



**Minutes of the Meeting of:**

**University of Lincoln Students' Union Sports Council**

**Held on**

**07/03/2014, 10.00 am – 12.00pm**

**Cargill Lecture Theatre, Main Administration Building**

**1. Present :**

Chair

Amy Womersley (Sports Officer)

Sport Representatives

Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball Women's, Boxing, Cheerleading, Cricket, Dance, Equestrian Competition, Equestrian Social, Expedition, Football Women's, Football Men's, Futsal Women's, Golf, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Kofukan Karate, Lacrosse, Martial Arts, Netball, Parkour, Pool, Rounders, Rugby League, Skate & BMX (societies council), Rowing, Rugby Union Men's, Rugby Union Women's, Sailing, Sky Diving, Snow Sports, Squash, Surfing, Table Tennis, Tennis, Trampoline, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball.

Emerging Sports Present

None

Also In Attendance

Joe Burt (VP Activities); Ian Johnston (Membership Services Manager / Deputy CEO); Tracey Revill (Activities Co-ordinator); Jo Buckler (Activities Support Worker)

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Canoe Sport

**3. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

Approved: 29    Rejected: 0    Abstained: 0

#### 4. Matters Arising

4.1 Amy Wormersley (sports officer, the chair) thanked Chris Green (vice chair) for chairing the previous council meeting, in her absence.

#### 4.2 'Get Lincoln Noticed Campaign'

Amy Wormersley (sports officer, the chair), announced the winners of the 'Get Lincoln Noticed Campaign' competition, on behalf of Amanda Wood, from the Marketing Department.

The campaign was run in conjunction with the University's Marketing Department with the aim of raising the profile of the University of Lincoln nationally and/or internationally for positive reasons.

There were two prizes of £500 available for the club or society that produced the most impressive, exciting and successful University of Lincoln awareness raising campaign. The two winners are to have the money paid directly into their club or society account.

Of the six entries there were two clear winners:

- The University of Lincoln Students' Union Islamic Society
- University of Lincoln Golf Society.

Congratulations were given to the Islamic Society and Lincoln Golf.

#### 5. Emerging Sports

None

The Chair urged all clubs to apply for Development Funds.

#### 6. Development Fund Requests:

Development Funds Currently Sits At: **£8,740.83**

**Volleyball** request **£200** for 4 new pro model balls

- Volleyball will purchase more than four balls but are requesting funds to cover four only.
- They have money in their SRF but the majority of this is already allocated to an existing kit order and for court hire.
- They have raised £350 bag-packing before Christmas.

Approved: 31 Rejected: 0 Abstained: 1

**Tennis** request **£800** for membership costs and floodlights

- The Tennis club has listened to previous council advice on how to deal with debts.
- They stopped using the floodlights and now train during daylight hours.

- Team members pay for own kit and balls.
- Held fund-raising rallies.
- Tennis brought attention to the fact they have been promoted recently and will be playing bigger teams next year.

Approved: 33 Rejected: 0 Abstained: 0

**Parkour** request **£600** for weekly gym sessions with a professional coach

- Parkour has recently paid off a large gym membership; £50 per week. There are approximately 15 members and gym is paid for out of membership fees.
- Members walk 45 minutes to the gym to save transport costs.
- They have done external showcases to promote Parkour and the University.
- They do not compete, but need to pay a coach at £10-15 per hour.
- A coach would increase their ability levels, enabling some training to be safely done outside, at no cost.
- Parkour was told the £600 could not roll over to next year and so they affirmed they would pay the gym membership in advance.

Approved: 22 Rejected: 2 Abstained: 7

**Gymnastics** request **£400** for Nottingham gym trip, coach hire

- Coach will cost £375 and gym admission is £25.
- Want to use this gym (one-off session) as it has better facilities and will enable training at a higher level, which will hopefully lead to competing.
- Members have raised funds with social events at Lola Lo's and with Cake Sales. Funds raised have gone towards paying for gym and coach.
- Members pay for their own taxi transport each week.

Approved: 25 Rejected: 2 Abstained 7

**7. Intramural Sport**

Presentation by Amy Wormersley assisted by various Sports Sociology students.

Amy Wormersley stepped down as Chair for the duration of this presentation, and was replaced by Chris Green (vice chair).

- Intramural Sport is a Sports Sociology 3<sup>rd</sup> year module project. It is designed to be an introduction for people who don't particularly play or excel in sport. This project has already included 5-a-side football and competitions in basketball; dodgeball; volleyball; netball and badminton.
- It is hoped to form a pool of people available to play in social sport, representing the University. Amy asked attending clubs to identify suitable people for this Intramural Sport pool. This could be done at trials and would be a way of re-directing people

who are not up to the level of competing/BUCS sport, but who still have an interest in playing. Last year 450 people were turned away at trials. Clubs' 3<sup>rd</sup> teams could also be re-directed to Intramural Sport, which would raise overall BUCS scoring.

- A new voluntary post would be created in Activities, Students' Union, to run this social sports programme and will hopefully be set up by September 2014. The post holder would be responsible for running leagues and updating council on a monthly basis.
- Currently social sport is run by the sports centre, but Intramural Sport will be organised by the Students' Union.
- It is hoped to be self-sustaining with a nominal membership fee; possibly £20. Some clubs already run social sports sessions and Intramural Sport does not intend to interfere with these, especially as these sessions are potential fund raisers for the clubs.
- Elite players can play but will be limited to one in play at a time, although there can be more as reserves. Rules might need to be developed to stop top players being entered just to enable teams to win.
- Societies will also be encouraged to enter teams, as will staff; for example a Students' Union team.
- The overall aim of this Intramural Sport project is to increase student participation in sport and to improve BUCS performance.

Council attendees were asked to vote on setting up and moving forward Intramural Sport:

Approved: 33      Rejected: 0      Abstained 1

## **8. Any Other Business**

### **8.1 Squash**

Squash are in the semi-finals this Wednesday and Chris Green (Squash President) invited everyone to come and show their support.

The Canary Wharf Squash Classic, from the Glass Squash Centre will hopefully be screened in the Shed (still waiting for confirmation from the Shed at time of council). It will be upstairs on the 27th of March from 18:30. The matches shown will be the semi-finals of the Canary Wharf Classic held every year in London and likely to include several of the world's top 10 players.

This will be a fun, social event and everyone is invited.

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8.2 Hockey and Rugby Union, as well as Squash, are in the semi-finals and were applauded.

### 8.3 Committee Nominations.

The Sports Clubs and Societies Election Nominations will open at 9am Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 and will run for two weeks, closing at 5pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014. It is a self-nomination process and can be done online on the SU website.

Voting will start in the last week of March at 9am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014 and will close at 5pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

The results will be emailed to the generic email addresses by 12 noon on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

- It was affirmed that a student can nominate themselves for more than one committee but realistically it would be hard to carry out the required duties. Attendees were urged to advise their members to be aware of this.
- A student can nominate for two roles in the committee, but must state their preference of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.
- If no one nominates for a role or if thresholds are not met and not enough votes are received then it will go to a bye election and get re-opened.
- Council was informed that although it was possible to see how many votes have been cast, it would not be democratic to release specifics.
- Attendees were asked to encourage all their members to vote and were reminded that all paid-up members were eligible to vote.
- Several students raised questions on the nomination process and they were advised to speak to Activities staff after council:
  - Can we have runners-up as assistants?
  - Can we amend our constitution?
  - How can we vote for team captains?

### 8.4 Team Photos

Activities are trying to re-schedule for the 24 March 2014. Once we have this date confirmed, Activities will email everyone with the details.

### 8.5 Activities Awards

There have been over 100 nominations so far and the nominations procedure is still open. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at £20 for a two course meal. A £10 ticket will also be available for standing room only, with no food.

## 8.6 Newly Elected Officers

Congratulations were offered to the newly elected Officers: Hayley Wilkinson, Vice-President Activities and Samantha Storey, Sports Officer.

## 9.0 Student Open Discussion

9.1 Rounders asked council for ideas on keeping members interested and committed to turning up to meetings. A suggestion was to invite other societies and sports to play in friendlies.

9.2 Rugby Union and Rugby League are playing a match at Nettleham on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014. Tickets cost £3 and this covers the cost of transport to the pitch. It is to be a big social occasion and all are invited.

9.3 The Equestrian Social instructor has not been paid for some considerable time. No one knew about this and the instructor has only recently mentioned it. Activities will chase this up.

9.4 Volleyball did not get enough time to finish their game recently. This is an on-going problem and Joe Burt, VP Activities has met with Helen Evans, Sports Facilities Manager to discuss this, without much success so far.

Students also discussed equipment that the sports centre won't get out and also which equipment can be used. Joe Burt asked for attendees to report incidents, such as these, by email to Activities so that a case can be built up.

9.5 The Pool Club will be running a Macmillan Cancer research Charity Tournament on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at Rileys, Silver Street, Lincoln. All are welcome.

9.6 Cheerleading asked for Facebook likes to support their committee.

## 10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Friday 04/04/2014. It will be held in the Cargill Lecture Theatre MB0302, from 10.00 am – 12 noon.