



Minutes of the General Purposes Sub Committee

Held at Hazel Grove Bowling & Tennis Club

Tuesday 17th April 2012

In the Chair: Brain Whalley (BW)

1. Members in attendance:

Ian Dixon (ID)
John Hargreaves (JonH)
Chris Waker (CW)
Brenda Hopkins (BH)
Yvonne Spurrel (YS)
Eddie Crabtree (EC)
Julie Higham (JH)
Jeff Shaw (JS) – From 8.30pm
Laura Murphy (LM)

2. Apologies:

Ron Linton (RL)
Doreen Schofield (DS)
David Hulme (DH)
Ian Burnett (IB)
Marie Thornton (MT)

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as a true record

4. Matters Arising:

JonH updated on the progress of the Sports Awards. Sale Sharks have now moved to a new stadium for next season which means that Friday nights at Edgeley Park are available to hire. Ian, Laura Mylotte and JonH to meet and produce a timeline of actions leading up to the awards.



ID updated the group on the playing pitch strategy for the Borough. Working in partnership with Denise Irving from SMBC, a report will be produced to go to the head of service outlining the need for a playing pitch strategy.

The Sport Stockport AGM is confirmed for Thursday 24th May. ID confirmed that Malcolm McPhail the managing director of Life Leisure and Laura Murphy, the Olympic legacy co-ordinator will be delivering presentations.

5. Laura Murphy – Olympic Update

Local Leaders – people who are organising events to support the games, opening / closing ceremony celebrations sign up at <http://www.london2012.com/get-involved/local-leaders/> also promote your events and activities at www.stockport.gov.uk/2012events or send through information to 2012@stockport.gov.uk

Join in Sports Weekend – national event 18-19 August, once I have more information I will share it. Idea is to use the momentum around the Olympics to generate interest in participating in sport during the week in between the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Volunteering

Papua New Guinea – we are looking for chaperones to support the social programme when the athletes are in Stockport between 27 May – 31 July 2012. Role description attached. The social programme includes Tuesday afternoons, evenings and weekends. We are really looking for people with transport to support us but if you do not have a car you can still be involved.

Torch Relay – Marshalls – early morning start, Sunday 24 June, details to follow as soon as I have any.

Pass the Baton - Volunteers required from sports clubs to carry the baton between parks for the yellow and green routes <http://passthebaton.org.uk/> attached is the breakdown of the routes and where runners, cyclists etc are required. If anyone would like to help out please contact Richard.booker@stockport.gov.uk Anyone who agrees to participate are doing so at their own risk, if the club are supporting members to participate you may want to do your own risk assessment if you feel this is necessary.

6. Website:

There are 172 clubs registered on the website, 58 have paid affiliation

Information about the AGM needs to go out to all clubs registered on the website.

CW discussed the process clubs would now go through to update information on the website. This is going to be emailed round committee members to test the process and will then go out to all clubs.



7. Sport Stockport Initiatives:

The Boroughs first Sport Makers workshop was delivered on Tuesday 3rd April at Stockport Town Hall. 41 people booked onto the workshop and 29 attended which is much higher than the National average. All Sport Makers will be receiving information about local volunteering opportunities in the coming days.

74 clubs have got the Clubmark accreditation which is an increase of 8 over the year. 22 clubs are working towards.

8. Club Development Funding Applications:

Reddish North End FC – requesting funding for club volunteers to attend referees and coaching courses. This will support the creation of 3 new teams at the club. The total cost of the workshops is £1630 and the club were awarded the maximum grant of £400 towards this.

The Club Development Fund has granted 20 clubs a maximum grant of £400 this year.

9. Annual Sports Awards:

Please see matters arising – Timeline of actions to be drafted as soon as possible and distributed to all members of the committee.

10. Active Stockport Alliance:

No update - It was agreed that this item would be removed from the agenda and would be discussed in AOB where an update is available.

11. Any Other Business:

ID updated the group on Manchester Harriers and the proposed move to a facility in Wythenshawe, Manchester. The clubs current facility at William Scholes has lost its maintenance budget from SMBC and will become a danger to users. Therefore, the club have been approached by Manchester City Council who has offered them alternative accommodation at a purpose built facility. The Club's last training session in Stockport is Thursday 10th May. ID expressed his thanks for all of the good work the club have done in Stockport and was disappointed to be losing them to another Borough. However, it was agreed by all that the opportunity was too good to turn down given the lack of funding available at William Scholes.

ID followed on from the above and informed the group that Ian Burnett would no longer be attending Sport Stockport meetings now that the club have moved to Manchester. It was



agreed that the committee would send correspondence to Ian thanking him for all of the hard work he has put in to sport in Stockport.

CW stated that the groups bank accounts were in the process of been combined. In total, the group have around £9000 in savings. This is going to be used to fund a Talented Athlete Scheme which will be launched at the AGM.

A free tennis project "Tennis for All" is starting on Saturday 28th April at Cale Green park. The initiative will run for 10 weeks during the pilot phase.

EC asked for an update regarding the user agreement and price list for the new facility at Woodley Sports. ID stated that both were in the process of been put together and will be distributed as soon as they are available.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Date of the AGM is Thursday 24th May 2012 at Hazel Grove Bowling & Tennis Club.