

THE UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING STUDENTS UNION

Minutes of a SPORTS ZONE MEETING held on Thursday 1st October 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:** *All attendees recorded on MS Teams.*
- 1.3 Observers:** Alban Dickson (Sports Development Coordinator)
- 1.4 Apologies:**
- 1.5 Absent without Apologies:**

2 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

- EK** Welcomed all attendees to first online Sports Zone meeting, will feature a variety of reports and discussion topics.

3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4 CHALLENGES TO ORDER OF THE PAPER

- EK** Will provide reports first to allow latecomers to attend for the elections.

5 DATES TO NOTE

- 5.1 BUCS Term 2 Team Entries Deadline – 9th October**
- EK** Confirmed with us by then which teams will definitely be entered
- 5.2 Wellness Wednesday - 7th October**
- EK** Will be launching this week

6 ELECTIONS & RESIGNATIONS

- 6.1 Club Presidents (x3)**
- SC** I am Sophie Charlton, president of Womens Hockey. Been on committee for three years, want to be more involved in Sports Union in my final year. Trying to see which clubs funding can help and whole needs it the most.
- NL** I am Natasha Love, president of Waterpolo, was on Sports Union Executive last year and really enjoyed it. Want to know what the issues are and have experience to carry things forward into this year.

CR I am Camy Rosen, president of Womens Lacrosse. 4th year student, passionate about inter-club mingling and making sure there are great connections throughout campus.

All candidates elected.

6.2 Ordinary Sports Union Member (x2)

CG I am Ciara Goddard, part of Womens Hockey and my 4th year in the club. Have been a match secretary, but Treasurer and Covid Officer this year.

CC Caitlin Croft, part of Netball for 4 years. Vice President and previously held role of fundraiser. Looking to get more involved in Sports Union and helping wherever possible considering the year ahead of us.

All candidates elected.

7 REPORTS

7.1 Sports President

EK So many things have happened since taking office in June, completed first quarter of term located 400 miles away. Hard decisions have been made, not taken lightly. Thank every single member of the Sports Union for helping along the way. Cannot wait to be sitting on the sidelines watching sport take place again soon. Focus on return to play, revising fifty risk assessments as we look to facilitate as much sporting activity as we can. Led on the BAME Student Experience Survey, part of running on the platform of Equality, Diversity & Inclusivity. Important that we are leading, one and off the pitch. In a time many of us are scattered across the globe, managed to stay more connected than ever before. Please get in touch, can't help what we do not know about. Always have an open door to help with anything I can. Let's not meet the bar, let's set the bar.

7.2 Health Promotions Officer

SD I know so many students are struggling with social isolation, stress, and keeping on top of their mental health right now, so my main priority is making sure students feel safe and comfortable. JO and I are going to be working on an upcoming project called Wellbeing Wednesdays where we will post a new wellbeing tip or challenge every Wednesday on Instagram. We are going to reach out to members of different teams and get their input on certain subjects and then use that as the basis for our posts. A few students have reached out to me via email with their concerns, so if you would like to speak privately please contact me.

7.3 Participation & Engagement Officer

TM My role is getting you all get consistent participants and creating as much engagement as possible. Want to see more people, who wouldn't usual get involved in sports activities, participate in our Union. Part of my role involves Social Club, and contacting clubs to organise. Shows a willingness to open up clubs, but haven't got back to some people as realise many clubs are struggling to get back into the swing of things. Also looking to make more clubs inclusive, such as Sit Volleyball last year. Next semester hope to run the Stir-lympics; a range of games and activities.

7.4 Sports Union Communications Officer

EK Juliette is a 2nd year student, main goal is to enhance communication. Keen to get more pictures of playing sport. Working on Wellbeing Wednesdays with SD through social media. Will be reaching out to various teams to make this happen.

8 UPDATES, DISCUSSION AND DECISION TOPICS

8.1 Give It A Go

EK Highlighted during Sports Academy, will welcome comments or feedback on holding events virtually and how successful these were.

ES (Elliott Sorbie, American Football) For online alternative, gave us an opportunity to dispense more information than usual.

8.2 BUCS Term 1 Leagues

EK Fixtures will be released shortly and communicated once confirmed. Worth discussing the feasibility, consider transport and please raise questions about going to and from fixtures.

8.3 Club Budgets

EK In the final stages of these. Will be a substantial reduction, as we look to make everything as feasible as possible. A lot of what we're doing is driven by being as fair as possible. Will still receive something, but unlikely to be as much as previous years, possible reduction of 50-60% in allocation. Need to ensure the funds are used.

8.4 Protect Scotland App

EK Something we should be encouraging all members to download, the more people that do so the bigger the impact. Would appreciate everyone's support in promoting this. Can already think of cases where this has been a good thing, and can allow us to show some social responsibility.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12th November 2020 (Online)