



Sports and Societies Zone
Tuesday 31st January, 4pm
DG123/DG124

Present

Chair

Laurie Illingworth - SU President (PRES)

Students' Union Officers/staff

Katie Irving – VP Welfare and Diversity (VPWD), Matt Walton – Sports and Activities Manager (MW), Charlie Freeman – Sports Participation Coordinator (CF), Karl Swales – Sports Coordinator, Vickky Firth – Societies Coordinator (VF) Paul Murtough – Representation and Democracy Coordinator (PM)

Student members

Emma Bailey, Olivia Dickinson, Ellie Watson, Lauren Susnjara, Joshua Brignall-Morley, Ellen Shaw, Luke Furlong, Laura Haygarth, Helen Macdonald, Rebecca Hardwick, Saskia Rayner, Jessica Martin, Jennifer Bayfield, Matthew Thomson, Eleanor Dent, Esme Fish, Robyn Flockhart, Rhys Bootland, Fran Rhodes, Jacob Smith, Chris Jones, Annie Severn, Rebecca Richardson, Ellie Plews, Steph Foxton, Fran Ansell, Jordan Vowles, George Coombs, Shannon Davies, Ellie Booth, Aidan Laycock, Jack Niles, Daniel Smith, Melissa Furniss, Jack Clifton, Ben Blewitt

Apologies

All apologies were delivered to the S&A team and PM prior to the meeting

Welcome & Introductions

PRES welcomes everyone to the first zone and stated that for items 8 & 9 the rooms would be split, however the discussion would take place after the initial meeting.

Items for Any Other Business

KI, KS and LI all had notices for AOB.

Agenda Items

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

2. AGM formats – proposal for online elections
3. Kit tender
 - 3.1. Sponsorship
4. Facilities
5. Updates from the Sports/Societies Dinner Committee
6. Sports Membership – DG123
7. Societies Membership – DG019* location changed to DG124
8. Upcoming events
9. Any issues/concerns
10. First aid provisions
11. Varsity – John’s Vs. James

1. Minutes and matters arising

Minutes were passed by ascent and PRES updated on actions taken from the previous meeting.

PRES noted that menus for the dinner had been discussed via the newly formed dinner fundraising committee – prices for the meal had increased, however plans are in place to balance the cost for the students through the means of fundraising events.

PRES noted that the actions surrounding ‘Kit tender’ would be noted in agenda point 3

Societies storage is now available due to the move of a number of Sports team equipment to Haxby rd.

AL asked if there was secure storage.

VF stated that secured storage is being looked into; currently items will be locked away but some societies may have access due to their needs.

MW stated that the team need to gauge the requirements presented to them for the storage and urged societies to contact VF

2. AGM – proposal for online elections

PRES introduced the idea which had been developed internally at the Students’ Union for online elections to take place.

A number of positives and negatives were presented to the students to create a balanced outlook.

JS asked, if the elections were to move to online, how would candidates promote themselves and what would be the incentives for attending an AGM?

PM updated that candidates would promote themselves in the same way a candidate in an annual election would.

CF asked who runs the AGM for other purposes than just an election, to which only a minority of clubs and societies responded.

It was stated that the function of an AGM is to determine how the club/society runs in the coming year; the onus is therefore placed with the committees to ensure attendance to the meetings.

AL asked what the thoughts are on removing the 'trickle effect'

Ladies Tennis stated that they often need to persuade people into standing for committee roles; if students could only stand for one role then the worry would be that not all committee positions would be filled.

JS asked if this was set in stone?

CF stated that this is just to gauge opinion

PRES stated that currently there is an option to run a mock election with Badminton to see how the election works in a 'referendum'

FR stated that currently a committee is devised on the basis of people running from multiple positions.

CF stated that what they wish to have from this meeting is a final statement which permits the staff to run a mock 'referendum' election

PRES asked for the vote; the majority agreed for the Students' Union to host a mock election.

The mock election will take place on **Wednesday 1st February 2017**

Action: PRES to circulate the findings of the mock election

3. Kit tender

MW was invited to speak about the kit tender process

currently taken 7 applications and looking to move to 3; students who are interested in being a part of the shortlisting process should contact MW.

Shortlisting will take place on Tuesday 7th February, 11am

MW stated that the tender contract will be for a three year cycle.

AL asked if this was a 2 year with potential for 3

MW stated yes, that's what will be stated in the contract.

4. Facilities

PRES had received some complaints regarding students taking coffee and tea at Haxby rd which belongs to the staff of YSJ Active and are asked to stop.

Currently the water at Haxby rd is undrinkable and students should bring their own water to the site.

PRES further updated that the Joseph Rowntree Theatre is now free to MPS to use this year; currently there are talks to permit this for other groups who use the space such as YSJ Dance.

There will be works taken out on the 3G pitches at Haxby Rd on the 13th/14th February, further to this there are scheduled visit days on the 18th February/March and also the 15th April which is expected to cause disruption to training times.

EB asked if there was a definitive time that the visit days will last for

PRES stated the final confirmation is still to be given

Action: PRES to notify teams of the finalised schedules

PRES also highlighted that there is an upcoming discussion regarding the boathouse.

SF stated that the pitches are freezing over which is making practice for Hockey difficult. Training sessions have been cancelled as a result due to health and safety risks.

MW asked if the cancellations had been made by the club or by YSJ Active

SF stated this was done by the club due to a student already having twisted their ankle and slipping on the ice.

MW asked if this could be sent in an e-mail and a resolution will be sought.

KS stated that an e-mail has been sent requesting earlier start times.

Ladies Football asked if their training, scheduled for the 13th and 14th February could be moved?

KS stated he will try.

Action: KS to liaise with Ladies Football regarding this possibility

The dance hall is currently causing problems as staging is left out which takes up a large part of the space.

Ladies tennis also stated that there are problems with the lighting of the pitches at Haxby rd, meaning that training is disrupted and late matches are near impossible to play.

MW stated that lighting was looked into as a part of the planning process but it may be worth having them checked again in the current conditions.

Currently nothing can be done due to legislation rulings regarding the properties in the surrounding area.

Action: MW to ensure that further checks are carried out to test the feasibility for play.

5. Updates for the Sports and Societies Dinner Committee

PRES stated that the first fundraising social will be held on Friday 17th March, there will be a charge for entry but all prices will be placed into the funds for the dinners.

Current aligning social ideas are:

Monthly quiz – next event: **Tuesday 7th February**

Stars in your eyes – TBC

Colour run – TBC

AL requested a bag packing event to be organised.

Action: PRES to organise a bag packing

MW stated that tickets are to be released under a ‘pre-sale’ initially, this will be done via an interest form on a first come, first served basis.

A request was placed to have tickets sold on weekends and evenings

It was stated that tickets will be available online.

AL asked if there is a definite price for tickets.

PRES stated that the fundraising will assist in determining the final cost.

6. Sports membership – reserved business

7. Societies membership – reserved business

8. Upcoming events

AL stated the Saints Radio will be providing live coverage of the ‘John’s V James’ varsity and participating teams are welcome for pre/post-match interviews

Cheerleading – Family Fortunes – Friday 3rd February

Ladies Football Lip Sync Battle – looking for contestants

Women's Rugby – King and Queen of YSJ – Friday 17th February – looking for participants

Big Band Idol – looking for participants – prizes awarded.

Netball – Quiz – Tuesday 14th March

YSJ Dance – Got to dance – Friday 10th March

Badminton – 24hr Badminton – 19th/20th March

YSJ Drama – Aladdin – 24th/25th March

Sleep out – April (date TBC)

9. First Aid Provisions

MW discussed new provisions for Sports and Societies which now mean that YSJ Active will deal with incident reporting and decision making; clubs and societies must still complete risk assessments. However, for those participating on campus; after 7pm any incidents must be reported to security.

Ladies Football queried what should happen after 7pm for those off campus.

MW will confirm procedures.

Action: MW to make confirmation of the process for off-site training events and matches.

10. Varsity: John's Vs. James

PRES stated that a requested had been made by YSJ Active for all teams to remember to wear correct footwear, bags must be removed from changing areas and stored in lockers and students must bring their own water.

11. Any Other Business

VPWD stated her intention to create projects for 'Green Impact' and will contact students in the near future.

KS introduced the new procedures for walkovers which will be e-mailed to all Sports teams.

Ladies Football questioned the reasoning behind their inclusion in 'Futsal'; it was stated this was for league development and improvements and if they wish to be removed from the league, raise the intention at the start of the season.

PM provided students with the opportunity to stand for Senate; three senators were successfully elected.

Summary of actions

Agenda item	Action:	Assigned to:
AGM – Online election	PRES to circulate the findings of the mock election <i>(Page 3)</i>	PRES
Facilities	PRES to notify teams of the finalised schedules for visit days <i>(Page 4)</i>	PRES
	KS to liaise with Ladies Football regarding this possibility of moving training for the scheduled visit days <i>(Page 4)</i>	KS
	MW to ensure that further checks are carried out to test the feasibility for play for tennis <i>(Page 4)</i>	MW
Sports and Societies Dinner	PRES to organise a bag packing <i>(Page 5)</i>	PRES
	Provide access to Societies for storage in Temple Hall <i>(Page 4)</i>	MW
First aid provisions	MW to make confirmation of the process for off-site training events and matches. <i>(Page 6)</i>	MW