

# WIGTOWNSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL

Minutes of Executive Committee held on

**Thursday 25th February 2016 at 7.30 pm in Glen of Luce Hall, Auchenalg**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 1. In Attendance

Brian Park (Chairman)	Ilene Park
Colin Dewar	John Galloway
Alex Whiteside - Galloway Thistle	Bobby McKie - Kirkcolm Bowling Club
Mark Taylor	Jim Hayes
Susan Caulfield	
Alison Murray - Leisure & Sport, Dumfries & Galloway Council	
Jane McDowall (Secretary & Treasurer)	

## 2. Apologies

*Action*

Raymond Smith.

## 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

## 4. Matters Arising

Colin was still working on contacting John McNaught to discuss the closure of the minibus account.

*Colin*

## 5. Affiliations

Kian Carnochan (Boxing) and Spencer Bullivant (swimming).

## 6. Treasurer's Report

The Balance Sheet up to 25th February was circulated showing grant awards of £5,765.50 to date. The second and final part of grant award (£4,723.50) from D&G Council had been received.

Wendy Jesson had contacted Jane last week. The grant request for 2016-17 goes before Area Committee on 9th March. Jane to supply financial information on grants awarded over past three years for the meeting.

*Jane*

## 7. Grant Aid

Grant Acceptance Forms - outstanding January - reminders sent to West End Bowling Club, Stranraer Ice Rink Curling Club and Nigel Magee (Indoor Bowling) - all now received.

Cheque sent to West End - on hold as Annie Sproat contacted Jane to advise that they had not purchased Junior Bowls or ditch markers. There appeared to be a misunderstanding about original grant award and Bobby advised that he had tried to assist the Club but said that someone no longer involved with the Sports Council had also been advising them.

Cheques to be sent to Stranraer Ice Rink Curling Club and Nigel Magee.

*Jane*

## 7. Grant Aid (continued)

Grant Acceptance Forms - grants awarded January - Received from Lewis MacLeod and Millennium Boxing Club. First half of grant award can now be released for Lewis. Millennium Boxing Club has also submitted grant report - full grant award can be released.

Jane

Grant acceptance form awaited from Josh Rennie - Jane to phone.

Jane

Grant Reports for second and final payment - Stranraer Bowling Club has now supplied copy invoice and final 50% of grant payment has been sent.

Jane had sent out reminder for grant report to Ellis Hayes - this was an error as Jim had brought paperwork plus medals to meeting in July although unfortunately as this had been omitted from minutes and gone un-noticed by members it had gone un-recorded, hence follow up. Matter now resolved and cheque sent. Jane had apologised to Mrs Hayes.

Grant reports received from the under-noted and second and final grant award payments can be released:

Jane

- Harry Lockwood (golf) - *cheque to send for final 50%*
- Darren Clark (boxing) - *cheque to send for final 50%*
- Connor McCurdy (boxing) - *cheque to send for final 50%*  
The committee unanimously agreed to award Connor 30% towards purchase of punch bag.
- Millennium Amateur Boxing Club - *cheque to send for full amount*
- Amy Wallace - *cheque to send for final 50%*

No grant applications had been received for consideration this month.

Jane reminded the members that there are still funds available from this year's grant for any applications received in March for April expenditure.

## 8. Correspondence

Information from SALSC:

- Queen's Award nominations to be submitted by 22nd February - circulated via e-mail.
- Water Charge Exemption - How to apply for 2016/17 - If you're a charity registered with the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) or a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) you can apply for exemption from your water, waste water and drainage charges. Jane to circulate information via FB and e-mail.

Jane

## 9. Website and Facebook

The Sports Personality Award form took a long time to update on the website - D&G Council Web Team appears to have been updating main website. This resulted in a few phone calls from people who were confused by out of date form.

Facebook - The post requesting nominations was boosted at a cost of £13 which resulted in over 7,700 people viewing posts and an additional 15 likes on the FB page.

## **10. Sports Personality Awards**

There had been a huge increase in nominations from the general public on previous years with 37 in total received.

The new format adopted last year at Cllr Nicol's suggestion to provide a printed list of nominees, sport and achievements for all committee members to read at the meeting was repeated.

Bobby proposed that everyone should know the results tonight. Mark seconded this proposal.

Jane proposed that the results be kept confidential until the Awards Evening to make it a more special occasion and this was seconded by Brian.

A vote was taken with eight being in favour of the counter-proposal to keep the results confidential.

It was agreed that as per Jane's suggestion last year the Chairman and Vice Chairman would be advised of the results prior to the evening.

Bobby suggested that if anyone had any queries while reading through the nominations to speak up and discuss them and this was agreed.

Committee members selected their choice of 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category.

Suggestions for a display prior to commencement of presentations were discussed with Alex agreeing to ask some of the Galloway Thistle young footballers and Bobby contacting Kriss Kyle's father about the possibility of a BMX display.

Brian thanked everyone for contributing to the decision-making process.

The prizes will be presented on the night by Lord-Lieutenant John Ross. Cllr Dick will give the vote of thanks.

## **10. A.O.C.B.**

Alison advised everyone about the forthcoming Half Marathon on 5th March and if anyone was able to assist to contact her.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

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

The Chairman reminded everyone that the Awards Ceremony is on Friday 25th March in Wigtown County Buildings and it would be good if as many Sports Council members as possible attended to show their support for the occasion.