HAMILTON SPORTS COUNCIL: MINUTE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Whitehill Neighbourhood Centre – Wednesday 8 May 2013

1.0 SEDERUNT
C Bennett, C Winsch, S Sutherland, K Belgacem, J Smith, N Malone, D Howitt.

2.0 APOLOGIES
Cllr G Horne, Cllr L Adams, P Hickey

3.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
3.2 Approval of minute proposed by K Belgacem, seconded by J Smith.

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
(not covered by sub-committees)
4.1 None

5.0 UPDATE FROM SCHOOL SPORT
Reported by D Howitt from the Active Schools Coordinators:

- Mark Conroy reports a free Easter programme of activities was given by clubs at Blantyre Leisure Centre from 2-4 April 2013 for P1 – P7 children. The scheme attracted 45 footballers, 28 in general play, 22 Taekwondo and 5 swimmers.

- Jennifer Griffin & Tony Gilhooley report there will be a ‘Gateway to the Games’ event organised by Active Schools from 4-6 June 2013. There will be 25 schools participating in sports featured in the Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup. D Howitt will ask which clubs are involved: N Malone noted that Judo won the most medals for Scotland at the last Commonwealth Games.

- There will be taster sessions in 13 primary schools for Judo and Karate run by Pro-Judo and Yurokai Karate for 4 weeks.

- Katie Riley reports that a Nursery Transition programme will run for 6 weeks for children and parents teaching positive play and fundamental skills. The idea is to get families used to attending extra-curricular activities.

- Gregor Fleming of UWS is monitoring the P1-P3 after school programme.

- Bridget McLaughlin is running a SLC-wide consultation to primary and secondary schools.

- ‘Champion in School’ visits will take place at Holy Cross High, including Formula 4 Champion David Wagner, demonstrating a positive mindset.

- Claire Murphy reported that three Hamilton primary schools are taking part in a tennis programme combined with healthy eating.

- A joint SLC – NHS programme ‘Fit for Schools’ will run for 10 weeks from April to June, comprising 45 minutes on eating well and 45 minutes of activity.

6.0 UPDATE FROM SOUTH LANARKSHIRE LEISURE
No separate report – see above for update from Active Schools.

7.0 SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS
7.1 Athletics – Duathlon Sunday 21 April 2013
- This event was very successful and well-organised by Shona Girdwood.
- Track and Field Championships 10 May 2013 at John Wright.

7.2 Badminton
No report.
7.3 **Bowling and Curling**
- Hamilton Championships are underway.
- C Bennett reported that she has been unable to get teams for SALSC competitions because they are being held too early in the season.

7.4 **Football – Soccer Sevens Sunday 19 May 2013**
- J Smith, N Malone, C Winsch and S Sutherland will attend.
- C Winsch to ask G Horne if he has the high-viz bibs.

- There was a discussion about the non-availability of grass pitches from 26 May – 6 August due to reseeding and repairs. However Caledonian Thistle and other clubs play in a summer league and need outdoor pitches. It was noted that a few clubs have resolved this by taking on pitches as a permanent club base e.g. Mill United and Avondale. Blantyre Soccer Academy (formerly Blantyre Boys Club) has 15 teams. They are looking for a permanent home, but the site identified would cost £1.5m to bring into use.

7.5 **Golf**
The committee agreed to support the Hamilton Ladies Day Golf Tournament with a sponsorship grant of £50.

7.6 **International Opportunities**
C Bennett is visiting Denmark with the Seniors Together project. The group visited ‘Active Thursday’, the Holstebro scheme to bring people together into a variety of sports and games one morning a week. She noted that over 100 people were participating. The next group will visit Scotland in August and two more trips are planned.

7.7 **Marketing and web site: hamiltonsportscouncil.co.uk**
- C Winsch handed a disc with photographs in RAW format of the sports awards to K Belgacem to put on the web site.
- There was a discussion about how to make more of the web site. An e-newsletter was suggested – this would need a dedicated editor and would be an excellent new role for someone on the committee.
- The grant form could be added to the web site as a downloadable pdf.
- It was agreed to send an email to all members saying that we have a new webs site and we would love to have their photographs and stories. The secretary will also ask M Wotherspoon to add this to the letter advising each club that their affiliation has been accepted for the year.
- K Belgacem will add an email address to the site.

7.8 **Martial arts**
- J Smith reported that Kirsty Fraser won a European title on Saturday in Kickboxing. She has been selected for the national camp for the U16 squad. Sportscotland cover this.
- N Malone reported that his club won 11 out of 15 medals at Inverness and 11 out of 14 medals at Linwood. There was a good turnout at the Eat of Scotland Special Needs event for Scottish selection.
- Forthcoming events include: 11/5/13 Scottish mini mons at Ravenscraig; 18/5/2013 Grading at Glenrothes; 8-9 June 2013 BUPA charity event for Children 1st. BUPA will match any profit. This is the third year of the event which will be held at Ravenscraig; 16/6/2013 Referees course at Inverness being run by N Malone.
- K Belgacem reported that the European Director for Taekwondo will be giving a seminar for 70 people at one of the SLC leisure Centres on 11 May 2013.
7.9 **Rambling**
SLOW is not currently affiliated. It was noted that no cycling club is affiliated either. S Sutherland will check if Royal Albert Cycling Club still exists.

7.10 **Rugby**
Hamilton Legacy Sevens will be held this Saturday from 12-6pm at Bent. S Sutherland explained that there are two circuits for sevens – in the Borders and in the West of Scotland.

7.11 **Sports Performers Awards**

- There was a discussion about this year’s event. J Smith suggested giving an award for the Sporting School of the Year. He will sponsor it with a shield and propose a set of selection criteria for it.
- There could also be a competition for the best photograph of the year. All nominees’ photographs could be shown on screen for 15 seconds during the dinner and on display in the VIP area.
- It was suggested that Tennyson Insurance could be advertised on the website if the sponsored the photographic competition. Secretary to enquire.
- The VIP are did not work well. It would be better to badge each VIP to get free drinks at the bar.
- Next year’s date to be booked as soon as possible.
- SLLC wish to extend the awards according to the scheme proposed by the West Regional Ports Partnership. This would add several more categories of coach and volunteer to the list of nominations.

7.12 **Tennis**
No report.

7.13 **Affiliations**

- There was a discussion about the purpose and function of the sports council. We can lobby councillors and SLLC advising them of problems clubs and individuals are having with access to facilities and also making suggestions for new programmes SLLC could undertake; we give grants for courses in first aid, child protection etc, attendance at competitions, coach education; interest free loans are also available; membership of HSC gives access to international opportunities; committee members are informed about SLLC programmes and investment.
- It was suggested That HSC could organise a first aid course for two months time, which perhaps could be advertised in Ian Steele’s list of course. D Howitt will check if first aid courses are available for clubs.
- There was a discussion about the affiliation fee. N Malone noted that British Judo’s membership fee is £50, but individual clubs get nothing back for it. Jim Smith commented that he pays £900 to the SFA for four teams. Members said they would pay £30–£50 to affiliate to HSC for free lets in return. This sum would also help stop frivolous lets.

7.14 **Finance**

- The bank statement balance at 28 March 2013 was £9,029.57. Allowing for uncashed cheques and hall hire the available balance is £9,756.20, but the catering bill for the sports awards has yet to be received. This is likely to reduce the balance by about £2,000.
- The following grants were agreed: Hamilton Caledonian Thistle GFC £200; A Young (Athletic coaching course) £175.
N Malone suggested an accountant to review HSC’s finances for the AGM.

8.0 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was reviewed including:
- Thank you letter from the Depute Provost for the Sports Performers’ Awards.
- MOVE week 1-7th October 2013: This is a Europe-wide scheme to get 100 million more Europeans moving between 2012 and 2020 to raise the physical activity levels of the continent. It is led by the International Sport and Cultural Association (ISCA).

9.0 **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

HSC Meeting dates:
- HSC’s Executive Committee meetings for 2013 are: 12 June, no meeting in July, 14 August, 11 September, 9 October, 13 November and 11 December.
- AGM: Wednesday 15 May 2013 at Whitehill Neighbourhood Centre.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
WEDNESDAY 12 June 2013 at Whitehill Neighbourhood Centre.