

**General Meeting
Tuesday 7th December 2021
Via Zoom**

In Attendance (SSS)

Pete Burgon (PB), Stew Fowlie (SF), Totty Sinclair Roads (TSR), Neil Rankin (NR), Leah Davidson (LB), Sarah Gandon (SG), Chris Purdie (CP)

Present & Voting Institutions

Edinburgh Napier – Fraser Reynolds
Fife College – Kirsten Mullen
Heriot-Watt University/ Oriam – Amber Taylor, Chris Sellar
Robert Gordon University – Katherine Corbett
University of Aberdeen- Christine Roberts
University of Edinburgh – Gregor Malcolm, Jim Aitken
University of Dundee –Paul McPate
University of Glasgow –Jessica Woodcock, Keith Joss
University of St Andrews – Claire Scott
University of Stirling – Cathy Gallagher
University of Strathclyde – Abby Irvine, Neil Brown
SSS Cycling Chair- Aaron Johnson

1. Welcome

PB welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking the members for their attendance once more in a virtual setting. No apologies were noted.

2. Update from the COO

COO gave an update in all 4 areas of the organisation- Development, Competitions, Advocacy and Strong Organisation. It has been a tale of two halves this semester- we have embraced our new 2021+ strategy, buoyed with positivity as restriction eased and events came back, living in our new plan, getting stuck into Development work and delivering a number of Competitions, however, we were overshadowed by the uncertainty in our funding position, as we awaited a decision from the SFC. Thankfully, we received positive news in late November that our funding had been approved so are now forging ahead with purpose. A note of thanks to the SSS staff who continued to work with great poise despite the uncertainty, and to the membership for their continued support. It is now up to us as a collective to seize every opportunity to advocate on behalf of student sport and ensure we are at the centre of all the right conversations, to make sport part of the solution. SF encouraged everyone to watch the Annual Review video, available on the [SSS website](#) and thanked GR for putting it together.

3. 2020/21 Annual Accounts

TSR talked through the accompanying notes to the 20/21 accounts, working through the P&L, then the Balance Sheet, concluding that we are in good health, returning a surplus of £13K. It is important to note that this surplus was possible due to us receiving £8K from the government job retention schemes plus moving £35K from deferred grants into grant income. Savings were of course made due to COVID-19 with no competitions or National Squad activity, very little travel alongside reduced administrative costs from home-workin. The surplus has been added to our reserves, which now sit at £259K. Drummond Laurie, who are happy with the Finance procedures and controls in place, and both the Audit and Risk and Executive committees, recommended the accounts. PB thanked TSR for her hard work and diligence with the accounts throughout the year. Questions and comments were invited from the floor. A query relating to the BUCS income was raised as this represented 50% of the total from 19/20 and it was explained that this was agreed due to the pandemic and additional financial pressures faced by all. We are currently in discussions with BUCS and hope to return to a level of support in the coming year.

4. Vote to Approve Accounts

TSR sought approval for the 20/21 accounts via the Zoom poll function. 9 members voted in favour of adopting the accounts, with one member abstaining. The accounts were thus formally approved by the membership.



5. AOB and close

On behalf of the whole student sport family, PB offered collective thanks to GR for his hard work over the past few years, wishing him well in his new role. Thanks were also recorded to SG who leaves the HBHM project officer role, as this is absorbed into the main SSS Development team. Finally, a huge thanks to all the members for their continued support in difficult times and to the SSS staff who have worked tirelessly despite the uncertainties. Thanks to NR for the upcoming Festive Gathering, and thanks to all the panellists and speakers. PB closed the meeting hoping everyone would take some time to reflect on the collective effort to see student sport return in its fullest capacity and be proud of everything that has been achieved. Very best wishes to all for a wonderful festive season.