

Board Meeting Wednesday March

Attending

- Keith Loades (KL)
- Steven Mackenzie (SM)
- John Finlayson (JF)
- Willie MacDonald (WM)
- Daniel Palumbo (DP)
- Derek Keir (DK) CEO
- Sarah Birrell (SB) **sportscotland**

Apologies

- Lyndsey Bradley
- Wendy Chamberlain
- Jock Turner Chieftain

Bereavements

The Camanachd Board wish to extend their condolences to the families and friends of the following people who have played an integral role in shinty for their communities for a number of years

- Lawrence Jones (Strathglass)
- John Gordon
- Ian Forbes, Beauly
- Donald MacMillan (Kinlochshiel)
- Catriona Ferguson (Kinlochshiel)
- John Crawford
- Bobby Kirk (Newtonmore)

Conflict of Interest

- One conflict of interest was raised by DP to advise that as Director for Ritsons he will receive a small fee for purchasing the updated sage software on behalf of the CA. This purchase if bought at retail price would have cost hundreds of pounds more each year. The board thanked DP for raising this and making this saving. The board identified no conflict given the sum DP will receive is nominal.

Matters Arising

- a) KL has provided a 125 Book with Sponsors
 - b) Toolkit shared with sportscotland
 - c) Outstanding - editing web to incorporate womens shinty on the home page **(DK)**
1. **Health and Wellbeing (Alcohol and Drugs)** – This is a social issue and members of the board agreed that this social issue is not exclusive to our sport and therefore should not provide a change in our priorities to grow, retain and organise our sport.
 2. **Discipline and Behaviour**

- a. DK asked SB if this is an area sportscotland could pick up as there was a desire to follow up on the provisional conversation **(SB)**
- b. Additional benefits to our session with 7 other SGBs was the networking that took place for our Competitions manager – Is this networking something that could be integrated with sportscotland networking events **(SB)**

3. Competitions

- a. SM agreed to keep the Glengarry proposal on competitions agenda
- b. Awards Night - Board discussed awards evening and advised awards should only be handed out to winners that are present on the evening **(SM)**
- c. Competitions committee looking into hosting a major shinty match in Glasgow **(SM)**
- d. Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup 2020 – Board welcomed the proposal from Kingussie and the excitement that is already building with this plan and support from the club.

4. Communications

- a. Two meetings have taken place to date and a further follow up meeting is planned in mid summer following the application for funding to HIE **JF**
- b. JF advised that we want to see shinty raising its profile. DK advised that HIE have a programme that funds 50 – 60% of a graduate placement – **DK** to submit application for Comms & Marketing Graduate
- c. Board agreed to commit £10K to this post subject to funding approval from HIE

5. Officials

- a. KL, DK and now LB have met with Donald Stewart (CRA). Meetings have been positive however the pace of change and development is ahead of our staffs capacity due to current workload. Next meeting planned for May

6. Finance

- a. GS Campbell sponsored first shinty event – WM has thanked for this kind sponsorship
- b. DP advised that Charitable Status is possible however we would need to be sure we were making a certain amount of money to justify and make the change viable.
- c. 2018 Referee expenses are in and out **(DK)**
- d. SM advised that ██████████ should be approached to sponsor the Strathdearn Cup to avoid diluting business club and balance investment against appropriate competition. **(DK)**

7. Development

- a. Invite Col Glen player representative to share ideas for moving shinty forward in A&B **(DK)**
- b. Helmets – KL and Graham Cormack to liaise with Harper Macleod and write rule for the next board meeting **(KL)**
- c. Minimum age – Development team to provide guidance on physical and mental maturity to compete at an adult level.

8. Books

| Name | Number of Books | Sold |
|------------------|-----------------|------|
| John Finlayson | 13 | 1 |
| Willie Macdonald | 7 | 1 |
| Sarah Birrell | 1 | 1 |
| Steven MacKenzie | 6 | |
| Daniel Palumbo | 6 | 1 |
| Keith Loades | 5 | 2 |

