

THE UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING STUDENTS UNION

Minutes of a SPORTS ZONE MEETING held on Thursday 12th November 2020.

1 ATTENDANCE

1.1 Members Present:

Edd Keeler (Sports President)

Samantha Davis (Health & Wellbeing Officer)

Tash Miller (Participation & Engagement Officer)

Juliette Oliveras (Sports Union Communications Officer)

1.2 In Attendance:

Netball

Women's Rugby

Volleyball

American football

Underwater Hockey

Mens Rugby

Triathlon

Rowing

Netball

Waterpolo

Basketball

Tennis

Fencing

Cricket

Womens Hockey

Cheerleading

Ultimate Frisbee

Polo

1.3 Observers:

Alban Dickson (Sports Development Coordinator)

1.4 Apologies:

1.5 Absent without Apologies:

2 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

EK Available online.

Adopted by Alex Zemek-Parkinson

Seconded by Hamish Gornall

3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4 CHALLENGES TO ORDER OF THE PAPER

5 DATES TO NOTE

5.1 Sports Centre Facilities Re-Opening – 16th November

EK Opening for the first time, exciting news and thank you to everyone who came down and took a tour. Cannot wait to get in there.

LvR (Netball) New cost of membership, price increase of two-thirds and the majority of members are social members who are not interested in using the facilities beyond training. In terms of keeping sport accessible, wouldn't want cost to be perceived as a barrier to participation. Will there be a Pay As You Go option?

EK Thank you for your points, this is the purpose of these meetings. For individuals, you need a Sports Centre membership in order to book through the app which is a requirement for Test & Protect: you will not be able to access facilities without having a membership. The perceived value has been part of conversations over past six months. We have managed to introduce a new form of membership and changes for this year are very unlikely. Ask for patience with this. For next year, have had a very strong commitment to continuing the academic membership that I proposed this year. Have proposed further options including payment plans. At this time, still in development. Take really seriously the accessibility of sport. If these prices are not accessible then that is key.

5.2 16 Days of Action – 25th November to 10th December

EK Working on Union wide, overlap with Movember but for raising awareness on Gender Based Violence.

5.3 Stirling Fund Submission Deadline – 27th November

EK Good source of funding for bigger projects. Encourage all clubs to consider if there is anything useful they could apply for. If you are applying, please let us know.

5.4 BUCS Term 2 Fixtures - 27th January

EK Due to start on this date. Not released just yet so unable to update you on matches at this time.

6 ELECTIONS & RESIGNATIONS

EK Students Union Media Officer and one NUS Delegate have been elected at the recent By-Election.

7 REPORTS

7.1 Sports President

EK Over the past month working hard on clubs being Covid compliant and that when we are doing sport we are within government and SGB guidance. Thank all Club Presidents for working hard with me on these tasks. Doing as well as we can, given the situation, showing incredible resilience so far. Working with Sports Centre on membership fees, which were released this week. When I stepped into office there were no intentions to offer an academic year membership. Meetings with individual discussed and proposed this as an option to avoid being charged for months you are not in Stirling. Agreed exploration into continuation of this for future years. Although not personally had a large involvement in Movember, a massive well done to all those taking it forward. Punching above our weight compared to other Scottish Universities.

7.2 Health Promotions Officer

SD Working alongside JO on Wellness Wednesdays, published on Sports Union social media pages. Asking teams questions around health and wellbeing and getting actual students opinions on these topics.

7.3 Participation & Engagement Officer

TM Wanted to express thanks to all clubs for getting involved in the She Can She Will campaign that was run a couple of weeks ago. Incredible uptake, clubs getting involved and celebrating, was fantastic to hear. Winners - as selected by the Sports Union Executive - include Maja Ramsfell (Womens Football), Theia Batchelor (Squash) and Camy Rosen (Womens Lacrosse). Team accolade goes to Basketball.

7.4 Sports Union Communications Officer

JO Little to add to what SD said. Looking to ask as many teams as we can for Wellness Wednesdays. Also supporting the promotion of Handball, as a new club, but currently restricted.

8 UPDATES, DISCUSSION AND DECISION TOPICS

8.1 Risk Assessments & Return to Play

EK Something we are managing as an ongoing task. Risk Assessments are living documents that should be updated on a regular basis as we move through regional tiers, aligning to what the governing body guidance states. Examples would be new activities or change of venues in the interest of safety.

8.2 BUCS Term 2 Q&A

EK We may not know the answers to these questions but anything we are unable to answer we will look further into. Term 2 offer is condensed competition in the Spring semester. Please make sure you are budgeting for transport, due to increased costs considering the restrictions around capacity of vehicles.

SC **(Womens Hockey)** Do we know how much costs will increase by?

EK It is not so much higher costs, but rather increased bookings to meet the capacities that are permitted.

8.3 Club Fundraising

EK Some questions about this recently, if you are hosting a fundraiser please speak to us so we can work with you to risk assess and ensure it is both Covid secure and a good plan. We can make sure plans are compliant as possible.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Spring 2021 Semester (Online)