**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**7.00pm 04 October 2022**

Duffus Park Bowling Club, Cupar

**MINUTES**

**Attendance Present:**

Martin Turnbull – Chair

Robert Winter – Vice Chair

Rona McCraw – Hon President

Hilary Lumsden – Secretary/Treasurer

Sharon Hedley – Step Rock ASC

Margaret Kennedy – Councillor

Gillian Paton – Ladybank Golf Club

Madison Garland – Active Schools Coordinator

Ellis Jaffray – Step Rock ASC

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

Martin welcomed the attendees, in particular Robert who took over as Vice Chair at the AGM and to Ellis who joined the Executive Committee at the AGM. Ellis and EC members introduced themselves. Apologies came from Marianne Scott, Elspeth Wallace, Grant Stevenson, Jamie Moffatt, Stefan Hoggan-Radu.

1. **St Andrews University Athletics Track**

Kate Fernando outlined the issue surrounding the proposal from the University to remove the athletics track, which was announced to Fife AC with no prior warning, and which will be replaced with astroturf pitches. If this track is lost it will leave Fife with only 2 tracks in Glenrothes and Dunfermline, meaning students and those living in E Fife will need to travel significantly to use an athletics facility. The cost of repair is around £300K, the astroturf is said to be around £2million. The change will benefit team sport, mainly football and rugby. Cllr Hoggan-Radu had questioned disability access and stated that limiting available sports reduced inclusion. There were questions around original funding, the Madras school agreement, community access and how elite athletes in this area could effectively train. The proposal had been paused and there is a board meeting on 6 Oct that EFSC Secretary will attend. For more details see the attached Minutes of the meeting held on 15 Sept 2022.

1. **Minutes from last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting on 19th July 2022 were approved; being proposed by Rona McCraw and seconded by Sharon Hedley.

1. **Matters Arising**

The Secretary awaiting contact from Ben Kinnear re meeting to discuss Duffus skatepark project. Cllr Kennedy commented she had been contacted about this and hoped they were able to find people to take forward.

No further information on AM Soccer’s access document for FSLT (G Stevenson).

1. **Secretary/Treasurer Report**

EFSC Membership for 2022-23, to date 77 of 79 clubs have responded and of this 75 have paid. There are 2 members still to respond (Cupar Highland Games and Madras Hockey Club). We welcome Isla Hedley and Seiken Ryu Karate as new members. Elie Bowling Club is no longer a member as there has been no response and no affiliation fee received.

It was great to welcome Kate Fernando tonight to discuss the St Andrews athletics track, I will attend a board meeting with St Andrews University Saints on 6 October and will add further comments to Agenda point 2 of the Minutes of this meeting on what is discussed there.

Working back to the last meeting in July, we welcomed our members to the AGM on 20 Sept, and to an EGM to pass changes to our Constitution. Thank you to Duffus Park Bowling Club for hosting the meeting, plus sincere thanks to Robert Winter who becomes our Vice Chair and to Ellis Jaffrey who we welcome onto the Executive Committee. I would like to thank Marianne Scott for her time and support of the sports council as she steps down from the Executive Committee after three years.

There has been a lot of work done on the website upgrade over the last few months, more thanks go to Grieg Hopcroft for his production and patience as we agreed the new layout and functions (see Agenda point 12).

It was time to celebrate in September when we were awarded Sports Council of the Year at the Scottish Clubsport conference, which was attended by the Chair, Robert, Rona and myself. The Conference theme was ‘Capacity building in community and club sport’ with speakers: Chair of Sportscotland Mel Young, Minister for Public Health, Women`s Health and Sport Maree Todd, Colin Miller from Commonwealth Games Scotland, and also representatives from COSLA and Public Health Scotland. Comments in common came from many of the rural area sports councils around limited access to facilities, Martin and I raised this also, as well as a point about funding at the Festival of Politics event (see also below).

The *Courier* ran a story about the Fife School Aquatics Group project in September, and the partners met to discuss revisions to the swim project as funding has been more difficult to secure ahead of the start of term (see also curriculum funding issue below). The partners are in close contact and able to adapt to funding issues, the will to continue is there and we hope to secure funding towards the end of the year.

The Sport Strategy Leadership Group meeting that was planned for September was cancelled, we await news on when this will be rearranged. It had been agreed with Cllrs Kennedy, Liston and Tepp that we would arrange a meeting with FSLT and Fife Council after the Leadership Group meeting, however we plan to go ahead and arrange this meeting now.

In August, the Chair and I attended a Festival of Politics event at Holyrood: Sporting Chance – open schools to community access. We heard similar issues to ours across regions re barriers to accessing school facilities, with calls for less red tape, a change in attitudes to risk and proactive community partnerships based on trust. We heard from other rural areas, with similar problems including access to leisure facilities and challenges to funding in sport. We commented on a funding issue we have discovered where the Curriculum for Excellence sees any activity delivered during school hours as part of the curriculum, which then negates funders that do not cover this statutory provision. This is a key issue for swimming where schools without pool access then have no option but to fund facility hire and staffing costs when the facilities are otherwise closed during these hours. I met with Liz Smith MP (Convenor of the CPG on Sport) and wrote to Minister for Sport Maree Todd (after the Scottish Clubsport conference) to discuss this. We await a reply from the Minister.

I have been working with Ross Taylor, helping advise on the Larick Youth Sports Hub, which has recently lost key volunteers; the plan is to find a paid coordinator, plus funding continues to be sought for the Centre itself. East Neuk Hub plans to run a holiday camp in October and Duffus Park Hub met to review the consultation on its branding, aims and objectives – it was agreed the next step is to meet with a representative from Sportscotland to discuss more.

The Young People’s Panel sub-committee met in August where a plan was agreed on recruitment of the panel including inviting pupils who are not on the Young Leadership Pathway. We had 4 applications, which were supplied to the appropriate AS coordinator and we will hear more on this in Agenda point 10.

The CWPS course on 22 August 2022 went ahead with 11 participants, a mix of members and the newly qualified swimming teachers through the FSAG project. Thanks to tutor Anna Tizzard. I propose we run one course in 2023 if our members stipulate they need this.

I continue discussions with our sailing club members about running a First Aid course, it is proving difficult to find a date that everyone can attend.

Sharon H asked that we request FSLT run two NPLQ (lifeguard) courses at Cupar one in Easter and one in October holidays as there should be enough demand for this, especially as the swim group had funded setting up Cupar as a training hub to help with not having to send locals further afield for training.

**Income and Expenditure**

The Secretary confirmed a bank statement balance of £43,341.23 (ringfenced £17250 CDF + £268 FSAG), dated 15 Sept 2022. Balance in account on 3 Oct 2022 is £43,356.23.

Transactions include income from affiliations and funding from Changing Ideas (for Comm Dev Grant); and expenditure on 4 grants (£3490), Insurance, Accountant, CWPS tutor, SCS Conference fee and wages.

**6. Correspondence**

Falkland AFC and Bowling Club have both contacted me with concerns about proposed plans in Falkland for a visitor centre project and car parking, which threatens both clubs losing their current land. EFSC will offer to support clubs in any way we can through this.

Changing Ideas, who funded the Community Development Grant, asked how we are progressing and whether more clubs can be encouraged to apply for this funding. This is a brand new fund and as clubs continue to recover from covid and reduced volunteers we will help to support and encourage them to look at this type of project. EFSC is far forward in supporting this type of work, nationally, and will continue to champion this.

EFSC thanks Sported for kindly donating golf kit to the East Neuk Junior golf project.

**7. Sports Development & Hub Officers Report**

**Sports Development – Jamie Moffatt**

* Duffus Park Bowling Club were recently awarded ‘Activity Provider’ status in our Club Fife accreditation.
* The East Neuk Junior Golf Development Group will be meeting later this month to discuss the continued growth of junior golf in the area, as well as winter provision/delivery
* Radio Tay Cash for Kids ‘Sports Challenge’ circulated to all clubs in the area – <https://www.cashforkidsgive.co.uk/campaign/radio-tay-sports-challenge-2022/>
* The continuation of the partnership approach between FSLT and Fife Council to increase sport and physical activity participation across the board will continue until at least March 2023
* I met with Falkland Estate to discuss support to sports clubs on the land

**Hubs - Ross Taylor**

Fife Community Sports Hub newsletter due.

**8. Active Schools Officer Report**

**Report from Madison Garland**

The Together We Can project, that helps target anxiety in young people, will run again, but plans this time will reduce the group sizes to clusters to help bring the yp together and build confidence before then meeting up in wider groups to take part in larger events eg at Lochore Meadows. A funding bid has also been made which will help support work targeting inactive pupils, this especially helps supply kit for these projects. Primary schools are now back to working with clubs properly, AM Soccer in particular has been providing a lot of support.

**9. FSLT Report**

CSC:

* SSTQ course has now concluded
  + Some candidates still outstanding
  + GS linking with Hilary and sports council to provide support to ensure these candidates complete qualification
* Ongoing planning regarding future funding
  + Funding application has been submitted by EFSC via FSLT for the ‘Investing in Communities’ fund. This will provide 3 year worth of funding.
  + FSLT happy to support further funding applications
* FSLT working with Bell Baxter to provide access:
  + Access to STP
  + Access to pool for S1 pupils
  + Access to pool for young sports leaders
* Building update
  + Reception area has been painted
  + Some areas floor coverings to be replaced – dates TBC

ESLC:

* University has now returned
  + Sharp increase in student memberships
  + Student clubs have since returned
* GS and Fitness class manager has been engaging with customers who attend classes at ESLC
  + Coffee morning sessions planned for October
* Building update
  + New flooring has been installed in foyer and squash court corridor
  + Foyer and squash court corridor have been painted

WCSC:

* GS to meet with Active Schools to support access to Newport primary

General:

* FC are providing additional funding for October provision. The following junior activities are free throughout the summer period Monday to Sunday 0900-1700
  + Swimming
  + Badminton
  + Short Tennis
  + Squash
  + Racquetball
  + Table Tennis
  + Football (on STP)
* FSLT were nominated as a finalist for Learn to Swim Provider of the Year at the recent Scottish Swimming Awards
* FSLT are completing club engagement sessions:
  + Starting with wetside clubs
    - GS has met with CDSC
    - Meeting tonight with SRSC
    - Have reached out to EFTC but still waiting on confirmation
  + Further plans to be developed to meet with dryside clubs
* Ongoing partnership work with FC planned
  + Post 4DX (previous partnership) process has been agreed
  + FSLT will be represented in NE Fife area
  + Groups will look at area programming and ways to further participation in sport and physical activity within the area

**10. Young People’s Panel**

The sub-committee behind this has met and worked well agreeing the framework for the panel, which will take the form of 3 groups in each high school. See also the Secretary’s report; the sub-committee will now agree how the panels will report to the EFSC ECMs and set a project for them to work on into the first quarter of next year. If pupils from St Leonards would like to take part then we will find a way to link up the school with Active S.

**11. Awards 2023**

It was agreed to keep the same venue, caterer and trophy supplier, plus to follow much the same program as this year, with the event taking place within 2 hours. We will explore a guest speaker and discuss presenting with the YP Panel. It was also agreed to ask sponsors to continue support of £100 to cover trophy costs. The shortlist stage, with nominations to the sub-committee will be 1-8 February 2023. It was agreed the event date will be Tuesday 14 March 2023. *Subsequently, the Corn Exchange was not able to accommodate us on 14 March and so the date was changed by email to 22 March 2023.*

**12. Website Upgrade**

Proofs of the new design were circulated and the feedback was very positive. The plan is for this to be launched before the end of October.

**13. SWOT Analysis Review**

This was circulated prior to the meeting. The Chair and Vice Chair will work further on this to present plans at the December meeting.

**14. AOCB**

**Grants Sub-committee** discussed and agreed 4 funding applications from:

Auchtermuchty Bowling Club for £324 for online club management system

Cupar & District Swimming Club for £361, for land-training equipment

Seiken Ryu Karate for £453.56 for karate equipment

Duffus Park Bowling Club for £240 for replacement carpet bowls carpet.

Rona McC put forward a nomination to the Executive Committee to award Richard Brickley MBE, OBE with Life Membership, this was unanimously agreed, and this should be presented at the Awards Ceremony. The Secretary will write to Richard about this.

The Quiz will be held at Duffus Park Bowling Club on 11 November 2022, following the same format as last year. An invitation will be extended to Dave Jackman to host as quizmaster.

AGM 2023 date agreed as Tues 12 Sept.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

6 Dec 2022 on Zoom

**Dates for 2023**

Tues 24 Jan on Zoom

Mon 6 Mar on Zoom

Tues 9 May in person

Tues 18 July in person

Tues 3 Oct in person

Tues 5 Dec on Zoom

**Awards** Wed 22 March

**AGM** Tues 12 Sept

**Quiz** Fri 10 Nov