



Competitions Committee

Meeting 36

Tuesday 8th November

University of Dundee

10:00am start

Present

Paul McPate (PM) (Chair)
Catrin Dickson (CD)
Neil Brown (NB)
Chris Purdie (CP)
Andrew Hall (AH)
Ross Simpson (RS)
Fiona Mathie (FM)
Jonny Pearson (JP)
Gary Brankin (GB)
Chris Henning (CH)
Stew Fowlie (SF)
Campbell Scott (CS)

Apologies

Jennifer McMillan (JMc)
Mark Huddleston (MH)

1. Welcome and Scene Setting

PM welcomed everyone to Dundee. Apologies were given for those who could not attend.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting (35) were approved for accuracy.

3. Matters Arising

SDC Resource Pack not completed yet, plans in progress, action for next meeting. Reffin Brilliant GB gave an update on Reffin Brilliant Weekend. Went well, some didn't turn up for football or rugby. For those who did attend gave great feedback on the weekend. Tutors feedback was good and suggested whether tutors and students to stay in the same place, possibility of a social. Thanks were given to SSS and GB and St Andrews for running the event. Feedback to be gathered from attendees. SF thanked GB again and that feedback should be given to SportsScotland and NGB's in order to put business case forward for course next year. The SportsScotland Volunteering Framework mentions Reffin Brilliant which is positive for future courses. RS suggested getting Universities who supported students to attend RB discuss the benefits with other Universities who did not.

4. Home Nations 2012

SF gave an update on the current situation. Can't host in Edinburgh due to the amount of rooms needed for the event. Looks difficult to host in Scotland. 4 options were discussed, change the date of the event, held somewhere else in the UK, doesn't happen, split the events to different locations. All agreed option 4 would be the most likely. SF to investigate further. All to think if they could offer their institution for any of the sports involved.

5. College Sport Update

RS gave update on current progress with Colleges. Regional events started, some difficulty in colleges due lack of finance and staff cuts. Integrated football leagues working, some regions struggling. Regional events working fine. Currently looking at the best structure for basketball which will work for all the colleges. Promoting all events to both Colleges and Universities. Few complaints about Skiing and the cost, trying to find

ways to help colleges financially. Rep trials for College Football teams, playing Scot Uni's team, Scottish Pro team then the English Colleges. Friendlies are being organised for Ladies Football.

A small discussion was had on colleges, including Universities integrating students into club training and organising local events. Wednesday afternoons were also discussed with SF adding that 2 projects were under discussion. Benefits of Student Sport and the best structure for delivery of student sport.

6. Sports Coordinator Report

RS gave an update on the current progress at SSS. University fixtures running better than last year, meeting with certain institutions who need help, universities more aware of getting fixtures played. FM managing events, feedback forms created in order to gain more knowledge about the success and improvements needed for events.

7. Fixtures and Sportalise Update

BUCScore easy to use though display not as good as fixtureslive. Harder to find fixtures of institutions and it's hard to find dates when rescheduling. Sports Presidents agreed and added it can be slow to load pages. RS to feed this back to BUCS.

Sportalise has had a few teething issues, over complicated at times. Fed back to Sportalise and waiting on work being completed to sort issues. Once resolved training will be provided for Sports Presidents.

CH discussed the current issues with Waterpolo with a small discussion on officials training and the possibility of a course being provided at Dundee. CH, PM and SF to discuss further. Requirement to be sent out to Institutions to request at least 90 minutes for Waterpolo bookings.

8. BUCS Competitions

RS attending BUCS meeting, looking for feedback to report from our region. PM discussed the paper. A lengthy discussion took place on the different aspects of the paper. Robust paper, commercial aspect contradicts choice and value for money. 300 minimum participants, what happens to current sports with less? Need to engage with NGB's. Comments from Presidents was also discussed with concerns over panel creating report, wider input needed from Membership. It was queried why all students need to sign up to BUCScore.

9. Championship Delivery

PM discussed paper. A small discussion was had on championship delivery. Event being timed but raising profile of Student experience and cost to institutions affected. Limited on options on how to proceed. It was suggested to split the sports to different locations in order for the events to run, keen for central event so student experience is not lost. More work needed on this.

10. BUCS Points

PM discussed paper. Feedback was given on BUCS points with mixed views on them. RS to feed back to BUCS Comps Committee. Award points for physical activity. Penalties seem quite harsh at times. Points can prevent teams from entering leagues. Qualification into competitions based on previous years position was agreed across the group as unfair and tough on Universities as teams vary from year to year.

11. Action Points

SSS to create Resource pack for SDC's and review SDC delivery
Email out to participants of Reffin Brilliant for feedback.

SF to investigate option of splitting sports involved in Home Nations.

CH and PM to meet and discuss Waterpolo Officiating course.

RS to feedback to BUCS Comps

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Motor Sport Application

Application was discussed in depth. Group were impressed with submission and grateful for the in depth report. More information needed on the future of the Sport, making case locally at Institutions. Possibility of running one event (Karting). Follow up meeting with Motor sports needed.