

WIGTOWNSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL

Minutes of Executive Committee held on

Friday 3rd March 2017 at 7.30 pm in Glen of Luce Hall, Auchenmalg

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Brian apologised for the change of meeting date which had been to give members time to consider the nominations and to allow Brian to attend the Scottish Wheelchair Curling Championships in Perth.

1. In Attendance

Brian Park (Chairman)

Ilene Park

Alex Whiteside - Galloway Thistle Football Club

Alison Murray - Leisure & Sport, Dumfries & Galloway Council

Jane McDowall (Secretary & Treasurer)

Jim Hayes (Vice Chairman)

Colin Dewar - Lochryan Sailing Club

2. Apologies

Action

John Galloway and Raymond Smith.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

All agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were an accurate record of the business conducted and their adoption was proposed by Colin Dewar and seconded by Jim Hayes.

4. Matters Arising

Possible resurrection of Galloway Golf Classic - Brian had discussed this with the two Golf Clubs and had received a lukewarm response, although this had been partly due to the poorly organised latter events, rather than the initial well run ones. It had been agreed that it was worth looking at running in 2018 and a meeting will be set up in the near future.

5. Affiliations

Curling - Ross Plant, Kaleb Johnston, Harry Hay, Frazer Taylor, Stranraer Muay Thai Wossombama (Martial Arts), Bravehearts Boxing Club and James Brawls (boxing).

6. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the Balance Sheet up to 3rd March were circulated. Expenditure of grant monies stood at £3,804.63 with an additional £3,545.75 committed.

7. Grant Aid

Use of Grant report forms, along with copy receipts, reports and press cuttings where applicable, had been received from Lewis MacLeod (swimming); Wigtown Bay Sailing Club; Rachel Beswick (swimming) and Josh Rennie (football). Final 50% of grant awards to be sent out to all of the foregoing.

Jane

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

WSC/11	James Brawls (boxing)	Purchase of boxing equipment - gloves, head guard, jock strap, hand wraps and boots - 30% of eligible costs	£58.00
WSC/12	Harry Hay (curling)	Travel and accommodation to attend Scottish Schools Curling Championships at Braehead Arena, Glasgow: 10th - 12th March 2017 - 30% of eligible costs.	£32.61

7. Grant Aid (continued)

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

WSC/13	Kaleb Johnston	Travel and accommodation to attend Scottish Schools Curling Championships at Braehead Arena, Glasgow: 10th - 12th March 2017 - 30% of eligible costs.	£32.61
WSC/14	Ross Plant	Travel and accommodation to attend Scottish Schools Curling Championships at Braehead Arena, Glasgow: 10th - 12th March 2017 - 30% of eligible costs.	£32.61
WSC/15	Fraser Taylor	Travel and accommodation to attend Scottish Schools Curling Championships at Braehead Arena, Glasgow: 10th - 12th March 2017 - 30% of eligible costs.	£32.61

It was noted that Fraser Taylor had previously received a grant of £500 in March 2014 for motocross safety equipment and had not supplied report, copy receipts or attended the AGM in spite of reminders.

The committee agreed that the grant awards to curlers should be paid after receipt of copy invoices and reports. Fraser was to be reminded of the non-compliance of award conditions of the previous grant and to ensure that all grant conditions should be adhered to on this occasion.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Sports Personality Awards and Seminar

SALSC Service to Sport Award - It was agreed to present this award to someone who had previously won the Wigtownshire Services to Sport Award. Winners that had not previously received the SALSC award were discussed and it was agreed that it should be presented to Tommy McBryde, who had recently retired from Lochryan Boys Football Club after many years. It was noted that Tommy was unlikely to attend the awards ceremony but new coach, Billy Holmes, may be able to attend in his place.

Jane

Committee members had received information on all the nominees last week (by e-mail or post) and now returned their completed summary sheets for counting. There was an enquiry about what would happen if there was a joint 1st and whether the chairman should have a casting vote. It was agreed that if there was a joint 1st it should stand with the winners sharing the trophy during the year. All agreed that this method of making decisions had been much better to allow them to consider the merits of each nominee before making their choices. Brian thanked Jane for all her work in preparing the information.

It was agreed that the results would remain confidential until the evening of the Awards Ceremony. Jane to give Brian and Jim a list of winners for information in advance.

The number of nominations was up slightly on last year. The information had been boosted via Facebook at a cost of £16. It should also be shared to Galloway Gazette, Wigtownshire Free Press and Our Wigtownshire FB pages in future.

Jim advised that Struan would not be available on the evening of the awards.

Seminar

There are display boards available for use in Wigtown County Buildings - Jane to organise printing of photographs, information and sport headings. Ilene recommended large headings to promote Wigtownshire Sports Council. Jane will print A4 sized WSC logos for the display boards. It was also agreed to make a one off purchase of a pop up banner for WSC.

Jane

9. Sports Personality Awards and Seminar (continued)

Photographs and information for the booklet and display boards had been supplied by Stranraer Stingrays, Ellis Hayes (Highland Dancing), Amy Wallace (ice skating), Bravehearts Boxing Club, Lochryan Sailing Club, and Harry Lockwood (golf). Alex agreed to send information on Galloway Football Fair. Brian will follow up Stranraer Ice Rink.

*Alex
Brian*

Booklet - Add information about anyone wishing to join committee to contact Chairman or Secretary.

Colin suggested a press release in advance of event to Free Press and Galloway Gazette.

Jane

Invitations to be sent out. Alison will send to clubs on Council's list.

Alison

5 pm Jane, Brian and Ilene to set up boards, etc.

5.45 pm All other committee members.

6 pm Seminar open. Andy Kelly from SportScotland also attending. Committee members (with name badges) - some to welcome people in foyer and direct upstairs, others to talk to people in main hall.

7 pm Buffet open for Sports Personality Awards.

7.30 pm Sports Personality Awards. James Dunion, SALSC Finance Director and Keith Thom, Chairman of Stewartry Sports Council attending to present SALSC trophy.

It was agreed to invite the local MP and MSP.

Jane

10. A.O.C.B.

Jim advised that Ellis has been invited to go back to Johannesburg, Australia and New Zealand and will be competing at Maryhill this weekend.

11. Date of Next Meeting

7.30 pm on Thursday 30th March 2017 in Glen of Luce Hall, Auchenmalg.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.