**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**7.00pm 13 July 2021**

Zoom

**MINUTES**

**Attendance Present:**

Rona McCraw – Chair

Martin Turnbull – Vice Chair

Hilary Lumsden – Secretary/Treasurer

Margaret Kennedy - Councillor

Gillian Paton – Ladybank Golf Club

Vanessa Rengger – Tayport Tennis Club

Madison Garland – Active Schools Coordinator

Grant Stevenson – FSLT

Jamie Moffatt – Sports Development Officer

Sharon Hedley – Step Rock ASC

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

Rona welcomed the attendees and Sharon Hedley from Step Rock ASC who is interested in joining the committee. Apologies came from Ross Taylor, Elspeth Wallace.

**2. Minutes from last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting on 11th May 2021 were approved with amends to point 1, wrong date (9 March); point 11/line 2 correct name spelling and add fully (fully open); being proposed by Gillian Paton and seconded by Vanessa Rengger

1. **Matters Arising**

Sportscotland have not responded to enquiries about the volunteering management course that Robbie Nellies mentioned in March.

**4. Secretary/Treasurer Report**

[Emailed 11-07-21]

EFSC Membership renewal 2021-22: to date 69 of 76 clubs have paid; 7 memberships are outstanding.

On 12 May, I attended a Supporting Leisure webinar by Scottish ClubSport and Community Leisure UK, the latter presented its manifesto, which reported ‘With reserves expected to be depleted by 94% by the end of March 2021 [compared to pre-C-19], increasing costs and uncertainty over future lockdowns and restrictions, 2021/22 will be an equally, if not more, challenging year for our members. The already fragile landscape is in urgent need of support from Scottish Government to ensure its survival in the long-term’

Hosted by ClubSport Borders/Live Borders (Trust), which like Fife is mostly rural, there was positive discussion around how the two work together with the community to influence consultation on a new school project: justifying why the school needed to go further than PE curriculum provision; resulting in a plan to include a 25m pool, inside courts and tennis courts.

I attended two workshops at the start of June on Disability Inclusion by Scottish ClubSport and Scottish Disability Sport and also on Autism by Disability Sport Fife. Both were excellent, the latter by Richard Brickley OBE MBE, celebrating the great work that has been done in this area but also giving concerning insight into the lack of sport available - ‘9 out of 10 people surveyed with a disability commented they would like to take part in more sport’.

Our third CWPS training was held by Zoom on 8 June with Anna Tizzard as tutor, qualifying 13 more members, though this was fully booked at 20, on the night one club had booked 5 spaces but no one attended. I have discussed this with the club, but will now state to clubs booking that multiple no shows could result in a penalty fee as this is funded by the sports council and there can be waiting lists for these dates.

I attended the Scottish ClubSport Members Check-In webinar on 17 June which focussed on facility access and was attended by 23 members from 12 Sports Councils/ClubSport networks. There was a lot in common between areas, community use restrictions due to testing/vaccinations, concern around lack of join up in sport, especially governing bodies using sports council networks. The Scottish ClubSport Conference 2021 was discussed which is to be held in Stirling on Sat 25 Sept 2021.

Rona and I met with Grant and Scott Urquhart from Fife Sport & Leisure Trust to discuss access to Cupar Sports Centre and the other facilities in East Fife. A meeting is planned for the end of July with Willie Rennie, Cllr Kennedy, Emma Walker (FSLT), Paul Vaughan (Fife Council) and EFSC for further talks on this.

We had planned to hold another Zoom quiz on Fri 25 June, but sadly had to cancel as only two teams registered. It is hoped to hold an in-person quiz again with prizes on 5 November at Duffus PBC.

Fife Sport Recognition Awards 2020 received 33 nominations in our area and we organised a small event at Duffus Park Bowling Club on 22 June 2021 to present framed certificates to those who had made a positive impact on their community during 2020. Photographer Rick Booth captured the celebrations with our Chair and the stories and pictures have been shared with Fife Free Press. The stories were amazing and showed the positive impact of sport and how communities came together and worked tirelessly during unprecedented times. A month-long social media campaign featured a short story about each nominee every day, and gathered a lot of attention through the month. Fife Free Press ran a full page article about the awards on Friday 9 July in the 3 East Fife papers and will feature all of the pictures on the Fife Today digital platform. The article was shared on EFSC Facebook page.

**Income and Expenditure** [Emailed 11-07-21]

I confirm a bank statement balance of £31044, dated 5 July 2021. Balance in account on 12-07-21 is £31090. Transaction include income from membership fees and expenditure on CWPS tutor fee, one refund of membership paid twice and wages.

2020-21 accounts have now gone to Henderson Black.

**5. Correspondence**

**Anstruther and Pittenweem Tennis Clubs** thanked the committee again for funding; Anstruther is delighted their funding was matched and they ran a session for 31 local children in partnership with Waid Academy and the local primary schools. Pittenweem are building a new clubhouse and have raised £26000.00, the old clubhouse has now been demolished and once the new one is built they will work on offering opportunities to people with a disability to play tennis.

**Duffus Park Bowling Club** has asked if EFSC would take one of the advertising boards around the bowling green, the cost is £150 including the printed board for 2 years. This is agreed, as there has been a long-standing association and unique relationship between the club and the sports council, hosting meetings and events at minimal cost, and with no question. M Turnbull asked this is put in writing to the club.

**A response from Active Scotland** was received by Wendy Chamberlain MP to her letter regards the Save Leisure campaign in August 2020, but it was disappointing as it referred to East Fife Sports Club and only offered links to sportscotland funding page.

**Strathmiglo Bowling Club** responded to an affiliation reminder to say they would not be renewing as they could not see what the sports council had been doing, in particular to support bowling clubs. A response was sent outlining the work undertaken by the sports council from 2019 to date and specifically how 11 of the 18 member bowling clubs who engaged with the sports council regularly had been supported.

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

**Sports Development – Jamie Moffatt**

**Duffus Park Community Asset Transfer:** Only AM Soccer have progressed discussions on this, and I attended a recent meeting with the club and FSLT (Grant). Very positive meeting whereby both parties are trying to reach a middle ground around facility access and costs. AM Soccer to prepare an access document for FSLT

**New Club Fife Accredited Clubs:** Fairmont Golf (Cameron West PGA) ; Wormit Saturday Football Group ; Pegasus Gymnastics Club **;** Wormit & Newport Tennis Club

**Café Inc/Active Families:** We will be supporting the café inc provision in St.Monans over the summer break, providing families with physical activity opportunities whilst they collect their lunches**.**

Anstruther Tennis Club will be supporting the provision at the Town Hall/Bankie Park

**East Neuk Junior Golf Development Group:** Anstruther GC – running two camps during the summer holidays for children who have never played golf before (both camps at capacity with 32 children attending)**.**

All kit from Golphin (funded through Radio Tay Cash for Kids) now with the group

Full programme of junior golf on in the area;Golf Sixes**;** Club Coaching**;** Junior Open Competitions**;** Multi-Sport Camp**;** Introductory sessions

**Hubs - Ross Taylor**

**Waterstone Crook CSH:** Summer provision submitted to GO Fife for promotional purposes, and steady increase in participation across resuming activity. The Larick Sports hub night is set to launch when schools go back in August.

**Duffus Park CSH**: A small project team are looking to deliver a tennis leaders programme as a means to increase Duffus LTC community outreach. The purpose of the project is to increase positive mental health and wellbeing among the local communities of the club, with measurable outcomes still tbc though likely to involve an increase in school tennis participation (extra curricular) and an increase in family memberships at the club.

**East Neuk CSH**: 5-9th July we are delivering our Multisport camp at Waid academy. This is in partnership with Active Fife; Active Schools; Community use and the Anstruther Co-op,who are supplying water and healthy snacks to each child every day of the camp FOC.

**7. Active Schools Officer Report**

A short update: training this week for the new Young Ambassadors and Leaders this year with funding secured for extra learning for these young people. All extra-curricular activity provision will be free of charge to all school pupils going forward. It is hoped that external access will resume after the summer subject to Fife Council decisions.

**8. FSLT**

G Stevenson reported 33000 attendances in East Fife since facilities opened, which is very positive; this is monitored weekly and is continuing to rise even during changes to the schedule for summer family/children’s activities. Cupar’s health program classes will move back to weekly sessions and East Sands is looking at starting these too. East Sands has 10 (wet and dry) fitness classes on offer and Cupar is planning to start to offer these, though there is a lack of instructors locally and restrictions hamper capacity, which are the 2 main challenges.

Cupar astroturf is included in the Quid a Kid program. FSLT are working with Pegasus Gymnastics at Waterstone Crook to deliver the range of classes available. There are discussions with AM Soccer about accessing the astroturf and also discussion with Lindsey Steele from Bell Baxter HS around helping support sport development and training of pupils in S5/6. The move to Level 0 will not result in any immediate changes to use but access to viewing and moving around will ease; once restrictions lift facilities should get back to normal operations.

The Chair commented on the positive plans around helping support school pupils in sport. The sports council has been looking at how it can support clubs with volunteer management and training in particular and it may be that it can become a course organiser in East Fife to help provide training locally to cut down the travel barrier for volunteers to become qualified. G Stevenson agreed to support this work by providing pool use for water sports training, as Scottish Swimming are looking for local course organisers. FSLT would also support this for other sports subject to any facility accreditation requirements. S Hedley commented that coaching could be made more efficient by providing an entry level course to how to coach children with a pathway to then specialise in specific sports; older coaches are vital in the role of mentors for more junior/less experienced coaches; benefits of teenagers gaining qualifications and if schools could include an ‘introduction to coaching children’ as part of PE this could also drive help for local clubs. Active Schools link to local clubs but there is a funding block for courses, to be able to deliver to more pupils. Cllr Kennedy complimented FSLT/school for the plans to enable young people in the sporting world – which helps support longevity – and fully supports collaborative working with the trust/Active Schools/sports council and governing bodies. Cupar YMCA are part of a multi-agency group formed in 2019 to support mental health, this links with FSLT’s Wellbeing Policy and the Keep Safe initiative (supported by Police Scotland) to offer vulnerable people safe spaces and places to go for support – G Stevenson to contact N Graham at YMCA. The Chair agreed and concluded that there are lots of links to be made and that plans will be pursued.

**9. Young Persons Opportunity**

There are two possible candidates who have expressed interest in being involved; one is moving to London to study and worried about being far away. The Chair commented that with digital communication and Zoom meetings this would not be a barrier; G Paton commented that the work of the YP could also be tailored around this.

**10. Events 2021**

Agreed to form sub-committee, involving potential young person candidates, to look at how to organise an event to celebrate sport in 2021 in a slightly different format to the usual annual awards and the recognition awards to ensure all clubs and sports are included even if they have not been able to return to competition. Eg. ‘EFSC Celebration of Sport Awards/Support Sport Awards/Rebuild Sport Awards…’

**11. AOCB**

The Chair outlined a plan to link with **Cupar’s Army Reserves**, through her son who will be responsible for the role of making connections with the local community. This could work as a partnership with EFSC and being able to offer support to clubs that do or plan to organise events and need extra help to set-up and run these. M Turnbull asked how many clubs would need this support and if we could survey our members on this. Also if it could be proposed what the Reserves would be able to offer. Agreed to survey members and the Chair to discuss further with the Reserves.

**Zoom share** – proposition to look at how to share our Zoom licence with other local community groups, as the sports council uses its licence only half a dozen times a year. Communicating with other groups could benefit our work by linking with the wider community; criteria would be set on how this would work. J Moffatt commented permission would be required by SCS as grant money paid for sports council licence and going forward if Fife Council funds used permission for this too. Cllr Kennedy commented that these are all community groups and that potentially other community groups would include members from EFSC member clubs; that this should be looked at as an opportunity rather than a concern. Agreed it is worth exploring and to ask SCS re grant criteria.

**AGM**, agreed to hold in person in large room at Howe of Fife RFC if available.

**Grants Sub-committee** authorised funding to Tayport Walking Football Equipment £92.00

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 14th September 2021** at **7.00pm** at Howe of Fife RFC (tbc).

**Dates for 2021** on Zoom

5 Oct

7 Dec

Quiz Night 5 Nov