



Scottish Touch Association AGM 2011

VENUE: Inverleith Rugby Club

DATE: Sunday 2 December 2012

TIME: 12.00

Attendees

Euan Kerr, Phil Leeks, Damian Sharp, Adrian O'Sullivan, Victor Francisco, Michael Baxter, Gillian Flynn, Alison Freshwater, Elaine Clark, Duncan Milne, , Alan Lilly, Martin Macari, Richard Curtin, , Frankie Alcock, Alex Pratt, Eddie Sanjuan, Peter Faassen de Heer, Ailsa Falconer, Sean Lewis, James Matthew, Anna Matthew, Kirsty McGillivray, Jennifer Wright, Iain Gray, David Matthew, Ian Hewitt, Sara Ebbett, Simon Ebbett, Chris Paterson, Dave Bartlett, Mikey Short, Tracy Austin, Neil Fitzpatrick, Michael Bottom

Apologies: Ray Martindale, Riet Garsed, Iain Craik

1	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>PFDH opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees especially those that had travelled from far afield.</p>
2	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The minutes from the 2011 AGM were approved as providing an accurate record of the meeting.</p>
3	<p>Annual Reports from Directors</p> <p>Each director talked through the key points in their reports, please see annual report for full details.</p> <p>President – Peter Fassen de Heer</p> <p>Peter highlighted the success of the World Cup which made a surplus which has been earmarked for youth development. It has elevated the STA's status and reputation across the world and exceeded all expectations</p> <p>The STA has joined the Scottish Sports Association as an associate member which gives access to training and development opportunities and to influential bodies and individuals.</p> <p>Incorporated status has been achieved, which was a 3-4 month process. Peter recorded his thanks to Alison Freshwater for her assistance. We are a company limited by guarantee which gives greater protection to the Board and officers.</p> <p>Regional associations are now all constituted and are now all affiliated to the STA. The aim is to have Inverness (who are constituted) and Dundee to join.</p>



Director of Development – Mikey Short

Mikey outlined the 4 main areas in his remit

- 1 Club Development – a healthy Scottish Touch Series breeds a healthy club scene and creates a season for clubs to thrive in
- 2 Regional Development – regional training and player development plan with guidance and assistance from the STA
- 3 Youth Development – this is tricky with regards to resources so aim to drive this through clubs
- 4 Relationships with the SRU (Scottish Rugby Union) and SRL (Scottish Rugby League)

National Squad Director – Dave Bartlett

We are trying to improve the accessibility of the National Squad through open trials and regional training

The Touch World Cup 2011 and the European Touch Championships 2012 saw Scotland improve in terms of standings. We want to push more teams in the senior divisions. We will be moving from Women's Over 30's to Women's Over 27's and are working closely with Wales, Ireland and England to make this a viable division.

We want to record our thanks to the team at SPACE Clinics who keep the squads fit to play and to Simon Ebbet for the strength and conditioning programmes.

There have been some issues with kit and with our supplier XBlades. Thanks to Ian Gray for negotiating a new 3 year deal with Samurai and to Alister Lees for all his hard work.

Cost are a continuing issue with this year's European Touch Championships costing each player approximately £1000, we are losing players because of this. Home Nations will be a 2 day event in Dublin this year. With the training programme being short and sharp with 5 sessions starting in March with the aim being to train around the regions as this is what the players prefer.

In order to assist with the organisation of the National Squad, Dave proposed that one member of each team should become part of the National Squad Management Committee.

Director of PR and Marketing – Michael Bottom

As a newly appointed member of the Board, Michael is busy formulating plans for his remit. He has done a SWOT analysis and is looking into increasing participation and bringing more income into Scottish Touch.



	<p>Director of High Performance – Simon Ebbett</p> <p>Strength and Conditioning is now much better but still needs improvement. Focus has been on goal setting and planning with coaches but appraisal and review needing improvement. The acquisition of the Dartfish software analysis has been purchased to aid the squad's development.</p> <p>We ran the first home grown Level 1 coaching course in Europe. Currently Simon Ebbett, Monica Wallace and Iain Craik are the only people qualified to deliver coaching courses.</p> <p>Next year the new technical curriculum and player pathways will help to develop consistency and standards.</p> <p>Director of Referees – Ray Martindale (presented by Peter in Ray's absence)</p> <p>Scotland is leading the way in Europe in refereeing terms, at the Euros:</p> <p>11 out of the 57 referees; 4 of the 6 team leaders; And 7 of the 21 referees ranked for finals were Scottish.</p> <p>In terms of numbers we ran the following courses with 110 referees attending courses: 7 x Level 1 4 x Level 2 1 x Level 3</p> <p>Treasurers Report – Chris Paterson</p> <p>This year saw the STA have a small surplus of £263 compared to 2012's deficit of £763. FIT fees were £1400 this year</p> <p>Income was received from Activity Mix, Regional Affiliation, National Championships, Edinburgh Autumn League and referee courses.</p>
4	<p>Special Resolution</p> <p>The meeting voted on the following special resolution:</p> <p>"That the Scottish Touch Association formally adopts the attached Articles of Association (version 2.7 attached) as its Articles with an amendment to Article 36 (see below) to change the quorum at an AGM from 30 to 20.</p>



	<p>36. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of Members is present; the quorum for a general meeting shall be 30 Participant Members or authorised representatives of Affiliated Touch Competition Organisers or Associate Members. The quorum must include designated representatives from at least 80% of the Regional Associations.</p> <p>And a number of minor alterations”</p> <p>The meeting voted to adopt the Articles of Association but voted against reducing the quorum from 30 to 20 with 17 against the motion and 14 for it.</p>																		
5	<p><u>INTERIM BOARD</u></p> <p>The following individuals were elected as office bearers:</p> <table> <tr> <td>President</td><td>Dave Matthew</td></tr> <tr> <td>Director of High Performance</td><td>Mikey Short</td></tr> <tr> <td>Director of National Squad</td><td>David Bartlett</td></tr> <tr> <td>Director of Referees</td><td>Riet Garsed</td></tr> <tr> <td>Director of Development</td><td>Sara Ebbett</td></tr> <tr> <td>Director of PR and Marketing</td><td>Michael Bottom</td></tr> <tr> <td>Director of Volunteer Management</td><td>Peter Faassen de Heer</td></tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td><td>Ailsa Falconer</td></tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td><td>Chris Paterson</td></tr> </table> <p>A vote of thanks was made to Ray Martindale, the out-going Director of Referees.</p>	President	Dave Matthew	Director of High Performance	Mikey Short	Director of National Squad	David Bartlett	Director of Referees	Riet Garsed	Director of Development	Sara Ebbett	Director of PR and Marketing	Michael Bottom	Director of Volunteer Management	Peter Faassen de Heer	Secretary	Ailsa Falconer	Treasurer	Chris Paterson
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6	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>The President of the European Federation of Touch has issued a request to the Home Nations to put forward nominees for the role of Vice President. Anyone interested was asked to put themselves forward to the Board.</p> <p>Peter Fassen presented the STS trophy to Eddie Sanjuan representing Galaxy Scotland.</p> <p>Dave Matthew proposed a vote of thanks to Peter Fassen for his contribution to the STA.</p>																		

