



Précis and action points from the Scottish Student Sport Annual General Meeting held on Friday 15th June 2018 at School of Medicine, University of St Andrews, North Haugh, St Andrews, KY16 9TF

Meeting 10:30

Attendance

Niamh Barrie
 Emma Lister
 Gillian Kerr
 Ross Taylor
 Ian Lowe
 Michael Devlin
 Alexandria Scott
 Eamonn Laird
 Jacob McConkey
 Brian Ewing
 Georgia Moran
 Hannah Macleod
 Eve O'Loan
 Ross Simpson
 Paul Duffy
 Michael Webster
 Jim Aitken
 Moses Apiliga
 Bethany Stevenson
 Gordon McTweed
 Paddy Everingham
 Jamie Taylor
 Calum Hill
 Jane Benson
 Jen Wither
 Chris Sellar
 David Steers
 Rebecca Wilson
 Andy White
 Eilidh Paterson
 Hannah Leslie
 Mark Williams
 John Psyllas
 Clare Tracey
 Peter Burgon (Chair)
 Caitlin Ormiston
 Alban Dickson
 Aileen Ferguson
 David Bond
 Andrew Smyth
 Christopher Purdie
 Cathy Gallagher
 Alex Brock
 Neil Brown
 Habbi Liton
 Fraser Michie
 Leanne Carnan

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Callum Stephen
 Kirsten Brown
 Johnathan Cranstoun
 Linsey Roseman
 Iain Christie
 Merle Hill
 Andrew Kirk
 Douglas Jardine
 Ryan Mahoney

 Vince Mayne
 Jenny Morris

 Dougie Millen

 Stew Fowlie
 Nicola Scott
 Ben Philip
 Totty Horn
 Keith Macleod
 Jess Barrows
 Mari-Claire Kay
 Megan Richardson
 Leah Davidson
 Elaine Murdoch

Apologies

Niall Sturrock

University of the Highlands and Islands
 University of the Highlands and Islands
 University of the West of Scotland
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 City of Glasgow College
 Borders College
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Honorary Life Vice President

PB welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated the runners for their early morning efforts in aid of the Doddie Weir foundation.

Apologies were noted from Niall Sturrock, no other apologies were submitted.

I. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. The minutes of the 2017 AGM, held at Oriam, were adopted as an accurate record of the meeting and endorsed by all.
- b. There were no matters arising.

II. Strategic Update

The summary of the strategic update was presented by SF. This summary will give way to the final annual report to come over the summer months, including commentary from all areas of our business- strong organisation, development, competitions and advocacy. SF further presented the 'RAG Status' document adopted throughout the year to work through the strategic aims.

PB congratulated the staff, the leadership of the COO, and also the volunteers- the giving of time is hugely appreciated, and topical given the reminder about this area in the session delivered by Chris Brindley the previous day.

III. Financials

- a. 17-18 End of Year Forecast

SF presented the financials starting with the 17-18 projected finish point and talked to the notes in the accounts. We are forecasting a surplus of £17K at year end which is healthy and can be reinvested into important work over the next 12-36 months. There is the possibility to use the funds for certain special projects, an option which the Executive Council are currently exploring.

BE queried the reasons for the selected colleges not joining in 17/18 and SF said it was due to staff changes in these institutions.

RS asked if the Competitions Committee would be having a conversation around national squads and expected contributions from athletes and institutions, as this seems to be a point of discussion among the membership. SF assured the membership that this would be on the agenda for the Competitions group as an early priority in 18-19, but that no additional subsidy of costs was currently built in to the budget.

- b. 18-19 Preliminary Budget

SF moved on to the preliminary budget for 18/19, presenting the figures.

JA queried the risk that we are potentially carrying with reference to the uncertainty in funding in our sector. He asked what contingencies we had in place for example in a situation whereby institutions were unable to pay their membership fees. SF explained we have contingencies in several areas and we keep reserves at or above 40% of our annual core costs. JA made the point that as a management team we should consider more options for what would happen should we need a lean budget in times of uncertainty.

RS asked if we are looking into BUCS Playwaze, a piece of software that BUCS are currently scoping for implementation. SF answered that we are continuing to have conversations surrounding Playwaze but that nothing had yet been decided.

SF further talked about the individual membership project that is to be considered in parallel with other system developments across SSS and BUCS.

IV. Review and Set Subscription Rates

The Chair proposed to maintain the 2% increase in subscription rates in line with inflation and increasing costs. This increase was endorsed by a vote with 17 votes for and 1 vote against, with no abstentions.

V. Constitutional Changes

The constitutional changes were presented by PB and acknowledged and approved unanimously.

VI. Elections

a. Executive Council

Alex Brock, Paul Duffy, Paddy Everingham, Gavin Rittoo put themselves forward for the 3 Student Member positions on the Executive Council and the membership voted. Alex, Paul and Paddy were voted on and congratulated by all. PB passed his thanks onto Gavin for his nomination and urged him to look to assist on another committee.

All uncontested committee positions put forward prior to the meeting were accepted en masse and voted onto the Council as follows:

Peter Burgon - Chair

Jonny Pearson - Staff Member

Neil Brown – Staff Member

Ciaran O’Brien – Staff Member

Alex Brock – Student Member

Paul Duffy – Student Member

Paddy Everingham – Student Member

b. Regional Committee Chairs

i. South East: Michael Webster was voted on as Chair uncontested

ii. Tayside & Fife: No-one formally put forward for this position so the votes will be reopened at a later date.

c. Competitions Committee

All uncontested committee positions put forward prior to the meeting were accepted en masse and voted onto the Committee as follows:

Chris Sellar – Staff Member

Kathryn Corbett – Staff Member

Georgia Moran – Student Member

No-one formally put forward for the position of Competitions Committee Chair, Sports Chair or a second Student Member so the votes will be reopened at a later date.

d. Development Committee

All uncontested committee positions put forward prior to the meeting were accepted en masse and voted onto the Committee as follows:

Cathy Gallagher – Chair

Hannah Leslie - Staff Member (Grampian)

Jamie Taylor – Staff Member (West)

Emma Robson - Staff Member (Highlands & Islands)

Michael Webster – Staff Member (South East)

Caitlin Ormiston – Student Member

No-one formally put forward for the second Student Member so the votes will be reopened at a later date.

VII. Appointments for Ratification

- a. Drummond Laurie were approved by all as the Auditors for the Year ending 31st July 2019.
- b. Mark Beaumont was approved by all as the (ongoing) Honorary President for the year ending 31st July 2019.

VIII. Acknowledgements

PB thanked the SSS team for their exemplary work over the past year. In addition, he commended the work of all the committee members from institutions across the country that make up the network and ‘SSS Tribe’ whose enthusiasm and energy are truly inspirational.

Thanks were recorded to CP who moves on to a new Committee position.

And a special thanks was recorded for RS for 10 years of commitment to the Competitions Committee as a student employee, staff representative and Chair. RS was congratulated and presented with a gift.

IX. AOB

None.

X. Close

PB closed the meeting at 11:43.