



Monday 25 January 2010– Conference Room, Aqualibrium

Present: Stuart McQuaker (Campbeltown Sailing Club & Swimming Club) - Chair
Lindsay Owen (Active Schools)
Malina MacAulay (SKSC Minibus and Campbeltown Pupils AFC)
Duncan MacAulay (Campbeltown Pupils AFC)
Elaine McGeachy (MOKRUN) - Secretary
Catriona McLean
Jane Gallagher (Campbeltown Tennis Club and Canoe Club)
Linda Robertson (Kintyre Athletics Club)
David Paterson (AWP Campaign)
Stuart McCallum (Campbeltown Boys FC)
Tony Lambert (Argyll & Bute Council)
Councillor Rory Colville

Apologies: Alison McGeachy (Jog Scotland) - SKSC Treasurer

Minute of Meeting

1. Minute of last meeting of 30th November 2009.

Elaine McGeachy confirmed that she had spoken to the Scottish SCA and that the SKSC does not have public liability insurance through them. The Minutes were proposed as correct by Jane Gallagher and seconded by Lindsay Owen.

2. Treasurer's Report

Alison McGeachy will report on this at the next meeting.

3. SKSC Membership Update

Malina reported that memberships were currently up to date. She also reported that Rob Reid from the Kintyre Way Relay had been in touch to renew membership.

4. Minibus Update

Malina MacAulay reported that the minibus had been busy with hires and had passed on some hire money to Alison to be banked.

Stuart McQuaker confirmed that he had chased up the School's hires and had now been settled.

5. New Licensing Laws

David Paterson and Linda Robertson attended a recent course on the new licensing laws and reported that there is no actual requirement for a person to be a license holder at events but Argyll and Bute Council are taking the proactive approach and encouraging groups to do this as will need to do in the future.

There are a few changes with regards to publishing volume/percentages on alcohol price lists at events that we will need to adhere to. In addition, it had already been discussed that we would need to be more stringent with under 18s attending including having different coloured bands etc

6. Awards Ceremony

Lindsay Owen reported that she applied to Awards for All for funding assistance for the SKSC Awards Ceremony on 2nd October in Stronvaar BC, however, unfortunately it was denied due to no market research being carried out.

Rory Colville informed the group that there could be a Leisure Development Grant from Argyll and Bute Council available or an application to the Campbeltown Common Good Fund could be suitable. Elaine McGeachy and Lindsay Owen to investigate further. It was also decided that each prize could be sponsored by a local company to ease the cost on each member as well as possible event sponsorship. It was hoped that the price of tickets to members could be subsidized. In addition, it is thought that the shortlisted prizewinners may be given free tickets to the event, however, this would also increase costs. Other fund generating activities such as bingo and raffle were also discussed. Elaine McGeachy to take further action.

A discussion took place regarding the prizes that would be awarded on the evening and it was decided that a maximum of 5 would be ideal. Stuart McQuaker passed round a document detailing various prize options that have been awarded at other Sport Council's Awards. The group decided that the following prizes would be offered:

- Coach of the Year
- Team of the Year
- Young Sports Person of the Year (under 18)
- Sportsperson of the Year (over 18)
- Service to Sports Award

It was discussed that it was hoped that there would be an 'external' judging panel of 3 possibly including the Active Schools Manager for Argyll and Bute and 2 others – to be decided at next meeting. In addition, it was hoped that the Courier would play an active role in the Awards – E McGeachy to look into.

It was confirmed that Stronvaar BC has been booked and Argyll Bakeries and Jamie G discos had been booked provisionally. However, we may need to look at cheaper alternatives if funding doesn't allow.

A short discussion took place on who could be the guest speaker/presenter. E McGeachy to investigate and give further options at next meeting with costings.

7. SKSC Website Update

David Paterson issued copies of printouts of the website updates. More details of member clubs including photos etc is needed and David asked if clubs could forward on details to him for inclusion. David also requested that Lindsay Owen pass on the information that she collated about clubs and events in the Kintyre area to ensure that also gets added onto the website.

In addition, it was discussed that company logos of the companies sponsoring the bus should also be included on the home page.

8. All Weather Pitch Update

Unfortunately Councillor John Semple was not present at the meeting to give an official update. David Paterson confirmed that Argyll & Bute Council are now working on an outline business case for 2 sites in Campbeltown - Kinloch Park and the Grammar School. The preference of the local sporting community is Kinloch as a decision has still not been made on the CGS estate and Campbeltown cannot wait to push the AWP project forward.

The CHORD meetings in January seemed very positive about pushing the AWP project forward in the near future. A stakeholder meeting will be organized in February to bring together various groups including SFA, Sports Scotland and sporting groups to voice their interests in the AWP. It was discussed that there could also be a presentation at this meeting to show evidence of the poor facilities in the area.

A report is being drawn up by Sandy McTaggart in preparation for an AWP meeting in February.

In addition, Lindsay Owen reported that PMR will be at the coaching weekend in Dunoon to gather information about the usage of public sports facilities and the need for an AWP. They may also be present at the meeting in February.

9. Pitches

David Paterson welcomed Tony Lambert to the meeting.

A discussion took place on the poor conditions of the playing fields in Campbeltown and the disappointment that so many games have been cancelled for various clubs over the past few months.

Tony Lambert was asked what the Playing Fields Strategy is for the area as Oban, Lochgilphead and other areas in Argyll seem to have a regular maintenance programme in place that Campbeltown don't. Tony explained that there is one being drawn up. Tony reported that there is drainage work planned for Meadows and Kinloch but due to the poor weather recently this had been postponed, but will be done in the future. He also explained that explorative work will be done soon to get to the bottom of the problem of continuous flooding. There is also further work to do on the pitches to get them playable for the summer. The council are hoping to keep one pitch clear (no playing) so it can be re-turfed. This could be a problem as trying to keep kids and other groups from playing on them. It was also mentioned that because of the recent budget cuts that no overtime will be given to council staff for this.

In addition, it was mentioned that sand is supposed to be put on playing fields to improve the surfaces but this has not been done in Campbeltown by the council for various reasons. Sports council members urged for this to be done soon in order to help playing fields.

The issue of permanent goals on the pitches was discussed and Tony was asked if temporary goals can be put up and the permanent goals on most of the pitches to discourage people from playing on the fields without permission and ruining the pitches. Tony will look into this. However, it was pointed out that there should still be some playable areas for kids to play unofficial games. In addition, it needs to be made clear to the public the rules of booking pitches and which ones cannot be played upon as communication seems to be lacking. The idea of publishing this in the local paper may be a good option.

A brief discussion took place to whether a sub-group should be formed to take on board the project of AWP and playing fields in order to push forward the development needs of the sporting committee.

Stuart McCallum informed group about how the Campbeltown Boys FC were sent an official letter by the amateur league nearly 2 years ago that their grounds needed to be improved within 2 years to ensure they remain in the league. The Boys FC need assurance that the Council will put in a strategy to improve grounds in the near future.

David Paterson reiterated that it is not only football in the area that is suffering and will contact people involved in rugby and shinty for their input – if these clubs are still active.

10. Forthcoming Events

Lindsay Owen reminded members that the annual Argyll and Bute Sports Conference will take place in Dunoon on 5th and 6th of February 2010. Free transportation will be provided from Campbeltown and 35 different sports will be catered for over the weekend.

10 Applications for funding or assistance

Application for £300 as per last year from MOKRUN, will discuss at next meeting.

11 AOB

Lindsay Owen reported that the new Football Development Manager for the area is Martin Rae who will start his position on 8th May and will be present at the coaching weekend. He will be based in Oban. It was discussed that the hope of the SKSC members is that the new Football Development Manager will make some input into Campbeltown development as it is very much needed.

Lindsay also informed the group that Active Schools are issuing a Club Start Pack to give help to clubs to get started. Information will be included on the pack including templates of important documents each club will need to set up. Information will be sent out to local clubs in the near future.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next SKSC meeting will take place on Monday 22nd February 2010.