

Minutes of the General Purposes Sub Committee

Held at Mike Doyle Centre - Reddish

Tuesday 16th October 2012

In the chair: John Hargreaves (JonH)

1. Members in attendance:

Ian Dixon (ID)
Brenda Hopkins (BH)
Chris Waker (CW)
Julie Higham (JH)
David Hulme (DH)
Ron Linton (RL)

2. Apologies:

Jeff Shaw (JS)
Doreen Schofield (DS)
Stewart Smith (SS)
Yvonne Spurrell (YS)

ID distributed an email he received from Stewart Smith which informed the group that he would be resigning from his position due to work commitments. The group accepted the resignation and would speak to the Stockport District FA to see if an alternative representative could be found.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Passed as a true record

4. Matters Arising:

JH updated the group on the community use agreement for Stockport Sports Village. The process is now open and a small panel (including John) will meet every 2 months to review applications. Information about the application process is now on the Sport Stockport website, it can also be accessed via www.lifeleisure.net or by emailing seb.rowe@lifeleisure.net

CW asked if set time slots would be made available for community use or will clubs just request a specific time. JonH stated that at the moment, clubs can request whatever time they require but paid bookings would need to take priority. The process will be reviewed after 1 year.

5. Website & Affiliation:

180 clubs are registered on the Sport Stockport website, 33 are affiliated. ID stated that he expects this number to increase over the coming weeks due to the subsidised places on 1st aid and safeguarding workshops which will be delivered in November. Action – ID to email all Clubmark registered clubs and make them aware of the benefits offered via affiliation to the group.

6. Sports Awards:

The Sports Awards were held at Stockport Sports Village on Friday 5th October 2012. 114 tickets were sold for the event and guests enjoyed a 3 course meal, the awards and a question and answer session with GB Olympic medallist Sarah Stevenson.

JonH stated that he thought the event was a success and the feedback he gathered from both nominees and guests was very positive. The committee were in agreement that the event went very well and in particular the Q& A with Sarah Stevenson. ID informed the group that The Sport Business (who helped book Sarah) would like to come on board much earlier next year and help to organise the event.

ID gave feedback he had received from Jeff Shaw in his absence. Although he enjoyed the event, he raised a number of points which he felt could be improved upon for next year, many of them relating to the venue. It was agreed that a few things didn't go exactly as planned but this was to be expected with a new venue hosting its 1st event. ID to feedback to Life Leisure regarding some of these issues.

ID informed the group that both he and JonH would be going to Bushido Martial Arts on Thursday 18th October to present Leah Ferneyhough with her young achiever award.

A press release with pictures appeared in the Stockport Express the week following the event. ID to send the information to CW to ensure it goes on the Sport Stockport website.

JonH stated that the Greater Manchester sports awards will take place at "The Point" Old Trafford on Friday 9th November.

7. Sport Stockport Initiatives:

ID confirmed that a number of 1st aid workshops will be booked in to take place during November. This will support a number of local clubs who are currently going through the clubmark process. Places will be subsidised down to £10 for coaches from clubs who are members of Sport Stockport. All other places will be £30 per person.

2 x level 1 football courses are booked to take place at Stockport Sports Village in the next month. Coaches from clubs who are affiliated to Sport Stockport can access a 50% refund via the get Coaching Stockport initiative.

A level 1 cricket course is booked to take place at Hillcrest Grammar school in January 2013.

73 local clubs hold the Clubmark accreditation. 21 are signed up as working towards

8. Club Development Fund Applications:

No applications were received this month.

ID to email all affiliated clubs reminding them of the benefits of affiliation.

9. Talented Athlete Fund:

ID informed the group that both he and Jon H will also present Leah Ferneyhough with her Talented Athlete Grant of £250.00 when they attend Bushido Martial Arts on Thursday 18th October.

Despite awarding Adam Waldron with a grant, we have not a response form his parents regarding bank details and therefore haven't paid the award. ID to chase up.

No new applications were received this month.

10. Any Other Business:

None

**Next Meeting – Tuesday 20th November, 7.30pm
Hazel Grove Bowling & Tennis Club**