

East Grinstead Sports Development Group

Notes from the meeting held at 7.30 pm, Wednesday 15th January 2014

Venue: East Grinstead Town Football Club

Present: Dave Brown EG Sports Club, Geoff Border EG Cricket Club, Rex Whittaker EG Town Council, Julie Holden EG Town Council, Richard Leman EG Sports Club, Richard Tramontin EG Town FC, Simon Hardy MS District Council, Steve Hill Imberhorne School, Micky Bushell EG Bowls Club, Stuart Scholes EG Business Assoc, Jacquie Russell Felbridge Amateur Boxing and EG Athletics Club, Kevin Ellis EG Sports Club, Mark Ellis EG Volleyball Club, Bob Russell EGRFC.

Apols: Suzanne Currie, Lorraine Everard and Ben Knight (others TBC)

1 - Cllr Rex Whittaker opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Richard Tramontin updated the group on the success of the football club to raise funds for their expansion works. Individual grants of £100,000 and £50,000 were successful, but more than £200,000 has been raised and there has been a lot of advice on who to approach from Elaine Clark. They are in the running for another £100,000 but this will be a "vote". As soon as the website details are known he will pass these to Julie for circulation and website – all support appreciated.

2 – Richard Leman gave a presentation (slides attached) for engaging a professional bid maker to raise money for the clubs. It would be an initial 12 months and cost 1500 a month – but the guarantee is that at least the overall cost would be raised in grants awarded and admin costs can be built in to grant bids. This could pay for itself.

Rex Whittaker summed up with :

"We are encouraging all clubs to participate in this collective initiative – as we feel that all clubs could hugely benefit financially. We need to act quickly (by the end of January) to set the instruction up to Oaks – and get them working initially on the Activate EG Grant Application to Sport England. We are seeking to raise £ 10.000 initially to put into a collective " pot " that will be managed on behalf of the Group. The Town Council are willing to consider contributing to this fund – but we are now seeking individual club pledges please if possible. The Oaks retainer fee is £ 1.500 per month – however

please be aware of the potential huge future grant income take. I realise that members will need to seek formal committee / Board approval etc. However – what is important at this early time is – are you interested in benefiting from grant applications in your sport ? –realistically do you think that you will be able to contribute financially to this initial cooperative pot ? This is not compulsory for clubs to enter the scheme – merely a request.”

Clubs are asked to let Rex know as soon as possible whether they would be able to identify some money to kick start this. EG sports Club could be the administrating body to handle the money centrally, but governed by a small sub group from this sports development group.

AOB:

Steve Hill gave the following update

ACTIVATE UPDATE: 2014

As part of the original Activate Model, there was a determination to increase the opportunities available to Primary Schools and improve the quality of teaching of Sport and P.E to help prepare schools taking part in the annual Primary Sports Programme of Events run in East Grinstead (and across Mid Sussex). With quality as the focus, input from the local East Grinstead Sports Clubs and coaches were sought in an attempt to increase the ability and skill-set of the young people at our Primary Schools.

To this end, Primary Schools have used some of their Government released Sport Premium funding to drive the Activate Coaching Matrix. The initiative will run from January to December 2014, with an option to continue into 2015 and 2016 (now that the Government has announced a third year of funding – see extract below).

The projections for this initiative are significant and measurable; 5 different sports will be on offer to the Primary Schools each term (3 terms each year). There are currently 7 coaches being deployed in schools in this term alone. There will be approximately 156 hours of coaching being delivered each half term (6 weeks on average), which will impact on an estimated 650 children per term. This will equate to almost 2000 young people being targeted as the variety of sports on offer each have a particular year group focus (as linked to the tournaments and festivals delivered as part of the Primary Sports Programme of Events).

SCHOOL SPORT PREMIUM UPDATE:

Statement no. 2.164: The Government will provide £150 million of funding to continue the School Sport Premium initiative into the 2015-16 academic year, meaning Primary Schools will be able to put in place longer term plans to improve their PE and Sport provision.

Sport England will also launch a £18 million Lottery funded scheme called the Primary School Sports Facilities Fund from 2014 to improve sports facilities in Primary Schools, to benefit both school children and the wider community.

These announcements are clearly great news for our East Grinstead Primary Schools as the additional third year of funding creates a greater chance of sustainability of the projects and changes we are trying to initiate.

Simon Hardy advised that the mid- sussex marathon would take place first weekend of May. Stewards, publicity and assistance as always would be appreciated.

Jacque Russell advised that the EG Athletics 10k would be on 15th(?) October and she will email the exact details to Julie for circulation.

The meeting formerly concluded a 9.15pm