

East Grinstead Sports Development Group (Sports Council)

Notes from the meeting held at 7.30 pm, Tuesday 9th September 2014

Venue: East Grinstead Sports Club

Present: Cliff Barrow Disabled Access EG, Dave Brown EG Sports Club, Micky Bushell EG Bowling Club, Simon Hardy Mid Sussex District Council, Steve Hill School Co-ordinator, Julie Holden EG Town Council (Clerk), Richard Leman EGSC, Jeff Morris EG Sports Club and Dunnings Squash and Racquetball Club, Rex Whittaker EG Town Council, Peter Wyan EG Town Council, Peter Monnery Meridian 107FM, Jacque Russell Felbridge Boxing Club/ Meridian FM, Bob Shelley(Dunnings Squash and Racquetball Club and Chairman) Kevin Coster, EG lacrosse, Elaine Coxall, Southdown Netball, Annabel Farley, Springfit Gymnastics, Jan Johnson CD Phoenix netball,

Apols:Bob Russell (EGRFC), Tony Steer (Southdown Netball) Richard Tramontin (EGTFC), Stephen Love (Blues FC), Elaine Clark Mid Sussex DC, Lester Medcalf EG Athletics Club, Sue Ken (EG Swimming Club) Rob Warlow (EG Courier and Observer)

1 - Bob Shelley opened the meeting and thanked Rex Whittaker for his former chairmanship and his enthusiasm to support the group and sport in general in EG.

2 – Local Initiatives –

Oaks fundraising - Richard Leman reminded everyone that the oaks scheme was there to make grants available to all and to also revamp the Sport England larger bid. In the 6 months it has been in operation £65,000 worth of applications have been made and over £39,000 awarded. No bid has been refused and many are still in the pipeline. The money has been awarded to 3 or 4 clubs so it is not concentrated. There are 20 applications still to finalise and submit but it has been slow to moving clubs from being interested to actually submitting the application for the oaks to work up and submit for grants. The oaks staff have been along to explain the process and encourage applications. They still need the applications to come in and will come back again. The initial 12 months of the contract has been extended to 18.

Springfit Gymnastics were advised that they were not eligible for sports for all and lottery, this will be looked in to but was thought to be a constitutional issue of the club.

EG Lacrosse would like to get involved, they have not attended a meeting for a while and would like to know more.

EG Bowling club can not make capital bids as the building is owned by MSDC, but they want to improve the green further and may have some projects.

There is a meeting 25/26 Sept and they will both be invited.

Jeff Morris explained a bid that they won for the squash coaching provided coaching for 6 schools for 6 weeks.

The 18th month extension means some of the early applicants may be able to resubmit (as there is a maximum 1 bid per 12 months for some grants). He urged all groups to get in at least one app.

It was suggested that each group be approached to chase them for applications to come forward.

Rex Whittaker and Simon Hardy offered to contact the slow/ not involved groups. Richard Leman will provide a list of clubs to cross reference to the EGTC list of clubs who have attended these meetings.

2 – Wellbeing

Richard Leman referred to the original application to Sport England, the oaks are going to help with funding streams looking at the government health agenda and for links to the CCG. The reaching communities pot is also being considered working out the key needs and identifying the partners in this. How does working together help to meet these needs?

The GP referral scheme brings the Gym in but could this be extended to sports clubs to include more activities? Also pop up health and wellbeing surgeries in the sports clubs for the referral to be made. Funding could be used for this.

Philip DeJong advised of a new website that had been put together to help link people with activities. It is not available in UK yet but it may catch on. It was commented that social media and facebook already play a part in this. Gymnastics club use facebook to encourage people to try the sport.

3 – Meridian FM Peter Monnery and Jacquie Russell explained about the new sports programme on a Saturday. 25 clubs are signed up for reporting or special events coverage. MFM happy to support local events and promote / explain the club.

The Saturday programme between 3 and 6 has speakers who come in to promote their sport or club. Results can also be reported on game day.

There is a Monday programme for the round up of results should anything be too late for the Sunday show. National and Local support covered, would like to do more local, but need the clubs to send the results in.

4 – VisitEastGrinstead.com

Philip DeJong said that the revamped site wanted to add the sports offerings in the town - clubs and events. Bob Shelley is writing the introduction but it would be nice to have a piece on each club with your website and links / contacts.

AOB: the Lacrosse Club are celebrating their 10 year anniversary and have some events taking place. They have also launched a Womens Team.

The EG sports group is held up as Exemplar in Mid Sussex, Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill both looked at the model to get theirs going. Both Clerks had been notified of the date and invited to attend. They may attend later meetings.

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and said he would advise of the next date in due course and welcomed any offers to be the venue.