**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**7.00pm 9 March 2021**

Zoom

**MINUTES**

**Attendance Present:**

Rona McCraw – Chair

Martin Turnbull – Vice Chair

Hilary Lumsden – Secretary/Treasurer

Robbie Nellies – Falkland Cricket Club

Elspeth Wallace – Fife AC

Margaret Kennedy - Councillor

Gillian Paton – Ladybank Golf Club

Vanessa Rengger – Tayport Tennis Club

Hayley Smith – Active Schools Coordinator

Jamie Moffatt – Sports Development Officer

Marianne Scott - Cycling Scotland

Grant Stevenson - FSLT

1. **Welcome and** **Apologies**

Rona welcomed the attendees.

Apologies came from Ross Taylor.

**2. Minutes from last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting on 8th December 2020 were approved; being proposed by Gillian Paton and seconded by Martin Turnbull.

1. **Matters Arising**

There has been no follow up response from Howe of Fife RFC or Falkland AFC about meetings, the latter is shut until lockdown allows adult team sport to resume. Howe RFC confirmed they would send dates for a meeting, it was agreed a reminder will be sent.

**4. Secretary/Treasurer Report**

[Emailed 08-03-21] Members at 17 paid of 21 invoiced for 2020-21 of 75 total.

The EFSC Quiz night was held on Fri 19 Feb 2021 on Zoom and was organised by host Dave Jackman, we were delighted that there 7 teams with 28 people that took part and again DSF were undefeated with some brilliant scoring on the night. The format was more interesting than just straight questions with a lot of picture/video and other complex brainteasing content. It was a lot of fun and worked extremely well, Dave was a super quizmaster.

Sporting Memories launched with Tayport AFC on 16 Feb 2021, this runs every week from 10.30am-12pm and offers online sessions for anyone interested in talking about sport or just wanting to join in and come together with like-minded people for some good chat around sport. I have offered to work with Ross Taylor to help promote the sessions through the press.

I have attended two Hub meetings at Waterstone Crook and EN Community Sports Hub, with Ross Taylor, there was great discussion at both: about the success of Cash For Kids and subsequent funding opportunities from CFK for the hubs – which Waterstone Crook has taken forward. At the ENCSH there was a superb presentation by one of the Young Ambassadors about an initiative she has built around how clubs can submit video content that can be circulated in the school to encourage participation. I think Jamie will cover this more.

I have worked closely with sportscotland’s safeguarding team, as a course organiser, helping to guide the development of the new online platform Brightspace delivering CWPS/CWPO courses, which has thrown up a number of teething problems for the team. We delivered a CWPS course last Tuesday night for 18 members, the course was fully booked for 20 with a waiting list of 6, there is a great demand for the course and this funded training for our members gets booked extremely quickly.

The Chair, Vice Chair and myself will meet with Meg Buchanan to review the SLA on 18 Mar 2021, we have been sent a copy of the Active Fife Strategy for Physical Activity and Sport 2021-24, which we also discuss in this meeting. The Chair and I met with Meg and the other sports councils on 28 Jan 2021 where we heard about the new strategy and aims for Fife Council and FSLT to reform how services are delivered with revisions to bring pricing and user platforms into line. We also discussed a new proposal for FC-SC Recognition Awards, which I emailed you about on 1 Feb 2021. This will be discussed further in point 9.

**Income and Expenditure** [Emailed 08-03-21]

I confirm a bank statement balance of £33348.38, dated 16 Feb 2021. Balance in account on 03-03-21 is £33060.38. Only transaction has been Wages.

**5. Correspondence**

A copy of correspondence from the Scottish Govt in response to the letter sent in August 2020 re #saveleisure campaign was circulated, with disappointment voiced that it did not address the questions in the letter and instead seemed to comment on unrelated issues, possibly a cut and paste error.

**6. Sports Development Officer Report**

Report from Ross Taylor regards Hubs – as per Secretary’s report (above).

Jamie Moffatt reported that the Physical Activity and Sport strategy had now been circulated and this sits at a high level in advance of the delivery plan. Serves as a logic model from Active Fife to clubs on the ground. The Chair asked if it can be circulated to members for feedback to be collated by EFSC. M Kennedy asked what the timeframe is.

EN Golf Club has secured funding for a free lunches initiative, targeting 400 families, with a café also set up to provide lunches for collection.

Duffus Park Hub CAT proposal – met with Development Trust Association Scotland (DTAS). There are issues as the land is common good land and is ‘inalienable’, meaning this would have to be processed through the high/sheriff courts at a cost to the applicant. The three options moving forward are:

* 1. Individual asset transfers submitted by each club (costs would be incurred for each application)
  2. Individual asset transfers submitted under the umbrella of the hub, who would then take on ownership of all of the land (and clubs would pay rent/lease to the hub)
  3. Whole park CAT.

DTAS to discuss with FC and report back.

**7. Active Schools Officer Report**

Continued limited contact with school children with one school a week – but there are plans to improve this to groups of 10 pupils in 4 groups per week, and also to try and reintroduce extra-curricular activities after Easter holidays; this is available for primary schools online currently; no word on what it will look like once in person but hope to be engaged by start of summer. The Postcode Olympics has been circulated around schools, an online competition re submitting videos to gain points is running over 14 weeks. Picture Postcard initiative around taking pictures while out for a walk, adds points. Surveys show parents are feeling overwhelmed by online content.

**8. FSLT**

Indicative opening date of 26 April, all facilities will open with no phasing planned as per last lift of lockdown. What will be available will depend on what Level Fife will be in. Beacon is still undergoing works. No changes to available programmes or opening hours as these will be the same as last year. Online content is available on social media to everyone (no membership required). Astro turf now available for users who wish to book. Majority of staffs still on furlough, will undergo staff and site-specific training before return. Users surveyed on access to PA & Sport.

The Chair asked to continue plans re consultation about how local facilities will operate in the future. FSLT are happy to continue this discussion. M Kennedy thanks H Smith, J Moffatt, R Taylor re keeping connected with young people and to FSLT team for confirming no phased reopening as this caused frustration to local communities last time. The Vice Chair commented the sports council will need confirmation on funding in order to take forward principles. M Kennedy supports better engagement with local communities, the survey is positive and should reinvigorate discussion in NE Fife to help drive use; but that we cannot repeat what happened pre-C-19 and decisions on opening hours around footfall, this needs to be considered on a local footing rather than Fife wide.

**9. Fife Council Recognition Awards**

There was a long discussion about the awards, with everyone taking a turn to speak on this, and though concerns remain around the fairness to East Fife clubs in a Fife wide approach, it was agreed that EFSC would take part in a Fife wide recognition event on 3 conditions:

1. We return to holding individual sporting awards after this year;
2. Every nomination is rewarded in recognition of the work done and that there is no judging or specific praise of any sort.
3. Nominations are accepted by the sports councils with an agreed format of how the certificates are administered and reported/publicised.

It was stressed that there should be an even playing field for the 3 areas, understanding the differences, and most importantly parity in how the awards are reported and publicised.

Jamie mentioned a form of working in a geographic format, so more information on this was requested.

**10. Young Persons Opportunity**

Revised application document was circulated prior to meeting, this was agreed and will now be send out to member clubs. J Moffatt commented that the other 2 sports councils are keen to follow this plan and it will be discussed at the next meeting of the sports councils – and that G Grieve from SCS will also attend to guide on this.

**11. Events 2021**

* Quiz, propose to hold another online quiz in late June.
* CWPS training, propose to set 4 dates a year for this training as strong demand from clubs; we have been helping sportscotland set up the online platform Brightspace in our capacity as course organisers, as this is proving a bumpy transition.
* Plan a consultation type event with clubs to explore what they need from their sports council, towards the end of the year – a project that the young person(s) can be involved with. This was done previously with M Kavanagh when SLA agreed, which M Kavanagh helped plan.
* R Nellies recommends a sportscotland course on volunteering management; sportscotland has been approached to see whether we could deliver this to clubs but await response. R Nellies to pass on sportscotland contact if possible.

**12. AOCB**

The Grants Sub-committee met before the ECM and authorised funding to the following members:

Anstruther Tennis Club £1000.00 Emergency Covid-19 Grant + Development Grant

Falkland Tennis Club £500 Emergency Covid-19 Grant (*confirmed by email post-meeting after checking a detail*)

Auchtermuchty Bowling Club £250.00 Development Grant

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 11th May 2021** at **7.00pm** on Zoom.

**Dates for 2021** on Zoom

13 July

5 Oct

7 Dec

AGM 14 Sept

Quiz Night 5 Nov