

Agenda

Sports Zone

6th February 2024

There will be a meeting of the **Students' Union Sports Zone** on **Tuesday the 6th of February 2024** from 1pm in person, LTA3.

In order to ensure the meeting is kept to time please ensure all attached papers are read in advance.

IN ATTENDANCE

1.1 Members Present

Murray Bushell, MB, Sports President

Neve Burrows, NB, Communications Officer

Lauren Bullock, LB, Participation Officer

62 Sports Union members present from Dance, Cheerleading, Badminton, Cycling, Women's' Hockey, Basketball, Shinty, Lacrosse, Cricket, Sub Aqua, Netball, Ultimate Frisbee, Men's' Football, Women's Football, Shinty, Trampolining and Gymnastics, Triathlon, Squash, Baseball, Women's Rugby, Volleyball, Polo, Pole Fitness, Ladies GAA, Men's Rugby, Orienteering, Snowsports, Golf, Swimming, Archery, Futsal, Athletics, Handball, Equestrian, Men's Hockey, Water Polo and Netball.

1.2 In Attendance

Laura Shaw

Aileen Ferguson

1.3 Observers

1.4 Apologies

Evelyn Orenuga, Health & Wellbeing Officer

1.5 Absent without Apologies

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Shanae Stannard

Ben Goldup

CHALLENGES TO ORDER PAPER

N/A

DATES TO NOTE

4.1 Look after your mate workshop – **22nd and 27th of February**

MB: Hopefully some clubs got in the initial one, this will be sent out in the next couple of days.

MB: Christine from the wellbeing space has agreed to do two more workshops, more details will be sent out soon but please try and get someone.

MB: Each workshop can have around 15 people in it and we will continue to run these workshops as the year goes on as well.

4.2 Elections – **12th February, 27th-29th February & 1st March**

MB: 12th February is when nominations close if anyone would like to run for Sports President or another sabbatical officer position.

MB: 27th-29th February is the voting period and the 1st of March will be the announcement of election results.

MB: Elections will be discussed in more detail in the discussion points.

4.3 Conference Cup finals and Varsity – **6th March and 27th March**

MB: Conference Cup Finals are the 6th March, if your team plays in BUCS leagues for a Conference Cup or Trophy, they will take place in St. Andrews.

MB: The 6th March is also reading week, so if you believe your team has a chance of being in the Conference Finals please do let your members know.

MB: Varsity is the 27th March. This will be explained more in the discussion points.

4.4 Club photos – 4th April

MB: Club photos is the 4th April. We are waiting to hear back from the company, but more information shall be posted soon.

MB: It is a Thursday, so if your club was training in Sports Hall 1, it has been cancelled.

4.5 Sports Ball – 5th April

MB: Sports Ball is the 5th April. This will be discussed in more detail.

4.6 Clubs Academy – date in April TBC

MB: Clubs Academy is in April; an exact date has not been confirmed yet.

ELECTIONS & RESIGNATIONS

N/A

REPORTS

6.1 Sports President

MB: A big one for myself has been my club mark, which will be spoken about again later on in the meeting. Club mark is looking to distinguish what your club is, too often we are having that good clubs as seen as teams that are performing well.

MB: Good clubs are the ones that do what the Sports Union asks, to better themselves and participating in as many opportunities as they can to get the best student experience.

MB: Club mark will be based on bronze, silver or gold.

MB: That has been a lot of my work there, working with Aidan from Judo and Laura from Swimming.

MB: Next one is Beyond Equality, where an external speaker came in to run a workshop on creating good club culture. Clubs in attendance were golf, men's rugby, men's hockey and men's football.

MB: Varsity planning is underway. Updates about what team will play at home or travel up to St. Andrews will be coming soon.

6.2 Participation & Engagement Officer Report

LB: I am focusing on Sport for All in the next couple of weeks.

LB: I am wanting to get on social media to reach out to clubs for participation.

LB: Sport for All will involve wheelchair basketball and tennis and sit down volleyball for example and I will be asking those clubs to help out and bring their members down.

LB: This is a good way to help your club on the club mark as this can count for volunteering hours.

6.3 Communications Officer Report

NB: I am continuing to do the club focus interviews on the Sports Union instagram. My aim is to have one published every week until the end of the semester.

NB: The interviews are good to hopefully increase participation and for those who already may be looking at coming to Stirling next year it showcases the range of clubs we have to offer.

NB: My update on varsity is that I really want to push for more fan engagement this year, it's not just you play your fixture and leave. Trying to make it a whole day event, especially for those in St. Andrews using that time to support other teams within the SU.

6.4 Health & Wellbeing Officer Report

Not present.

UPDATES, DISCUSSION AND DECISION TOPICS

7.1 Look After Your Mate Workshop

As above.

7.2 Sports Ball

As above

7.3 Varsity

MB:

7.4 Elections

As above.

7.5 Club Mark – "StirScale"

As above.

7.6 Cost of Living Survey – Scottish Sports Presidents Survey

As above.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21st March – W1

RESERVED BUSINESS