

WIGTOWNSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on

Thursday 26th May 2016

at 8 pm in Glen of Luce Hall, Auchencmalg

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

1. In Attendance

Brian Park (Chairman)	Jane McDowall (Treasurer and Secretary)
Jim Hayes	John Galloway
Alex Whiteside - Galloway Thistle FC	Bill McGill - Castle Kennedy Bowling Club
Ilene Park	Colin Dewar - Loch Ryan Sailing Club
Suzanne Mitchell	Michelle Wallace
Amy Wallace	Brian Wallace
Marie Lockwood	Clare Burns - Millennium FC
Douglas Dewar - Stranraer Wheelchair Curlers	
Alison Murray - Dumfries & Galloway Council Leisure & Sport	

2. Apologies

Raymond Smith, Susan Caulfield, Tom Jolly (Bravehearts ABC), Niall Scott, David Kelly, Alex Higgins, Nigel Magee, Gary Pilling (Wigtown Bay Sailing Club), Ellis Hayes, Annie Sproat (West End Bowling), Susan Kelly (Stranraer Bowling Club), Lewis and Rebecca MacLeod.

3. Minutes of the Previous AGM (May 2015)

All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the business conducted. The minutes were proposed for adoption by Jim Hayes and seconded by John Galloway.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his report.

"Ladies and gentlemen. Another year has passed and I can say it has been an exceptional year for Wigtownshire athletes with World, European and National titles being won throughout a wide list of sporting groups and also some outstanding performances by athletes as they move towards National level.

We, as a Sports Council, are pleased to have given financial assistance to athletes in their early stage of progress in many sporting categories, also to Clubs for equipment and training, etc. Assistance is one thing, but success only comes with dedication and hard work by athletes themselves. There has been no shortage of this enthusiasm.

We have record numbers (over 200) attending the Wigtownshire Sports Council Awards Ceremony in March this year in Wigtown County Buildings when sporting personalities were recognised for outstanding achievements during the year in a wide ranging circle of sports. The public made nominations within all sporting categories and the Committee had difficulty in deciding those who were successful owing to the high calibre of nominee. All nominated were deserving of recognition. I am not going to mention individuals because I feel that success is about dedication and hard work at all levels of progress and there has been no shortage of that. Secretary Jane did a marvellous job of organising the Awards ceremony and the Lord Lieutenant of Wigtownshire, Mr John Ross, CBE, made the presentations.

I would like to thank my Vice Chairman, Jim Hayes, for his support and assistance during the year and also my committee for their knowledgeable input regarding sporting progress and in deciding grant support.

Secretary Jane, as always, carries out the administration in exemplary fashion and makes sure the grant applications meet the criteria and the necessary follow up is completed.

4. Chairman's Report (continued)

We could not operate without the support of Dumfries and Galloway Council, who, despite their financial restrictions have continued our funding package to allow us to assist local athletes. Councillor Graham Nicol has given unwavering support for our Sports Council with Dumfries and Galloway Council and I thank him on our behalf for fighting our corner and invaluable input. I wish him well as he recovers from illness.

Alison Murray from Leisure and Sport has also been of great assistance liaising between her department and ourselves on matters of common interest.

I am pleased to see a good turnout of grant recipients here tonight. Those who could not make it have given a written report outlining the benefits of assistance given.

As a Sport Council we are looking for Clubs and individual members to be associated with us and assist the Council to continue helping our local athletes. Each member Club is entitled to have a representative attending our monthly meetings when we evaluate grant applications and discuss sporting successes. Please give this some thought if you feel you could assist.

Ladies and Gentlemen, that completes my report and thank you for your support."

5. Treasurer's Report

Jane explained the year's income and expenditure throughout the year, explaining each item. Grants to the value of £7,049.00 had been awarded during the year.

The Sports Personality Awards costs had increased from £1,256.20 in 2014-15 to £1,850.82 in 2015-16. Additional costs incurred included catering for a larger number of attendees, new trophy for Club of the Year award and extra medals. All other income and expenditure was similar to the previous year.

There were no questions on the accounts and they were proposed for adoption by Ilene Park and seconded by Jim Hayes.

6. Election of Executive Committee

Brian Park was proposed as chairman and Jim Hayes as Vice Chairman by Jane McDowall and this was seconded by John Galloway.

Jane McDowall was proposed as Secretary & Treasurer by Brian Park and this was seconded by Colin Dewar, John Galloway and Alex Whiteside.

Alex Whiteside proposed a vote of thanks for Brian and Jane for their work during the past year.

Committee members	Susan Caulfield	Colin Dewar
	John Galloway	Raymond Smith
	Alex Whiteside	Ilene Park
	D&G Councillors	
	D&G Council representatives	

7. Reports from Grant Award Recipients

Attached sheet.

The Chairman thanked those who had attended and those who had submitted reports. Grant recipients who had not attended or submitted a report would be given the opportunity to attend a committee meeting or submit a report.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.

Grants Awarded 2015-16 - Grant Recipient Attendance at AGM - May 2016.

Club / Individual	Comments	AGM
Alex Higgins	British Isle Championships and Internationals - Aberdeen - Short Mat Bowling	Report
Amy Wallace	Synchronised Skating - British Championships and Trophy d'Ecosse	Yes
Connor McCurdy	Boxing - equipment. Additional £37.50 awarded on 25th February towards purchase of boxing bag.	Absent
Darren Clark	Boxing equipment.	Absent
David Kelly	British Isle Championships and Internationals - Aberdeen - Short Mat Bowling	Report
Ellis Hayes	Travel to Canada to defend Highland Dancing title	Report
Harry Lockwood	Wee Wonders Golf Competition in Leeds on 12th July and UK Kids Golf Championship at Northampton on 12th September. Italian Junior Golf competition.	Report
Josh Mitchell	Travel to training and competitions.	Report
Josh Rennie	Kilmarnock Football Club - assistance with travel costs.	Absent
Lewis MacLeod	Swimming - competitions and training	Report
Loch Ryan Sailing Club	New outboard motor for rescue boat. April 2014 rcvd grant for radios and adult wetsuits.	Yes
Matthew McCulloch	Travel, accommodation and entry fee for Scottish Boys Championship.	Absent
Millennium Boxing Club	Irish competition and Intermediate Championships plus purchase of 6 head guards.	Absent
Millennium Football Club	Equipment	Yes
Niall Scott (shooting)	Scottish and South Area Skeet Championships - July and August	Report to follow.
Nigel Magee	British Isle Championships and Internationals - Aberdeen - Short Mat Bowling	Report
Stranraer Bowling Club	50% towards 6 people's attendance at Coaching Course.	Report
Stranraer Ice Rink Curling Club	RCCC Level 1 coaching course and purchase of 50 curling kippers.	Absent
Stranraer Wheelchair Curlers	Accommodation for Stranraer Wheelchair Curling Championships March 2015	Yes
West End Bowling and Community Club	Purchase of 12 Taylor regulation mats and 6 Outdoor Jacks.	Report
Wigtown Bay Sailing Club	Service boat engine, kayak store, dinghy trolley and spares	Yes