

Agenda

Sports Zone

21st March 2024

There will be a meeting of the **Students' Union Sports Zone** on **Thursday the 21st of March 2024** from 12pm in person, W1.

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
30 Sports Union members present from Dance, Cheerleading, Badminton, Women's Hockey, Shinty, Women's Lacrosse, Netball, Ultimate Frisbee, Men's Football, Tennis, Athletics, Polo, Snowsports, Swimming, Futsal, Water Polo
- 1.2 In Attendance
Laura Shaw
Aileen Ferguson
Natalie Hay
- 1.3 Observers
- 1.4 Apologies
Neve Burrows, Communications Officer
Lauren Bullock, Participation & Engagement Officer
Evelyn Orenuga, Health & Wellbeing Officer
- 1.5 Absent without Apologies

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Marcus Scullion, Alice Coget

CHALLENGES TO ORDER PAPER

N/A

DATES TO NOTE

- 4.1 Sports Ball – **5th April**
MB: Will go into more detail in report.
- 4.2 Club photos – **4th April**
MB: Will go into more detail in report.
- 4.3 Clubs Academy – **17th April**
MB: Please pass on your AGM date and new committee list to Laura ASAP so emails can be sent out before Clubs Academy.
MB: For your newly elected committees, if you could pass this date onto them.

ELECTIONS & RESIGNATIONS

- 1.1 Congratulations to Laura Shaw for being elected Sports President
- 1.2 Congratulations to Lauren Bullock being re-elected as Participation & Engagement Officer
- 1.3 Congratulations to Sneha Mukherjee for being elected as Health & Wellbeing Officer

1.4 SU Communications Officer

MB: This volunteer role was not elected in the Spring Elections.

MB: This volunteer role looks after social media, for example the campaigns done on social media.

MB: If you would like to run for the role, nominate yourself for the role when nominations open in October

MB: If you know anyone interested, please speak to myself or Laura in the meantime, alternatively you can speak to Natalie as well.

REPORTS

6.1 Sports President

MB: Focus on dates to note as below but a recap of the year. We have 2300 members of the Sports Union.

MB: This year a really big one for me is placing the Sports Union within the whole university and seeing where we fit in the university. So, working with the wellbeing space, the careers team, the university comms team and trying to place us within the structure of the university to see how we can best utilise the 2300 members.

MB: Club mark. Using this to try and develop clubs and try to create what good clubs are.

MB: In terms of Scotland as a whole, I chaired a Sabbs Forum with all of the Scottish Sport Presidents and we have a cost-of-living survey that will close at the end of the month and come out next month.

MB: BUCS financing. We had a meeting with Sport today about financing for BUCS competitions and what is covered by the university and what is covered by the clubs themselves.

MB: Last point, it's been a really successful year for clubs so well done to all of you.

6.2 Participation & Engagement Officer Report

Not present.

6.3 Communications Officer Report

Not present.

6.4 Health & Wellbeing Officer Report

Not present.

UPDATES, DISCUSSION AND DECISION TOPICS

7.1 Club photos

MB: Make sure your club has booked their timeslot for club photos.

MB: The organiser has asked that clubs be there 5 minutes before their time slot.

MB: They would like to have the bigger clubs spaced throughout the day so if your club is expecting 90 members or more, please contact the organiser.

MB: Same as last year, photos can only be purchased on the day. 1 photo is £17, 2 are £20.

7.2 Sports Ball ticket collection

MB: Ticket collection will be in the atrium this year from 10am-4pm.

MB: Wristbands will be happening again this year as it makes the bus process easier for staff.

MB: Students will need to be at the bus hub for 5pm.

MB The Hilton is a cashless venue and the buses will have a staggered departure after 11:15pm.

7.3 Varsity

MB: Speaking to St. Andrews, our four main events of the year happen in roughly a 2-week period.

MB: St. Andrews have always been interested in hosting it in September compared to March.

MB: Varsity is currently viewed as a 'last hurrah' and a last chance to play for fourth years.

MB: Currently, these two weeks are the busiest two weeks of the year for our Sports Union, so St. Andrews suggested September as a 'welcome to university sport'.

MB: Question to think about is, do you find varsity exciting as the 'last hurrah' or a burden?

MB: Another question to think about is, what do clubs want to see from varsity? Possibly think about how we can develop the atmosphere.

7.4 Sports Ball Awards

MB: Just finalised the shortlist for awards and the award winners.

MB: Is the current process easy to nominate individuals and clubs for awards or is there anything people would like done better?

MB: Do all clubs feel that they can complete a nomination for every award? Some awards are very much successful BUCS teams and successful individuals. It's very much based on performance and winning.

MB: Is there anything we can do to tailor more awards for an opportunity to win?

LS: An example of this would be Heriot Watt, they have just had their sports ball and their awards are include community involvement, top fundraising club.

LS: It's looking at maybe how we can change those awards to match those achievements. They have a section tailored more towards community engagement and involvement, would that be welcomed at Stirling?

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Academic year 2024/25

RESERVED BUSINESS