

WHSPAA Management Meeting

Monday 10th September

Attendees

Sarah Scotland

Dave Bartlett

Richard Hill

Matt Rayner

Dawn Knight

Apologies

Terry Mitchinson

Kumiko Yokouchi

Lorraine Ellis

The aim of the meeting:

The main aim of the meeting was for the chairman Sarah Scotland to understand the aim of whspaa and where the main focus should lie. It would also have been a good opportunity to meet Lorraine and Terry who unfortunately could not attend.

It was decided that whspaa should support sports clubs through strategies mentioned below, however physical activity is key too and this should be angled at through specific funding and events, such as the family fun day which is happening in October. Also working with local councillors to run events in areas, such as peartree.

It was thought that wshpaa's website of trying to help people find clubs was of little relevance as:

- people had no idea of who whspaa is
- If trying to find a club they were more likely to google a specific club that they had in mind.
- The welhat website works very well providing this service.

Clubs in general were talked about and it was concluded that indeed some clubs are doing very well, others are really struggling.

So how can Whspaa support?

- The website will be re- designed to offer support and guidance. A bid will be put in to welhat council to see if we can get funding. (Dave has confirmed that the website is

only changeable via the designer. I think this needs to change so we can update ourselves and this really keeps the costs down and we can move with the times)

- Offer Information such as where to find their governing body and what help and support they offer
- Provide guidance and support to clubs, for example; Helping them to get parents on board and offer support.
- It may well be that clubs need to `think outside the box` ie offering smaller size sessions - not only will this encourage more nervous children who are shy of big groups, it will help when numbers fall due to holiday or sickness and sessions have to be cancelled. Also clubs need to think about ways to encourage children to their sport but to maybe offer a `softer route` for example non contact rugby moving on to contact.
- Workshops will be offered so that individual support can be offered
- Funding ideas will be discussed to try and help to support clubs
- Try and offer exposure for clubs and work with spaces like the galleria
- Often a whole committee of people will change over the sports period. Whspaa will have set up which clubs this happens to and will write to them, welcoming the new board and offering advice to the new members
- Work with schools to support and try new sports and allow taster sessions of unusual sports.

Disability Sport

It was agreed that we would talk to Gosling and see if we could run a disability sports event to promote disability sport

Dementia cricket is a sport which has taken off

Whspaa is keen to promote and support disability sport and are open to suggestions as how to do this

ACTIONS

A team needs to be got together to talk about changing the website

What was not discussed was how to move forward and I suggest that we see if can get volunteers on board to help research details for the website and visit clubs and find out some of their issues.

As well as above I suggest we see if we can recruit a

- Fundraiser
- Club liaison Officer

- Club secretary who messages the clubs, promotes events
- Social Media expert who can look after the website and showcase wshpaa to clubs via facebook and also promote our physical activity events.
- Any more passionate people who would like to get involved and make a difference

Dave is going to contact people to see if they would be willing to join the partners forum

The idea is that we would have

- a management team
- A partners team
- A club team

These groups of people could meet together as little or as many times as they felt necessary

Dave to provide handover notes

For example:

- How does the website work and how does it get updated?
- How does whspaa money get spent? Who are the signatories?
- Are there mailing lists that I should be on?
- And many more thoughts!

Family Day - 13th October - Monks Walk 2- 4:30 pm - all welcome

Any other business

Dave made a few changes to the constitution, one of these being that a long serving member could be made into a `honorary president`

Sarah suggested that she apply for funding to offer along with HSP sport and nutrition advice to primary schools. She expressed that she would take a salary. This was agreed.

Dave is resigning from the end of the year, this is very sad as he has dedicated so much time and effort over the last decade, he will be greatly missed.