

There will be a meeting of the Sports Union Executive Committee on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 held online at 13:00. In order to ensure the meeting is kept to time please ensure all attached papers are read in advance. Apologies should be emailed to [alban.dickson@stir.ac.uk](mailto:alban.dickson@stir.ac.uk).

## **1 IN ATTENDANCE**

### **1.1 Members Present**

Edd Keeler	<b>EK</b>	Sports Union President
Sophie Charlton	<b>SC</b>	Club President Representative
Caitlin Croft	<b>CC</b>	Student Representative
Samantha Davis	<b>SD</b>	Health & Wellbeing Officer
Ciara Goddard	<b>CG</b>	Club President Representative
Natasha Love	<b>NL</b>	Club President Representative

### **1.2 In Attendance**

Alban Dickson	<b>AD</b>	Sport Development Coordinator
---------------	-----------	-------------------------------

### **1.3 Observers**

### **1.4 Apologies**

Tash Miller	<b>TM</b>	Participation and Engagement Officer
Camy Rosen	<b>CR</b>	Club President Representative

### **1.5 Absent without Apologies**

Juliette Oliveras	<b>JO</b>	Sports Union Communications Officer
-------------------	-----------	-------------------------------------

## **2 MATTERS ARISING**

**EK** Application from Women's Hockey will be added to the agenda under 8.1.3 (Funding Applications).

## **3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**EK** Will be published over e-mail as well as on the Students Union website. Caitlin Croft proposed and Sam Davies adopted them

## **4 CHALLENGES TO ORDER PAPER**

## **5 RESIGNATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

## **6 DATES TO NOTE**

### **6.1 Students Union By-Election – 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November**

**EK** Electing NUS delegate and a Media Officer, one delegate for each. Other NUS delegates could be invited from the Executive.

### **6.2 Presidents Forum – 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**EK** Arranged for next Monday.

### **6.3 Sports Centre Facilities Re-Opening – 16<sup>th</sup> November**

**EK** We love to see that.

## 6.4 16 Days of Action – 25th November to 10th December

- EK** Initiative starting, proposal will be shared with the group. Physical activity campaign against gender-based violence

## 6.4 Stirling Fund Submission Deadline – 27th November

- EK** Opportunity to secure funding for any projects such as running training sessions through different providers. Stirling Fund can help by demonstrating the value across a population of students. Have been talking to LGBT+ Officer about awareness training for Sports Union clubs, hopefully a collaboration with the LGBT+ society.
- SC** Haven't had any discussions as a club about this yet.

## 7 REPORTS

### 7.1 Sports President

- EK** Working hard so clubs can train as much as they can. Governing Bodies are releasing more guidance every week, with changes. First time we are facing a challenging situation as some sports are permitting activities whilst others are not at all, can be a confusing situation for clubs. Bookings have taken up a lot of time in recent weeks. Attended Show Racism The Red Card training with Scottish Student Sport, had some interesting reflections and looking to bring to our institution – possibly through the Stirling Fund application. Some discussions around e-sports as a form of internal competition. Also undertaking financial planning and budgeting to ensure we are in the best possible situation.

### 7.2 Health Promotions Officer

- SD** JO and I have been working on Wellness Wednesdays. If lockdown increases then will be looking to increase engagement.

### 7.3 Sports Union Communications Officer

### 7.4 Participation & Engagement Officer

- EK** TM wanted to thank everyone for getting involved with Women in Sport week. Question around assigning to top five or top three individuals, welcome opinions on that decision.
- SC** Suggested opening up to five.
- NL** Agree
- CC** Would be good given the volume of people engaged.
- EK** Thank you, will action this. Agree with the reasoning, would not be fair to limit.

## 8 DISCUSSION & DECISION TOPICS

### 8.1 Sports Union Equipment Fund Applications

#### 8.1.1 Squash - £103

- EK** Previously voted down. Happier with the costings indicated on the revised version.
- SC** Club are not contributing anything at all? Is this funding for the 6 initial racquets, claiming money back, or for additional?
- EK** Do we want to ask the club for clarity if the application is for further equipment, or reimbursement? Wording of award would be for acquiring six further racquets.

*Vote on awarding support for squash balls, 0 votes in favour. Not awarded.*

*Vote on awarding £90 for the squash racquets, 6 votes in favour. Awarded*

#### 8.1.2 Mens Football - £2000

- EK** Application for £2000, whilst the pot of available money is sitting closer to £1k. Discussion points raised last time was to avoid spending all amount on team kits. Also noted that contributing a smaller amount would be insignificant.
- SC** Don't believe it is unreasonable to expect the players to buy their own kit. Many other clubs do that as well.
- EK** Lot of money being applied for, lot of clubs already purchase their own kit. The purpose of this fund indicates; essential for growth, used for three years, match funding required. Any further comment?

*Vote on awarding support for the football kit, 0 votes in favour. Not awarded.*

#### 8.1.3 Womens Hockey - £112.49

- EK** Items of equipment are two goalkeeper helmets. Contribution from club to match fund.
- CC** Nothing against this, evenly split between club and Sports Union funding.
- EK** Vital piece of kit, and vital for safety – especially under COVID-19 situation.
- SC** Four new goalies arrive this year, after last year two left (taking their own kit with them).

*Vote on awarding £112.49. 4 votes in favour, 2 abstentions. Awarded.*

#### 8.2 December Activities

- EK** Current situation is unclear what developments will be over the coming weeks. Some students may feel trapped in Stirling. Normally we have Challenge Yourself as a physical activity focus for the month, but this year decided to reserve this. In December, worth us thinking about what we can provide as a Sports Union to combat isolation and get people active. Open discussion at this time. Interested to hear thoughts on this topic.
- NL** Probably too much going on right now, such as Movember within the clubs. Another large challenge may be hard to get the uptake. December will be difficult with people gearing up for exams.
- SC** For December, is there something that could be done with people going to the gym; an individual challenge (e.g. pictures after exercising). Small but helps engagement.
- EK** Could we invite comments from what people have taken from first semester in Sports Clubs.
- SC** Highest participation for Hockey is in the beginning of each semester.
- EK** Engagement is difficult to get at this time, some people will simply want to take a step back and focus on exams. Getting individual stories could help contribute to driving club memberships in the next semester. Suggest people think about different ideas for engagement that could be done.

### 9 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- NL** Is there a membership plan available for when the gym re-opens? None circulated at the moment.
- SC** How may it work for students who froze their membership last year and how will this be implemented at club level, spread throughout clubs (in an appealing way).
- EK** Memberships will be available through the Sports Centre app. Initial grace period for access. First 30 days of membership will be at the same price then moving into the new price. Believe there are discussions for direct debit. Unsure how much I can disclose at this time. Students should expect an increase, we are in discussions to identify reasonable payment plans and securing reductions.
- EK** Next meeting subject to change, may look to move the meeting on a temporary basis due to other meetings arising.

### 10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12<sup>th</sup> November 2020