



**Minutes of the Meeting of:
University of Lincoln Students' Union Sports Council
Held on Friday 29th of November 2013, 10.00 am – 12.00pm
Cargill Lecture Theatre, Main Administration Building**

Present

Chair

Chris Greene (Vice Chair)

Sport Representatives

Archery, American Football, Badminton, Basketball Women's, Cheerleading, Climbing, Dance, Equestrian Social, Expedition, Futsal Women's, Men's Football, Women's Football, Men's Futsal, Gliding, Golf, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Lacrosse, Martial Arts, Netball, Rounder's, Rowing, Rugby League, Rugby Union Men's, Rugby Union Women's, Sailing, Snowsports, Shotokan Karate, Squash, Surfing, Table Tennis, Tennis, Trampoline, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Skydiving.

Emerging Sports Present

None

Also In Attendance

Joe Burt (VP Activities)

Ian Johnston (Membership Services Manager/Deputy CEO)

Brian Alcorn (VP Welfare & Community)

Sabine Gerlach (Communications Coordinator)

1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received, but a number of sports clubs were not present again.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

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

Approved: 36

Rejected: 0

Abstained: 0

3. Matters Arising

It was noted that the 'Get Lincoln Noticed' campaign applications need to be held back and not submitted until the deadline of 31/12/13 – Marketing are receiving applications too early.

Additional paper applications still available after council for any Activities.

4. Marketing/Communications Update:

Sabine Gerlach (Communications coordinator) DNA for presentation until end of session – ran out of time.

5. Kids on Kampus (now updated to Youth@Uni):

Brian Alcorn (VP Welfare & Community)

New campaign set up following feedback from the survey to improve engagement with the wider community, improve employability/graduate jobs, builds relations with community, gives students from low social background the opportunity to see what the University has to offer and widens participation & access to raise aspirations and prospects.

This will be student led – so Looking for volunteers to plan and organise exciting & Interactive sessions for Half Term Activities (17-22 Feb 2014), between 9-12 every day to make it more manageable (3 hours total).

You can gain great skills, experience and this can boost your employability!

Examples: Ultimate Frisbee – Intro/explanation of sport, drills, training & matches

Architecture – Creative & practical workshops, making structures out of ordinary household waste/materials.

Get your members involved & be inventive! Just need to volunteer, time, plan, organise & do!

DBS check (can take week's dependant on authority checks), will last for 3 years.

Commitment in advance! Interested? Get in touch!

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6. Emerging Sports

None requested or submitted.

7. Development Fund requests

None requested or submitted.

Surfing noted that they had not received any updates with regards to spending Development monies approved. They had been into the SU reception but felt that they had not been advised or given further help.

TR suggested they cc Activities Office into emails sent in order for a response to be chased and actioned on their behalf.

8. Re-Branding University Sport (Generic) – Will Fry (Men's Football President)

Will Fry explained that all Clubs could work together to create a model within the Sports Teams and Students' Union, this could be actioned at the start of each year.

WF: Requested feedback on a 'Separate Sports Sabbatical Officer'?

- Where is the funding going to be generated from?

WF: NGB Development Officer (volunteer) funded project, which could be extended to further sports.

- How is this going to be developed as it is very 'time dependant'?

WF: This is not happening now, I see talent and want us to look at ideas and start talks to look at future ideas.

- Lincoln is not as big as the likes of Loughborough & Bath?

WF: Derby and Bedford have set this up and are not big Universities (Bedford has this for both campuses).

- All clubs are unique, would it not be difficult to make it work, does a structure make us loose uniqueness?

WF: We can merge to enhance this and create employability for ourselves.

- Have you implored the facilities/partners (Sports Centre), what about equipment (purchasing Sailing Boats)?

WF: We can branch out to local communities to use facilities and also close links and partnerships at the same time.

- Clubs already do this and have to cover external charges!

WF: We should have the same generic kits, including Societies to keep continuity and standardise everything so all Activities feel part of the same team.

- We have to fund our own kits which are currently different, how would this this funded?

WF: We can plan to look at various methods which would suit everyone or offer alternatives to suit.

WF: Asked for willing volunteers Interested in this to stay behind at the end of Council and look at discussing setting up a working group entitled: Rebranding of Lincoln Sport, to discuss further and continue.

9. Varsity (VP Activities) Joe Burt

Named event: Humber Games

JB asked Council to confirm Non-attendance at the event to help with organising?

- Women's Futsal
- Handball
- Expedition

JB asked Council to confirm attendance at the event to organise planning?

- Trampoline
- Martial Arts
- Lacrosse
- Cheerleading
- Sailing

- Question: Why are we using the Hull logo for the event?

- JB stated that we are not using Hull Logo.

- JB asked all Clubs interested in being in the Promotion Video to declare at Council?

- Beth Sullivan

- Elly Nixon (Sailing)

- Alex Johnson (Ultimate Frisbee)

- Will Fry (Men's Football)

- Natalie Edison (Rowing)

- Hayley Wilkinson (Dance)

- Madely Johnson (Hockey)

- Sam Strickson (Rugby Union)

- Daniella Lord (Cheerleading)

- Kellie Mardell (Women's Basketball)

- Connor McClellan (Rugby League)

- Emma Thomas (Dance)

- Laura Mack (Dance)

10. Non-BUCS Competitions (VP Activities) Joe Burt

JB asked that all teams who currently compete in Individual/external competitions but do not benefit from the funding budget, to nominate their club today as this will be added to the proposal submitted to Executive Officers meeting in December for further advice.

- Cheerleading
- Handball
- Equestrian Social
- Athletics
- Expedition
- Gliding
- Sailing
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Surfing
- Dance
- Gymnastics
- Kofukan Karate
- Trampoline
- Rowing

11. Team Photos (VP Activities) Joe Burt

JB noted that there will be; one official team photo and one unofficial photo.

Discussing contract with a reputable supplier who is highly recommended, the payments can be taken on the day when you order your prints, the cost will be £10.00 and the prints will be issued straight away which makes the process a lot easier.

JB requested Council agree a suitable date from the following: 5/6/17/18th March 2014?

Date agreed by general consensus: Thursday 6th March 2014 (event scheduled for the whole day with appointment slots made available to all).

12. Clubs with fewer than 15 memberships (VP Activities) Joe Burt

JB discussed the ratification process for membership was low for some clubs, the minimum amount for all should be 15 members. Do we give the clubs affected more time to generate interested members?

This will be addressed again following Re-Fresher's fayre as some clubs stated they would plan actions including reducing membership prices.

13. Training Sessions – Wkly (VP Activities) Joe Burt

JB requested Council agree finish and start back dates for weekly training sessions held in the Sports Centre.

Date agreed by general consensus: Finish Date (Week Ending) 15/12/13, Start Back Date 12/01/13 (TBC with the Sports Centre as Chris Ng was unsure of week ending days), all Activities to be emailed to confirm.

14. Student Open Discussion

Council given the opportunity to bring items for discussion/resolution:

- Rugby Union:
- Hodson's Transport not helpful, high costs, not helpful, left players at external venue, they do not always appear to have the venue details and blame student's when they get lost, they have tried to charge us for cancelling transport, why have they got sole exclusivity, how did this get approved, we feel they take advantage of this privilege?
- Women's Rugby:
- Transport companies do require cancellation notice, was this given?
- Dance: PC Coaches recommended a better quote which we then price matched with Hodson's to get the best price.
- Surfing:
- Hodson's charge too much, we have previously been charged a fee for the Humber Bridge toll, the transport did not actually take this route, so why?
- Women's Football:
- Coaches booked for away fixtures are not always big enough for the whole team, yet for most of the home games we have been allocated a x30 seater which does?
- Cheerleading:
- They completed a Till Button request for kit but were not informed of the VAT implications until actioned.
- Netball:
- Insurance policy does not cover loss of earnings, it only covers loss of limbs which does not help when BUCS clubs are sustaining injuries to prevent them from working, this should be incorporated into the policy.

15. Any Other Business

JB confirmed AGM Club winners and positions as:

2nd – Futsal Women's

3rd – Rugby Union Men's

4th – Touch Rugby

Sports Hall Issues – Vice Chair Chris Greene:

- Futsal Men's:
- Being asked to finish too early when using Sports Hall
- Men's/Women's Football:
- Kits and equipment being packed away whilst teams are still training.
- Badminton:

- Nets are being taken down during play.
- Volleyball:
- Again nets are taken down during play.
- Trampoline:
- They are not helped with equipment at the end of the session, these clashes on timescales, they do not always feel supported by the staff, and also the Trampoline springs do not fit which is a hazard?
- Dance
- The dance floor is not cleaned? This has been reported on numerous occasions but still appears to be a problem.
- Football
- They completed a fine payment but were still refused access to the pitch.
- Squash
- We try to book our additional Squash sessions in advance so we have allocated space for all members, due to Sports Centre recreational sessions and events being booked and sometimes clashing with our planned schedules. We have requested the possibility of booking & payment in advance to get these in place and make the process easier but have been told we cannot do this! This gives the impression that they do not want to support processes which could be beneficial Clubs and students.
- Volleyball
- Weekly Training session was changed this year to a day which was not ideal for members, whilst we understood that this was the only offer available, we were unhappy that the club received no support from the Sports Centre during the negotiation process to try and resolve the problem, especially as there was a space and time free which was more beneficial for the club.
- Men's Football
- The Sports Centre appears to be taking over the Intra Mural sport opportunities and charging for it! This is undermining the Clubs who want to promote social sport and Intra Mural opportunities to all students, we should be working together.
- Rugby Union Women's
- How long should each club be allocated a training session? Currently there are variations as some get more time than others? This is not a fair system.

Action Joe Burt

- JB to meet with HE (Sports Centre Manager) to discuss and address the whole Training Schedule (under the Service Level Agreement), this should reflect an equal allocation for all.
- Discuss opportunities for when pitches are empty and not being used, can we use them?
- Bursary students are being charged for facilities, should they be free?
- Sports Centre refused booking request for Men's Football at the Riseholme facilities?
- Futsal training sessions need to be looked at to accommodate a more productive allocation.

Meeting closed.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Friday 07 February 2014. To be held in the Cargill Lecture Theatre MB0302, from 10.00 am – 12 noon.