**ROSS AND CROMARTY SPORTS COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY March 27rd 2014**

**Osprey Room, Dingwall Football Academy, Dingwall 7.30pm**

**Present**

Joan Maxwell, Jim Hyslop, Sandy Gall, Jack Murray, Jenny Maclennan, T.A. Knox, Angela Hamilton, Cllr Graham MacKenzie, Julie Cleghorn

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Ian Cockburn, Dave Ogilvie, Roy Sinclair, Darren Reid (Community Sports Hub Officer)

Jack welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes were accepted with no changes. Proposed: Sandy Gall Seconded: Joan Maxwell

**3. ASC’s Report – Julie Cleghorn (ASC Tain Area).**

Tain had a HMI inspection recently. Health and wellbeing workshop/extravaganza was held at Tain Royal Academy, aimed at second year pupils. Pupils participated in different workshops, rotating around for 2 days, including problem solving activities, an athletics tournament, a science workshop and a healthy-eating workshop. Pupils were encouraged to take ownership of their own health and well-being, creating a positive culture for their teenage years and beyond.

Active schools aim to increase opportunities and participation for all children and young people, to be engaged in physical activity and sport. This is the 3rd year where a celebration of sport day has been held, showcasing local sports clubs in a day of activities. In order to encourage new volunteers, Ross-shire AS’s have a calendar of sporting opportunities for teachers, volunteers and pupils to gain valuable experience on how to start an activity from grass roots.

Active citizenship – 4th and 5th year lunchtime activities are provided, aimed at targeting girls in the middle-school group. Opportunities are provided for the girls to work towards awards such as the Saltire award and Youth Achievement awards.

Commonwealth games – All areas are busy making sure there is a CWG theme running throughout all our summer programmes and there are also pods of CWG sports and activities running in each cluster. To celebrate the QBR we have a highland games planned in the grounds of Glenmorangie to greet the baton when it comes through Tain. Jack thanked Julie for her report.

**4. Matters Arising**

**4.1 – Dingwall Community Hub**

Joan commented that she had attended the 2nd Dingwall Hub meeting. There is still no accurate list of all the clubs and contacts from the feeder primary schools. Darren Reid/Wilma Kelt were asking for information from us. It was agreed that this would be provided in confidence for sporting use. Next Dingwall Hub meeting, Thursday 1st May, Dingwall Academy @ 2pm. Provisional launch date, 29th May in the evening. Joan to copy Julie/Wilma into all emails. **AP Joan.**

**4.2 – Press Report**

Full coverage was given of the awards night by the RSJ who featured the photos heavily over many pages.

**4.3 – Data Protection Certificate**

Updated and on website.

**4.4 – Black Isle Mountain Bike Club Membership**

No response to our invitation to renew their membership.

**5. Correspondence**

SALSC seminar – 26th/27th April at Inverclyde. Funding available if anyone wants to go.

SportScotland have recognised motorsport as a sport which may be supported by sports councils. There are 104 motorsport clubs and Rory Bryant is recognised as National Development Officer. SCs may use their discretion as to levels of funding given to the sport.

Letter received by Jim at Gearrloch Rowing Club. Boat building is progressing well, they now have their own Facebook page, and they hope to be in the water by the end of April.

Invergordon Junior Football Club sent a letter of thanks for their recent equipment grant.

Muir of Ord Golf Club – thanks received for their 3rd cheque. Thankfully this one did not go astray.

Card received from Highland Synchronised Ice Skaters, signed by all the participants in the national championships.

Fortrose and Rosemarkie Golf Club won RBS Junior Club Golf Club of the year.

Fiona Graham contacted us about any news on SALSC ladies over 50 bowling competition. Nothing organised at the moment.

Scottish Office ministers meet on 3rd April looking at 3rd sector funding, which includes voluntary groups.

**6. New Members**

Clachnacuddin Small Bore Rifle Club membership paid, membership cheque received.

**7. Treasurer’s Report**

Trust Fund stands at £11713.42. Travel Fund stands at £4274.73. Sports Fund stands at -£1360.01. This includes outstanding grants up to 068/13.

Business plan now in place. £1500 to be transferred to travel fund from the £2270 membership fees after the 2nd installment comes in from Highland Council. Awards night total cost was £373; of this £100 was gifted to junior athletes. Joan’s laptop repair approved.

**8.1. Grant Aid**

All grants approved grant Id nos. from 064/13 to 074/13 with provisos 072/13 defer grant to 2014/15. 073/074 amount restricted by £750 limit per club per year.

**8.2. Criteria for Trust Fund.**

Cllr Cockburn was to look into this. Cllr Mackenzie to contact Cllr Cockburn re: his thoughts. Cllr.Margaret Paterson to be invited to return to the sports council and be co-opted on to the committee. The original deed was updated by Macleod and MacCallum in December 2008. Responsible persons are 1. A Councillor 2. Chair of RCSC 3. Treasurer of RCSC 4. Representative from the area sports committee i.e. HighLife Highland. There are 3 outstanding trust fund applications; Robert Kling (to email us proof of invitation) to Scottish squad and Aimee Grant. Proposed: Jim Hyslop Seconded: Sandy Gall

**9. Arrangements for AGM on 22nd May 2014**

Room booked from 6.30-9.30pm. The following to be discussed and ratified at AGM:

1. £750 maximum per club to be retained
2. Membership fees for 2015-16 – Recommend fees to be increased to a maximum £35 per club and £15 per individual.

All agreed unanimously. Darren Reid/Wilma Kelt to be invited to give a presentation on Tain Community Hub. Press report to go in.

**10. AOCB**

Online claim and membership forms – Joan to forward to Andrew to consider.

**11. Date and Venue of Next meeting**

22nd May 2014, Dingwall Academy

Grants @ 6.30pm, Normal meeting @ 7pm, AGM @ Approximately 8pm after executive meeting.