



GKT Sports Forum 13/01/2015

Minutes

In attendance: Juli McCulloch (JM) MSA Sports and Societies Officer, Yeewen Khew (YK) Women's Football President, Alice Ewer (AE) Netball President, Ravi Shaunak (RS) Cricket Secretary, Ashiv Patel (AP) Cricket President, ?vice president, Dan Curly (DC) Men's Hockey Club Captain, Josie Hogge (JH) Women's Hockey 1st XI Captain

1. Problem reporting form – Fixtures and Facilities

a) JM updates on meeting with Chris Sawyer:

General problems from report forms – lack of or too late communication, not enough staff to handle fixtures, poor prioritisation of different teams

Chris' responses

- will be a total of three people on it in the department, one full-time to replace Freddie, one part-time Richard, (and one fall back with Chris)
- Hockey fixtures specifically set to have more start times (four as opposed to three) so that higher ranked teams can have access to the good pitches
- Also talk of training on other pitches so that you can get used to them and they might become better playing surfaces

JM to chase these measures for hockey

b) Netball Facilities issues

- AE reports delays in KCLSU paying Catford facility resulting in debt for the netball club that has still not been repaid – JM to chase
- AE reports floodlight at HOP, while they have been fixed are still not adequate for game play after dark

c) Cricket Facilities/Admin issues

- AP reports exchequer live still not available for cricket treasurer
- RS reports KCLSU has been late in paying Canary Wharf facilities to the point that they were threatening to ban GKT from use – JM to chase how this could be avoided in the future (as account at Oval does not have this problem)

2. Team Photos

- Possible weekends in February are 7th-8th, 14th-15th, and 21st-22nd (cricket have tour last weekend and hockey have alumni weekend first)
- Weekend will be selected depending on availability of booking Large Committee room and photographer (Andrew Baigey) – JM to send details as soon as we have them
- Likely in front of the arch on campus in kit

3. Macadam and Varsity

a) Date

- Confirmed as 25th March – JM explains that the only two clubs affected now are GKT Men's Rugby and GKT Netball who both now have the option to play the fixture before the day and add their points to the total score
- AP reports plans to get cricket into Macadam
- DC and JH agree that astro pitch availability on the day should not be an issue

b) Marketing brainstorming

- KCLSU concerns that marketing campaign cannot be too close to that of Varsity
- DC suggests focuses on Guy's campus vs Strand campus or Guy's Bar vs Walkabout or the school crests
- JM to chase in the weeks leading up to Varsity to determine whether we need to run a more proactive campaign as the MSA / GKT clubs on Guy's campus

c) After party plans

- GKT teams quite keen to attempt a large venue joint party – JH points out that it is the last Wednesday of walkabout and the KCL teams may not be keen to leave
- General agreement that Guy's bar is not big enough for the amount of players they want to bring
- GKT teams agree to contact their counterparts and send them an invitation to a joint after-party – Coronet? With coaches to take us there

d) Support for GKT during Varsity

- DC and JH report GKT vs RUMS hockey at the Olympic pitches on Saturday 7th March 6pm with possible plans to have social before/after
- JM to chase with social MSA team whether they would like to get involved in planning and promotion
- GKT teams express interest in getting good turnout

4. Sponsorship Applications

Dates to follow – as KCLSU forum is not occurring for another 2 weeks, we may run a separate round for societies and sports

5. KCLSU Sports-ground handbook

To chase with KCLSU:

- PAGE 3
 - How much notice for external bodies to book (eg. 1 week)?
 - Why do external teams get to play on pitches which are “unsafe” for us?
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 - Confirmation of with whom the students are supposed to confirm on the Monday – KCLSU or grounds?
 - Is there any way fixtures can be sent on a Thursday instead of Friday?
 - Change Priority Fixtures notice to 6 days instead of 7 in order to allow for the chance that a crucial change in points is made the week before
 - DC suggests a motion to employ another member of staff in the department
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 - How far in advance must non-BUCS fixtures be cancelled in order to avoid these fines?
 - Mentions of whether if we have to pay fines to KCLSU for short notice and mistakes, why should it not work in reverse?
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 - LUSL Cup needs to be differentiated from LUSL fixtures – where do they fall to do with BUCS fixtures?
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 - Please add location/email address for where to send these forms as well as a deadline in advance
 - Clarify what “everything” other than BUCS fixtures is – eg NAMS?

6. Blues Nominations

Dates from last year to put on the radar:

- 4th March – nominations and criteria sent out
- 12th March – deadline for nominations
- 14th March – committee sits
- 7th April – Blues ceremony

JM stressed that applications must be specific about what people have done and what level your team and player are at – the committee will really only know what you tell them and they only sit once!

7. AOB

AE suggested that we put more of an effort to publicise KCLSU awards and get more of a turnout this year