

WIGTOWNSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL

Minutes of Executive Committee held on

Thursday 26th February 2015 at 7.30 pm in Glen of Luce Hall, Auchencmalg

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

1. In Attendance

Brian Park (Chair)
Bobby McKie - Kirkcolm Bowling Club
Colin Dewar - Loch Ryan Sailing Club
Jim Keenan - Sandhead Bowling & Community Club
Raymond Smith
John Galloway
Mark Taylor
Jim Hayes
Alison Murray - Dumfries and Galloway Council
Cllr Graham Nicol
Jane McDowall (Secretary & Treasurer)

2. Apologies

Action

Alex Whiteside and Susan Caulfield.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Chairman explained that due to the last meeting not being quorate the November meeting minutes had been approved in principle. All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the business conducted and their adoption was proposed by Colin Dewar and seconded by John Galloway. The minutes of the January meeting were proposed for adoption by Jim Keenan and seconded by Brian Park.

4. Matters Arising

The Chairman raised the two grant awards agreed in principle at the January meeting - it had not been the fault of the applicants that the meeting had not been quorate to reach a decision.

All agreed to grant retrospective approval.

Alison advised that Bowls Scotland had sent her information on an Introduction to Coaching course to be held at Stranraer Bowling Club in April. Alison will forward to Jane for onward dissemination.

**Alison
Jane**

5. Affiliations

Jack Taylor (basketball).

6. Treasurer's Report

The income and expenditure statement up to 26th February was circulated showing grant expenditure of £5,130.00 plus £250 committed in principle.

7. Grant Aid

The grant acceptance form had been received from Euan Kyle and cheque plus associated paperwork sent out. Grant acceptance form still awaited from Kian Carnochan.

The grant report from David Kelly, Nigel Magee, Alex Higgins and Dean McColm, who had competed in the British Short Mat Bowling Championships was read out and photos circulated.

7. Grant Aid (continued)

Progress reports from coaches had been received for Tyler Jolly and Lewis Macleod and were read out. The second part of their grant award could now be released.

Jane

A progress report was still awaited from Josh Mitchell - Jane to follow up again.

The draft Guidelines relating to Distribution of Grant Aid were referred to during the decision making process to assist in finalising the guidelines.

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

WSC/1 (20)	Ellis Hayes - Highland Dancing	Travel, accommodation and entry fees for competitions and travel expenses to attend training.	£250 and £250
WSC/21	Bravehearts ABC	Travel expenses to attend Training Camp in Dublin for 9 boxers and 3 coaches	£400

8. Correspondence

Renfrewshire Council Sports Strategy Documents passed to Alison Murray.

9. Sports Council Grant Awards - Review of Criteria

Agreed to carry forward to next meeting due to time required for decisions on Sports Personality Awards.

10. Sports Personality Awards - Recent Local Sporting Achievements

Local Sporting Achievements - Brian advised that the Muirhead Curling Team had won the Ladies Scottish Curling Championships again. Vicki Adams from Lochans is a member of this rink. This is a tremendous achievement. The Scottish Wheelchair curlers had not been so successful and now had to re-qualify.

Mark advised that Fraser Taylor had been placed 10th overall during last season in the Cumbrian motocross league, despite not being able to compete since August due to injury.

Sports Personality Awards - A new format was adopted for this year taking on board Cllr Nicol's suggestion last year to provide a printed list of nominees, sport and achievements for all committee members to read at the meeting. Committee members selected their choice of 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category.

Jane raised the issue of some nominees being advised in previous years what they were going to win prior to the Awards Ceremony and all agreed that this defeated the object of the exercise but several members confirmed that unfortunately it did happen. Jane suggested that no one be advised of the results until the Awards Ceremony. Bobby was very unhappy with this suggestion as he felt that everyone put so much into the decision-making that they should know in advance who the winners were. All committee members, apart from Bobby, were happy to wait until Awards Ceremony to hear results.

Jane suggested that Brian as Chair and Bobby as Vice Chair be advised of the results prior to the Awards and Bobby agreed to this. All committee members accepted this proposal.

After the committee members had selected their choices they agreed that this was much easier than in previous years, although thought it would be interesting to see the final results.

10. Sports Personality Awards - Recent Local Sporting Achievements (continued)

Cllr Nicol suggested some improvements for the lists - larger print, separate pages for each category and coloured text. *Alison*

Jane advised that there had been a few more nominations this year. Nomination forms had been sent to all members plus circulated via a boosted Facebook post costing £13, which had received over 7,000 views.

Jim Keenan had found a nomination form in his letterbox the previous evening (Wednesday). The committee members unanimously agreed that it was too late to be accepted, being 3 days past the closing date. Jane to write and advise.

10. Website and Facebook

Jane asked Alison to find out why the website had not been updated since August 2014. *Alison*

11. A.O.C.B.

Alison advised that Stranraer Half Marathon was on Saturday 7th March and if anyone was able to assist please contact her.

The Dumfries & Galloway Coaching Conference is being held in the Ryan Centre on Saturday 14th March.

12. Date of Next Meeting

7.30 pm on Thursday 26th March 2015 in Glen of Luce Hall, Auchenmalg.