



## Competitions Committee

Meeting 32

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Peffers

10am start

### Present

Ross Campbell (RC) (Chair)  
Graeme Spowart (GS)  
Pete Burgon (PB)  
Stew Fowlie (SF)  
Gary Brankin (GB)  
Chris Henning (CH)  
Claire Cruikshank (CC)  
Paul McPate (PM)  
Jamie MacDonald (JM)

### In attendance

Ross Simpson (RS)  
Jennifer McMillan (JMc)

### Apologies

James Williamson (JW)  
Mark Huddleston (MH)  
Chris Henning (CH)  
Andrew Smith (AS)

## 1. Welcome and Scene Setting

RC welcomed everyone to the meeting. RC thanked everyone for their efforts so far and SUS / Edinburgh Uni for hosting the meeting,

## 2. Homologation

### *Minutes from previous meeting*

Minutes from previous meeting (31) were approved for accuracy. All action points are to be covered in the meeting.

### *Matters Arising –*

SF – updated the group on the performance sport brochure and asked when it was best to update this. It was agreed this time of year was perfect.

Christmas Seminar & EGM – RC updated the group on the new plans for the EGM – it will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> February at Peffermill. SF updated group on current SUS happenings.

Disability Sport Event – SF gave an over view of the current plans. There is a move to run an open day in Edinburgh on 20<sup>th</sup> March. JMc asked that fencing be involved if possible.

**SF to circulate brochure for updates with a 4 week turn around.**

**RS – to discuss with JS in kind costs project for 3 year calendar.**

## 3. Sports Manager Update

SF updated the group on his latest movements. Due to weather and the Christmas break, not much has been happening. There were no questions.

#### 4. 10/11 Operational Plan

The first discussion was surrounding Reffin' Brilliant. Currently around 50 sign ups but the spread across the sports is an issue. PM happy to rally local interest especially for volleyball. GB and SF to communicate with sign ups and tutors in the mean time. It was agreed a new deadline of this Friday at 4pm be put in place.

**ALL to keep promoting the event, especially the sports where numbers are lower.**

#### 5. Focus Areas

RC gave an introduction into the focus areas and asked for a brief update by each group.

##### *Fixtures and Events*

RS updated the group on where we currently are with fixtures. A list has been sent out with all the fixtures that need re scheduling so hopefully this will spur people into action. RC asked what unis do internally when WO's are awarded to opposition. There was a discussion on how to further develop this problem. There was also a brief discussion on events and developing how SUS runs these. All events and bookings more or less go through SUS now and there can be charges depending on event. RS to liaise with JS to work on in kind costs. Also the fixtures and events group (MH) to look at feedback collection from events. RS to get seasons guidelines for 11/12 season.

##### *Coaching*

CC updated the group. **CC to distribute a list of regional coaching contacts.** RC asked if SUS should table a coaching plan. CC thought not as there was now a mention of universities in the national strategy.

##### *Cup Finals*

PM updated the group. They have had two meetings and the list in the attached paper has been discussed. The aim is to look at long term ideas for the events. PM needs to meet with SUS office to action ideas. SUS office will contact BUCS regarding branding. SF to set date for meeting with PM & GS.

#### 6. Policy

##### *Event eligibility policy & Discipline policy*

It was agreed paper looks good. There were a few comments regarding numbers and colleges but the group was happy for SF to move forward with this. It was suggested to maybe link playing for another university policy to this one. There was a discussion about staff playing etc. PM asked about NGB involvement in the discipline policy. SF to update policy and circulate for feedback. JM suggested maybe putting in an appeals process.

##### *Rep sport plans 2011*

SF updated the group that some sports are up and running and some have coaches appointed. The rep nomination form has been circulated.

##### *College Updates*

Please see appendix 3. RC thanked JL for the paper.

##### *Sport by Sport updates*

The group are keen for SF to centralise all the info. PM suggested that SDC's have to return a form with info update. PB suggested engaging SDC's into meetings. There was a discussion about what we ask SDC's to do and how they report happenings back to us.

#### 7. A.O.C.B

PB's email regarding Scotland's Universities suggested idea to move sport to Friday afternoons was tabled. RC, PB and SF to feedback to NUS the groups discussions. The main points raised why the group were very much against the idea were: Tradition,

practical issues surrounding facilities, usage of outdoor facilities, links to NGB, UK perspective, students taking long weekend, schools finish at midday on a Friday, well being of splitting the week up and profile issue of losing top athletes.

**SF to arrange meeting with NUS to discuss. PB/SF to circulate response by end of the week.**

#### **8. Confirmation of Action Points**

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<b>RS – to discuss with JS in kind costs project for 3 year calendar.</b>
<b>ALL to keep promoting the event, especially the sports where numbers are lower.</b>
<b>Fixtures and events group (MH) to look at feedback collection from events</b>
<b>RS to get seasons guidelines for 11/12 season sorted.</b>
<b>CC to distribute a list of regional coaching contacts</b>
<b>SF to update discipline policy and circulate for feedback</b>
<b>SF to arrange meeting with NUS to discuss Friday afternoon idea. PB/SF to circulate response by end of the week.</b>

#### **9. Close of meeting**

RC thanked all for attending and to SUS for a good lunch. Once again no sport was played. Next meeting : 8<sup>th</sup> March Dundee.