

## WIGTOWNSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL

### Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 31st May 2018

at 8 pm in Glen of Luce Hall, Auchenmalg

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

#### 1. In Attendance

Brian Park (Chairman)	Jim Hayes (Vice Chairman)
Jane McDowall (Treasurer and Secretary)	Ilene Park
John Galloway	Elaine Beswick
Rebecca MacLeod	Dorothy Plant
Colin Dewar - Loch Ryan Sailing Club	Ross Plant
Alex Whiteside - Galloway Thistle FC	Lauren Anderson
Lynn Anderson	Ellie Arnott
Clare Burns	Colin Agnew
Tina Agnew	Molly McLean
Dylan McCuray	
Douglas Dewar - Stranraer Wheelchair Curlers	
Alison Murray - Dumfries & Galloway Council Leisure & Sport	
Councillor Ros Surtees - Dumfries & Galloway Council	

#### 2. Apologies

Galloway Pony Club. Lewis MacLeod, Wigtown Bay Sailing Club, Kaleb Johnston, Amy Wallace, Laura and Lisa Donnan, Iain Dick (Newton Stewart FC), Anna Ramsay and Castle Kennedy Bowling Club.

#### 3. Minutes of the Previous AGM (May 2017)

All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the business conducted. The minutes were proposed for adoption by Ilene Park and seconded by Rachel Beswick.

#### 4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his report.

"Ladies and gentlemen. We arrive at the end of our financial year and once again I can report a very successful year with an abundance of athletic achievements.

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 enthusiasm.

For the second year we have run a seminar in the lower area of Wigtown County Buildings prior to the Wigtownshire Sports Council's Annual Awards Ceremony. The idea of the seminar was to allow people to discuss their involvement in sport and to discuss how WSC could have assistance. The seminar was well attended and we were delighted with the enthusiasm shown by the sporting personnel present. We intend to continue with this informal "get together" at future Annual Awards Ceremonies.

The highlight of the year was the Awards Ceremony itself when athletes and clubs were recognised for their performance and achievements during the year 2017. Many of the excellent achievements by young and more mature athletes were recognised by the giving of an award, but I would like to record that the Council members were highly impressed by the young athletes starting out on their chosen sport who did not receive awards, although showing enormous dedication for improvement, and we are pleased to encourage and assist their dedication. 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, making the Award selection difficult for Committee owing to the high calibre of nominee.

#### **4. Chairman's Report (continued)**

The Lord Lieutenant Wigtown, Mr John Ross, CBE, once again supported our evening and made the presentation of Trophies and Award Certificates to those chosen athletes from the many excellent nominations. The Lord Lieutenant complimented the athletes on their achievements and remarked on the excellent service the Sports Council gave in supporting the advancement of sport in Wigtownshire.

The event was also attended by Councillor Ros Surtees on behalf of Dumfries and Galloway Council and my thanks to Ros, as the Dumfries & Galloway Council representative on our committee for her support during the year. Councillor Graham Nicol, our former Council representative, attended and gave a vote of thanks.

William Martin was awarded the "Service to Sport" award by James Dunion, SALSC Director, for his outstanding service to the sport of boxing.

The Sports Council meet monthly throughout the year to administer financial assistance and I must thank our Secretary/Treasurer Jane McDowall for her sterling work receiving and checking the many applications for the Council to consider, and for the administration duties she carried out in exemplary fashion. The arranging of the Awards Ceremony referred to and the evening's success is down to Jane's organisation.

Thanks to my Vice Chairman, Jim Hayes, for his support and assistance and also the committee members for their knowledge and input in deciding grant support. Alison Murray from Leisure and Sport in liaising between her department and ourselves during the year.

As you are aware, we operate with the support of Dumfries and Galloway Council who, despite their financial restrictions, continue with our funding package which allows our grant funding. Although we are a funding arm of D&G Council, we act independently in considering and giving of grants. Our sincere thanks to D&G Council for their continued support.

I am pleased to see a good turnout here tonight of grant recipients and those not able to attend have submitted written reports.

Finally, thank you all for attending the AGM and I would ask that you return to your Clubs and voice the work that the Sports Council does and if anyone is interested in attending our monthly meetings to assist the Committee in grant distribution they would be very welcome.

That ends my report Ladies and Gentlemen and thank you for your attention."

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Jane explained the year's income and expenditure throughout the year.

Income: Similar to previous year with increase in Club and Adults membership. Grant from D&G Council same as previous years at £9,447. £500 received in sponsorship towards the Sports Personality Awards.

Expenditure: Grants awarded during 2017-18 totalling £6,593. Sports Personality Awards - slightly less than last year. Costs include catering, hire of venue, engraving of trophies and purchase of medals. Admin - includes fees for secretary and treasurer as well as postage, stationery and printing.

There were no questions on the accounts and they were proposed for adoption by Dot Plant and seconded by John Galloway.

#### **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. There were no other proposals.

Jane McDowall was proposed as Secretary & Treasurer by Brian Park and this was unanimously seconded.

## 6. Election of Executive Committee (continued)

### Committee members

Colin Dewar	John Galloway
Alex Whiteside	Ilene Park
Elaine Beswick	Rebecca MacLeod
Dot Plant	Mark Taylor
D&G Councillors	D&G Council representatives

No one else joined committee at this time. The Chairman said that if anyone would like to they were welcome to come along to a monthly meeting.

## 7. Reports from Grant Award Recipients

Listed below.

The Chairman thanked those who had attended and those who had submitted reports.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

### Grants Awarded 2017-18 - Grant Recipient Attendance at AGM - May 2018.

Club / Individual	For What?	Report
Brendan Handling	2018/19 Scottish Disability Sport National Para Lawn Bowls Squad - Training.	Report
Laura Donnan	Pony Club Winter Triathlon Finals 2018 - March at Stantonbury Leisure Centre, Milton Keynes.	Report
Ross Plant and Frazer Taylor	Scottish Schools Final at Braehead. (verbal report - Ross)	Yes
Christopher McCreadie	Travel and accommodation costs for the Natural Body Building World Finals - Miami.	Report - June
Kaleb Johnston	Funding for purchase of golf clubs.	Report
Millennium FC	Purchase of Rebounders for training.	Yes
Ellie Arnott, Molly McLean & Anna Ramsay	Travel costs to attend netball training at Dumfries Academy - D&G Schools Netball Association. (Verbal report - Ellie Arnott)	Yes
Cameron Allison	Swimming - funding towards costs for competitions.	Report - June
Arran McKie	Football - travel to training and games - Queen of the South FC.	Report - June
Lauren Anderson	Travel to training - swimming.	Yes
Amy Wallace	Travel to training - ice skating.	Report - June
Ellis Hayes	Travel to Australia and New Zealand for National Championships.	Report
Josh Rennie	Football - travel to training and games - Kilmarnock FC.	Report - November
Lewis MacLeod	Travel and competition costs - swimming.	Report
Rachel Beswick	Swimming - Scottish National Level - attendance at competitions - travel and accommodation.	Yes
Galloway Pony Club	Travel costs to National Pony Club Championships - 1 team + 1 individual.	Report
Stranraer Wheelchair Curling Club	Scottish Wheelchair Curling Championships.	Yes

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_