about financial support for his son and Callum Gaw to travel to rugby training and games for Scotland Under 16s rugby. Jane had sent out affiliation forms and grant applications. Mr Smith had telephoned Jane a few months later to request a meeting to submit grant application form for expenses already incurred. Jane had explained that the Sports Council was unable to fund retrospectively and the conversation had ended.

Mr Smith phoned Jane on 9th March on receipt of invitation for Robbie to attend Sports Personality Awards as a nominee in the Junior Male category and had said that Robbie would not be attending the Awards as he had not received any financial support from the Sports Council. Mr Smith wanted it raised at a meeting that the Sports Council should be doing more to assist young sportspeople in the area.

It was agreed that the Sports Council could only award funding on receipt of completed grant application forms, as per the prescribed process.

7. Grant Aid (continued)

A grant enquiry had been received from Nathan Jones, Project Co-ordinator, Newton Stewart Initiative for a possible application regarding a BMX track at Douglas Park, Newton Stewart. Information had been sent. Brian suggested that they should perhaps go down the route of Area Committee for funding due to the higher level of potential award.

Grant Acceptance Forms - grants awarded January

Grant acceptance form received from Josh Rennie - first half of grant award released.

Grant Reports for second and final payment -

- Josh Mitchell - not received - Jane to follow up
- David Kelly, Alex Higgins and Nigel Magee - not received - Jane to follow up

Jane

- Stranraer Wheelchair Curlers - received - *cheque to send for final 50%*
- Stranraer Ice Rink Curling Club - *cheque to send for final 50%*
- Lewis MacLeod - received - *cheque to send for final 50%*
- Josh Rennie - received - *cheque to send for final 50%*

Jane

Grant Applications

The under-noted grant applications were considered and decisions made as follows:

WSC/21	Harry Lockwood	30% towards attending Golf competition in Italy	£110.00
WSC/22	Loch Ryan Sailing Club	Contribution towards purchase of new motor for safety boat	£1,000.00
WSC/23	Charlotte Stewart	50% towards Boxing Coaching course	£230.00

8. Correspondence

Information from SALSC:

- Grants available from Cycling Scotland
- Coaching Deaf Swimmers Workshop

Jane to circulate as appropriate.

Jane

9. Website and Facebook

Facebook - Sports Personality Awards results and photos posted after event - reach of 3,023 and 1,673. Additional 23 likes with total at 102.

10. Sports Personality Awards

Brian said that the evening had gone exceptionally well with over 200 present. There had been good press coverage in the Free Press.

Brian noted his disappointment with a few nominees who did not attend but could have.

Colin and Brian thought that Vote of Thanks could have been more expansive.

Colin enquired if Jane summarised the information read out as some were briefer than others. Jane confirmed that information was summarised as far as possible without losing important information. Some nomination forms contained more information than others.

Jane raised the issue of numbers attending for nominees with one group bringing 25.

It was agreed that a guide would be included next year as follows:

Individuals: Up to 6

Clubs / Teams: Up to 12

Nominators: 2

Numbers as a guide with people to contact Jane for consideration of additional attendees; e.g. where there was a team with all wishing to attend.

More time to consider the information supplied on the nominee forms was briefly discussed with a suggestion to hand out the information with a summary sheet for placings to be completed and returned within a week.

10. A.O.C.B.

Alison advised that the Half Marathon on 5th March had gone well.

It was agreed that the AGM would be held on Thursday 26th May at 8 pm. Committee meeting at 7 pm.

11. Date of Next Meeting

7.30 pm on Thursday 28th April 2016 in Glen of Luce Hall, Auchenmalg.