



Précis and action points from the Scottish Student Sport Annual General Meeting held on Friday 11th June 2021 via Zoom Webinar

11:00-12:00

Attendance	Institution	Present	Institution/ Organisation
Michael Devlin	Abertay University	Pete Burgon (SSS Chair)	Scottish Rugby
Jonny Pearson	Edinburgh College		
Emily Divine	Edinburgh Napier	Aaron Johnson	SSS Cycling Chair
Kirsten Mullen	Fife College	Fred Hockey	SSS Cycling Vice Chair
Chris Sellar	Heriot-Watt University		
Amber Taylor	Heriot-Watt University	Stew Fowlie	Scottish Student Sport
Eilidh Fulton	NESCOL	Ian Lowe	Scottish Student Sport
Kelly Ann McGrath	New College Lanarkshire	Chris Purdie	Scottish Student Sport
Ross Brand	New College Lanarkshire	Totty Horn	Scottish Student Sport
Jordan Moore	RGU	Eilidh Patterson	Scottish Student Sport
Katherine Corbett	RGU	Megan Richardson	Scottish Student Sport
Rory Anton	RGU	Neil Rankin	Scottish Student Sport
Danielle Grieve	University of Aberdeen	Leah Davidson	Scottish Student Sport
Kieran Matthews	University of Aberdeen		
Fraser Lovie	University of Aberdeen	Apologies	Institution
Dan Sayer	University of Dundee	Sasha Brydon	North East Scotland College
Eamonn Laird	University of Dundee	Ross Simpson	University of Edinburgh
Adam Ross Brady	University of Dundee	Emma Robson	UHI
Paul McPate	University of Dundee		
James Aitken MBE	University of Edinburgh		
Alex Crespo	University of Edinburgh		
Eve O'Loan	University of Edinburgh		
Aillis Foster	University of Edinburgh		
Ollie Cruickshank	University of Edinburgh		
Millie Doherty	University of Edinburgh		
Gregor Malcolm	University of Edinburgh		
Jessica Woodcock	University of Glasgow		
Keith Joss	University of Glasgow		
Sasha Forbes	University of Glasgow		
Jamie Taylor	University of Glasgow		
Shereif Kholeif	University of Glasgow		
Sophie Tyler	University of St Andrews		
Jess Smith	University of St Andrews		
Claire Scott	University of St Andrews		
Sophie Charlton	University of Stirling		
Cathy Gallagher	University of Stirling		
David Bond	University of Stirling		
Abby Irvine	University of Strathclyde		
Neil Brown	University of Strathclyde		
Eilidh Sneddon	University of Strathclyde		
Kirsty Bannatyne	University of Strathclyde		
Lauren Forbes	UHI		
Joe Gilfillan	UWS		
Ciaran O'Brien	UWS		
Jonathan MacLeod	UWS		

PB welcomed everyone to the 2021 AGM, hoping everyone was still abuzz from an excellent Conference. Shame to be meeting virtually once again but hopeful things will change after summer things. PB ran through the housekeeping notes for the virtual call. Apologies recorded from Sasha Brydon, Ross Simpson and Emma Robson.

I. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2020 AGM were adopted as an accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Jonny Pearson and seconded by Neil Brown.

II. Strategic Update

SF presented the strategic update – unusual year for the human race, at the mercy of external events but as a network we have responded well, forming teams within teams. Proud of staff colleagues, how the network and various groupings have come together. We haven't had as much activity, however engagement has been high. Collectively we've done well.

Strong organisation - we are in a good place and made moderate losses. Workplace culture is excellent-positive to take from COVID-19. Outstanding input from volunteers- good connections and good plans for future. 24 members joined. Invest forward in certain systems.

Development - club membership broadly half of previous year, good bedrock but need to manage transition. Gathering better data and insight, credit to IL helping very much in this area. Understanding how competition offering marries with development work. Understanding the coaching workforce. Equality work continues apace. HBHM working well. Good cohort of leaders. Webinars well received and Conference a modest triumph. Lots to celebrate there.

Competitions - tough gig for comps. Pity to see record low activity but we've done all that we could and maintained readiness and pace as the year has gone through- healthy agitation. Delivered imaginatively with virtual offering, gave enough optimism. Network has remained connected; springboard for next year. Playwaze on the horizon. BUCS relationship to be defined but positive talks ongoing.

Advocacy- huge part of what we've done the past year. Great interactions at senior level with the CDN- our thanks to JP and RM. SFC contribution. Manifesto work for the recent elections. Observatory for Sport-evidence gathering, SGBs looking at sport industry in Scotland. Thanks to CG for her work. Also, thanks to GR for comms work- professional image, great visibility and profile, Podcast is also excellent. Loads of good news stories relating to sport, alongside large sums of money raised for charity. All this fuels the narrative well. Relationship with BUCS at a crossroads- RC working on this currently to determine what SSS/ members should lead on and what should be BUCS' responsibility.

Of course, we will continue to be influenced by what's going on externally so have to remain nimble- must stay engaged and well plugged in with what members and partners want. New plan may take a bit of time to settle in but we will be ready in new academic year. Loads of acknowledgments- many thanks to the staff team doing a fantastic job on behalf of the members. Many thanks to PB and all members of Exec who've helped guide the organisation through a tricky year. Engagement is the currency of what we do. Thanks echoed from members in chat function on Zoom.

PB congratulated the team, staff, the leadership of the COO, and in particular the response to lockdown and the change in circumstances - the staff team are an inspiration to other organisations. Many thanks to SSS on behalf of the members.

III. Financials

a. 20-21 End of Year Forecast

SF presented the 20-21 year end position where we are forecasting a modest deficit- half as much as originally expected. Particular credit to TH for excellent stewardship. We are in a strong and solid position, have tried to make good decisions throughout the year. End of year position is that we will lose £30K so reserves are even more robust than they would otherwise have been. Members are encouraged to note any questions to SF or TH for greater detail, at any point in the year.

b. 21-22 Preliminary Budget

SF moved on to the preliminary budget for 20-21- a budget that gives us enough manoeuvre without holding a huge amount of risk- fairly predictable and conservative. Please note this is plan A, assuming we get SFC funding. We hope members will join. We assume no BUCS money. Activities are largely predictable. Programme and NS held in balance above and below the line so we can flex as needs be. We have to invest in our team, in our volunteers and in the tools we use. We are prepared to make a deficit of £20K, which is broadly equivalent to the membership fee discount. We are comfortable in terms of our reserves to absorb this loss.

PB thanked TH, SF and the full team for their continued efforts and stewardship of the finances.

IV. Review and Set Subscription Rates

The Chair proposed to maintain the 2% increase in subscription rates, but also to endorse a 15% discount on the fees. Both elements of this were approved by the membership, via two Zoom polls, as follows:

1. Maintain 2% increase: in favour x 14, not in favour x 2, abstain x 1
2. Endorse 15% discount: in favour x 17

V. Elections

Firstly, PB thanked all those who had nominated themselves for positions - we are very grateful to all the committees and the time each member devotes to them.

a. Executive Council

Sophie Charlton, Jordan Moore and Gregor Malcolm put themselves forward for the 3 Student Member positions on the Executive Council and the membership voted them on en masse, uncontested.

Poll results: in favour x 17.

Cathy Gallagher was put forward for co-option and voted onto the committee.

Poll results: in favour x 17.

b. Development Committee

Amber Taylor, Emily Divine, Jess Smith, Kirsty Bannatyne and Sophie Cunningham put themselves forward for the 2 Student Member positions on the Development Committee and the membership voted. Kirsty and Amber were voted on and congratulated by all. PB passed his thanks on to Emily, Jess and Sophie and urged

them to look to assist on another group or committee.

Poll results: Amber: 11 votes in favour, Kirsty: 11 votes in favour, Emily: 5 votes in favour, Sophie: 4 votes in favour, Jess: 3 votes in favour.

Katherine Corbett was put forward for co-option and voted onto the committee.

Poll results: in favour x 17

c. Competitions Committee

Jonathan Macleod and Emily Divine put themselves forward for the 2 Student Member positions on the Competitions Committee and the membership voted them on en masse, uncontested.

Poll results: in favour x 17.

Ollie Cruickshank was put forward for co-option and voted onto the committee.

Poll results: in favour x 16, abstain x 1.

Aaron put himself forward for the Sports Chair position and was voted on, uncontested.

Poll results: in favour x 17.

PB thanked all candidates for putting themselves forward.

VI. Appointments for Ratification

- a. Drummond Laurie were approved by all as the Auditors for the year ending 31st July 2022, with 17 votes in favour
- b. Mark Beaumont was approved by all as the (ongoing) Honorary President for the year ending 31st July 2022, with 17 votes in favour.

Our recorded thanks to them both for their contribution.

VII. Acknowledgements

A thank you to all partners and stakeholders for supporting the organisation. A special thanks to the outgoing student officers, it's not been the year anyone expected but all have worked tirelessly, leaving their institutions in a good place. A warm welcome to incoming student officers. Many thanks to all our volunteers, especially in these tricky times. Thanks to sportscotland, the SFC and BUCS. Thanks to JA and UoE and colleagues in HR for their support. Thanks to all for supporting and making sport happen despite the challenges. PB wished everyone a well-deserved summer break and opportunity to recharge batteries. He urged everyone to be innovative, brave and keep in mind your own 3 non negotiables. Lastly, thanks and congratulations to the SSS staff team, brilliant response to the challenge- reflect on the past year with satisfaction.

Thanks to TH and SF for the AGM prep and the minutes.

PB closed the meeting at 12:00.

APPENDIX 1

The Committees for 2021/22 are as follows (updated May 2022):

Executive Council 2021/2022:

Name	Institution	Start date in current role	End date of current term
Pete Burgon- Chair	Scottish Rugby	June 2020	June 2023
Claire Scott – Dev Chair	Stirling	Dec 2019	June 2022
Katherine Corbett – Dev Chair	RGU	Dec 2021	June 2022
Chris Sellar – Comps Chair	Heriot-Watt	June 2019	June 2022
Neil Brown	Strathclyde	June 2020	June 2022
Jonny Pearson	Edinburgh College	June 2020	June 2022
Ciaran O'Brien	UWS	June 2020	June 2023
Cathy Gallagher (co-opted on as BUCS SMN Chair)	Stirling	Dec 2019	June 2022
Robin Mcgregor (co-opted on)	NESCOL	September 2021	June 2022
Sophie Charlton	Stirling	June 2021	June 2022
Jordan Moore	RGU	June 2021	June 2022
Gregor Malcolm	Edinburgh	June 2021	June 2022

Please note that representative(s) from **sportscotland**, **SFC** and **BUCS** may also be present at Executive Council meetings.

Competitions Committee 2021/22:

Name	Institution	Start date in current role	End date of current term
Chris Sellar – Comps Chair	Heriot-Watt	June 2019	June 2022
Eamonn Laird	Dundee	June 2019	June 2022
Iain Christie	UWS	June 2019	June 2022
Aaron Johnson - Sports Chair	n/a	June 2021	June 2022
Johnathan Macleod	UWS	June 2021	June 2022
Emily Divine	Edinburgh Napier	June 2021	June 2022
Ollie Cruickshank (co-opted on as Fixtures Chair)	Edinburgh	June 2021	June 2022

Development Committee 2021/22:

Name	Institution	Start date in current role	End date of current term
Claire Scott – Dev Chair	St Andrews	Dec 2019	June 2022
Katherine Corbett – Dev Chair (previously Grampian Chair co-opted on)	RGU	June 2018	June 2022
Abby Irvine – West Chair	Strathclyde	June 2020	June 2023
Alex Crespo – SE Chair	Edinburgh	June 2020	June 2023
Emma Robson – H&I Chair	UHI	June 2020	June 2023
Kirsten Mullen – T&F Chair	Fife College	Sept 2020	June 2023
Kirsty Bannatyne	Strathclyde	June 2021	June 2022
Amber Taylor	Heriot-Watt	June 2021	June 2022