

**MINUTES OF SPORT SOUTH HAMS MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 18th JUNE 2008 AT QUAYSIDE LEISURE CENTRE, KINGSBRIDGE**

1. **Attendance and Apologies** – see attached.
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting - 20th February 2008** – approved that these were a true record.
3. **Grant Aid Applications**
Will Hawkyard talked through the grant aid applications and representatives from the club gave an update regarding what the money will be used for / benefit to the club.

Grant Aid Amount Confirmed as follows:-

Loddiswell Short Mat Bowls - £250 – new bowling mats

Dartmouth Rowing Club - £850 – was agreed from a £1,000 bid – due to £150 of grant aid down to general wear and tear of equipment. Suzie from Dartmouth Rowing Club gave an update on what the equipment will be used for.

Eddystone Model Flying Club - £141.47 – 50% awarded of total grant aid applied for but not for remaining due to general wear and tear of the lawn mower.

Modbury Tennis Club - £450 – coaching and training courses (grant to pump prime courses as a one off payment)

Woolwell Table Tennis Club - £91.20 – coaching and training courses

Kingsbridge Kingfishers Swimming Club - £457 – towards coaching courses

Total amount applied for **£2, 239.67**

Leaving approx **£4,231.89** remaining within SSH accounts

Will stated that clubs will need to send in receipted invoices.

4. **Accreditation – Will Hawkyard**

John stated that the National Standard for Club Accreditation could be lifting / moving upwards with greater emphasis on quality clubs by National Governing Bodies.

Will stated that only 26 members had paid this year, compared to 50 members last year and 15 clubs accredited. Please can clubs complete the accreditation form and return to Will - this will enable your club to be eligible to apply for grant aid. **Naomi to send out reminders with minutes.**

Suzie Bowden from Dartmouth Rowing Club stated that the accreditation scheme was valuable and has given the rowing committee more focus into their development programme.

Modbury Tennis Club stated that they have someone who would be interested in being a Child Welfare Officer. John stated that they would need to make contact with the LTA regarding how they channel responsibility. Steve Hitch – there are guidelines regarding full accreditation to your governing body at the South Devon Tennis Centre if you require further info.

John stated that Tone Leisure have an internal member of staff who could run Child Protection Courses and there could be a possibility for SSH members to piggy-back on the back **Action John to confirm**

Will and Naomi to send out confirmation letters to clubs who have been accredited and amount of grant aid that can be applied for. **Action Naomi and Will**

Will stated that he felt Gold Membership fee should be £50 - £60 for a return of up to £1,000 in grant aid – the benefits are clear and this to be considered at the AGM in October 08. **Action Will**

PLEASE CAN ALL CLUBS RETURN THEIR ACCREDITATION FORMS AND PAY ANY MEMBERSHIP DUE FOR 2008 – please contact Will Hawkyard direct if you have any queries.

Mike Huxtable stated that he has heard that green fees are due to go up and this will have a major impact on the bowling club who are independent and self supporting this will have a big impact on membership due to rising charges.

Jon.P stated that the All Inclusive Membership rates at the leisure centres are good value and cheaper than other Council's.

5. **South Hams District Council Update – Jon Parkinson**

Jon gave an update on the following:-

The New Sport England Strategy - focus exclusively on sport, promotion of health and general physical activity will rest with Dept of Health, Transport etc. Greater focus and attention on quality clubs, coaches and volunteers with more funding to NGBs. Also to get more people playing sport. More details visit www.sportengland.org

Also 5 hour offer for Young People - relates to 2hrs quality PE lessons and a further 3hrs each week of sporting activity such as after school clubs but also activities at leisure centres and at sport clubs directly.

Devon Sports Awards – This is an annual event and there was good representation from South Hams specifically in the Sport Volunteer category and winners.

Public Space Strategy – can be viewed on the South Hams District Council Website under Parks and Open Spaces pages. Executive Committee to agree on level of capital / funding to invest into local parks and play areas. The possibility of setting up of town/local forums / partner clubs regarding projects – including improvement to pitches (shortfall of pitches) / play area / tennis courts / skate parks / youth projects but not Sports Clubs directly.

Swimming Strategy has just been completed and is now on the Council's website if you would like to review. There was a recent announcement from Government re: free swimming for under 16s and over 60's which could have a major impact.

Active South Hams Strategy – consists of 5-6 meetings per year which include representation from leisure centres / SHDC / Youth Service / Sport South Hams / health authority – possibilities regards funding being available at a local level. Available to bid in to support local volunteers and coaches.

Celebration Launch of the Olympic Games – handover to London on Sunday 24th August – governing bodies getting involved – visit www.london2012.com

Active Devon have just released a new re-vamped website <http://www.activedevon.org> for further information regarding local events / club database and they can provide help with local clubs marketing for e.g. inputting your newsletter / info onto the website.

Jon stated the Council will also look to update the Sport South Hams pages on the website to include events / courses / membership / grant aid / accreditation forms / minutes from meetings etc. **Action Naomi and Jon asap**

John thanked Jon for update and stated that this is a lot of information to take in over a short space of time so if anyone would like further information to contact Jon Parkinson direct either by phone 01803 861234 or e-mail jon.parkinson@southahms.gov.uk

Boundary Commission Review – Cllr Gilbert

Rufus Gilbert gave a quick update on the Government Boundary Review and stated that SHDC have put forward a concept plan regarding a South Devon Unitary Authority Bid which includes South Hams, West Devon, Teignbridge and Dartmoor National Park. The Boundary Committee will hopefully decide on which concept beginning of July 08. There will then be a series of consultations with organisations / members of the public etc. All dependent on whether the South Devon concept plan is agreed by 2010 the new Council would be set up.

John thanked Rufus for the update.

6. Tesco Voucher Scheme – Lesley McGhie

Lesley gave a quick update on the Tesco Voucher Scheme to encourage people to collect the Tesco Sports Vouchers if you shop in Tesco. Lesley collected 150 vouchers and completed her club details and sent off the form and received a box of various sport related equipment bats / balls / bean bags etc which has helped regarding multi skills training and is an easy way to get this kind of equipment and that it is worth while.

7. Lottery Application Update – John Coates

John has spent some time speaking to the Lottery regards the lottery bid submitted by him on behalf of SSH which was turned down – this was due to SSH Sports Clubs not all being affiliated with their Governing Body and the need to seek higher status. There was slight confusion regarding accreditation, and how clubs are performing – which is going to get in the way of getting a successful grant. **John to provide further update after talks to Awards for All.**

John asked whether any club members would be interested in a Corporate Membership for the Leisure Centres for e.g. 10% off and would this be advantageous?

A few members spoke out that the leisure centres were not particular good at accommodating clubs, and some had lost their block bookings in the sports halls etc when Tone took over, or the prices were put up too high and couldn't continue. Also supervisory levels of the people using equipment and the equipment in general is not very good (this was in particular reference to Totnes Pavilion). It was felt that a 10% discount wouldn't make much difference.

Jon stated that Tone Leisure have sent out questionnaires to all Village / Memorial Halls in South Hams and have received a 50% return and will be chasing to receive the remaining so if you do know your village hall secretary please remind them to complete the questionnaire and return. This is regarding out-reach activity to find out what new activities could take place. For information local halls run the following activities: Dancing being the most popular, marshal arts, short mat bowls, yoga etc.

This consultation process could help get more youngsters in the area into local clubs / sports in a friendly local environment.

8. Sports Awards Update

John. C stated that this year the event will be held at the new Watermark Centre in Ivybridge on 26th November 2008. He asked that clubs need to start thinking about potential nominees to put forward within your clubs. John is hoping to confirm a member of the Olympic Team – Brook Graddon (Diver) to come along as guest speaker.

9. A.O.B.

Jon stated that the annual Devon Youth Games takes place this Saturday 28th June 08 at Plymouth – where a South Hams Team will be taking part (team pulled together by Ivybridge Community College).

10. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 15th October 2008 – venue to be confirmed.

This meeting will confirm the winners from a short-list for the Sports Awards Evening. Please note this meeting will also be the AGM

Meeting Finish Time: 8.40pm

**SPORT SOUTH HAMS GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE 2008 @ QUAYSIDE LEISURE CENTRE, KINGSBRIDGE**

ATTENDEE LIST

NAME	REPRESENTING – CLUB NAME
Naomi Langdon	SHDC
Jon Parkinson	SHDC
Cllr Gilbert	SHDC Sport South Hams Representative
John Coates	Chairman Sport South Hams
Will Hawkyard	Treasurer Sport South Hams
Mel Jeynes	Kingsbridge Kingfishers
Steve Hitch	South Devon Tennis Club
Lesley McGhie	South Hams Tae Kwon Do Club
Suzie Bowden	Dartmouth Amateur Athletics Club
Mike Huxtable	Totnes Bowling Club
Wendy Fielding	Loddiswell Short Mat Bowling Club
David Stephens	Eddystone Model Flying Club
Sandra Westlake	Quayside Judo Club
Anne Edmonds	Modbury Tennis Club
Jane Bullen	Modbury Tennis Club
Marcus Smith	Totnes Sub Aqua Club
Jeanette Green	Ivybridge Badminton Club & Kingsbridge Krays
Richard Belli	Plymouth Argaum Rugby Club

APOLOGIES

1. Trevor Lethbridge – Secretary – SSH
2. Juliet Collis – Avon Vale tennis & Croquet Club
3. Susan Down – Ivybridge Short Mat Bowls Club
4. Patrick Bromley – Dittisham Sailing Club
5. Roger Ward – Totnes Judo Club