



Competitions Committee
Meeting 37
Tuesday 17th January 2012
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)
Gary Brankin (GB)
Mark Huddleston (MH)

Apologies

Jennifer McMillan (JMc)
Chris Henning (CH)
Stew Fowlie (SF)
Campbell Scott (CS)
Jonny Pearson (JP)

1. Welcome and Scene Setting

PM welcomed everyone to Dundee for the first meeting of 2012. Apologies were given for those who could not attend.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting (36) were approved for accuracy.

3. Matters Arising

- SDC Resource Pack, project work ongoing, with the main issue being the difference between SDC's involvement with SSS. Deadline set for a fortnight for FM and RS to finish. MH suggested putting information on Website for SDC's to download. NB suggested that essential contacts are added to SDC resource pack.

- Reffin Brilliant Feedback, RS updated the group that Sportscotland are keen to know how students progressed after the course. It was suggested that Presidents bring in those who attended and SSS chat with them regarding the courses. FM to create Survey Monkey questionnaire to send out to all who attended Reffin Brilliant.

- Waterpolo Officials Course, CH dealing with this and following up.

- Home Nations 2012, RS updated the committee on the current situation. Nottingham have put in a bid to host. BUCS in discussions to confirm the dates. A small discussion was had on who would run the event. RS asked all to get the message out that Home Nations may go ahead and it will be confirmed this week.

- Motor Sport Application, PM updated that SF had met and discussed the application and it was decided that motor clubs should engage with their Sports Unions first before re applying to SSS.

4. Comps Operational Plan (2012)

PM went through the Operation Plan and the KPI's. FM to create document regarding event entries and feedback for the SDC resource pack.

A small discussion was had on partnerships between SSS and NGB's. RS and FM to create list of sports where partnerships have been established. It was suggested that there should be more representation at conference from NGB's and SDC's. PM to take to Exec regarding tailoring part of the Conference to encourage them to attend.

FM to create a Rep Feedback questionnaire.

GB to follow up with D Sargent regarding Performance Athletes meeting.
NB enquired about College eligibility within University Teams. RS & FM to look at policies regarding this and create official SSS Sport Policy by the end of the year.

5. College Sport Update

RS gave update on current progress with Colleges.

National finals at Ravenscraig: Final take place on the 29th of February. Working group has been set up for the event, so far JP, NB and CS are involved. A small discussion was had on how to make the event bigger, with more involvement from Universities and Colleges.

Regional Collaborative Events: Universities need to engage colleges more. Local activity for presidents to demonstrate higher level locally. A small discussion was had on CD's proposal regarding regional competition structure with PM concluding that SSS needs to look at geographical options to develop group and look at principles and guidelines relating to SSS. All to explore locally and feedback to SSS.

6. Cup Finals Day 2012

PM gave an update on Cup Finals being held in Dundee on the 21st of March. RS, FM, CD and PM meeting after to discuss further.

Feedback from previous Cup Finals indicates the importance of having good quality officials. Other matters discussed include: Presidents to ensure that teams stay until the end of the presentations; more live feed on the day and a bigger build up to the event. A small discussion was had on having a sports personality present on the day and to provide t-shirts for the teams. FM & RS to investigate.

7. SSS Rep Team Financial Support

CH wanted the Committee to discuss the level of support given by the institutions and how varied it is. A small discussion was had on this and it was concluded that SDC's need to provide more information to Sports Presidents regarding Rep activities. Form to be added to SDC resource pack showing breakdown of event costs.

8. Action Points

SSS to finish Resource pack for SDC's and review SDC delivery.

FM to email out to participants of Reffin Brilliant for feedback.

FM to create document regarding event entries, feedback for SDC resource pack

RS & FM to look at policies regarding this and create official SSS Sport forms by the end of the year

FM & RS to investigate ordering T-shirts for both College and Conference Cup Finals.

AOCB

RS mentioned that Bill Robson at Scottish Hockey is in charge of the Scottish Hockey Cashback scheme and it is a great opportunity for volunteers to work with the local community. RS to email committee full details.

RS also updated that the Queens Park Shield Competition is still running.