

West Yorkshire Youth Games 2007
Agenda
Monday 11th September
Galpharm Stadium 10am

Tony Bowry	Yorkshire Cricket Board
Sue Meir	Leeds CC
Claire Howe	Kirklees Council
Colin Crowther	Calderdale Council
Andy Lee	WYS
Martin Earnshaw	Bradford Council
Richard Taylor	WYS
Tracy Power	English Gymnastics
Jo Wherril	FDSO
Mark Willerton	ETTA
Gareth Field	British Canoe Union

1. APOLOGIES

Sarah Zagni, Krissy Monaghan, Pam Hoyle. Gill Brown, Marie Dixon

2. APOLOGIES

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as a true account.

3. OUTCOMES FROM THE REVIEW MEETING

AL outlined

- Wakefield were not present at the meeting as their role in the Youth Games uncertain –this will be discussed at the next WYSP Exec meeting.

ACTION AL / SZ – will keep Wakefield informed as to WYYG progress even if Wakefield as a MDC do not wish to attend meetings or draw Wakefield's team from their resources.

CH - Need to establish who wants to take part 2007 and how to organise.

GF asked how canoeing be involved as an exhibition sport in order to be involved a competition in 2008. It can be run indoors on machines.

AL - Suggested that canoeing could be held at the same time as the diving event and maximise the water space.

CH – suggested that we should have exhibition matches for future sports, awareness raising? E.g. squash, canoeing

AL – In order to make it a high profile event it would be beneficial to have a mixture of sports at the event including football, cricket etc Maybe group sports together that are similar - Outdoor adventures – include canoeing, rackets: badminton, squash, table tennis.

It was agreed that each LA who form a district group for the Youth Games and one contact who attend the WSYP Steering Group – this way local issues can be resolved and all key partners on a local level would be around the same table.

4. SPORTS

Sport by sport review to establish - presence, requirements etc

Which sports want to be involved, what is the process for development and timetable leading up to 2007? Pathway or showcase sport?

Gymnastics:

TP – Similar format to last year. Keystep 3 group routine. This year's gp2, year 11, will move up to ks3. Possible get yrs 3 and 4 involved if room allows, like Bradford. This will allow the WYYG to help build a pathway for this age group.

Disability Gymnastics:

JW - went well last year 3 teams from LA's

Comments - Maybe it was a too open the event this year.

Quite open for disabilities, but only in younger age groups (under 16)

Cricket

TB – want to be involved again. TB will set up dates for school visits and develop programs and festivals working with PDM's / Competition Mangers focussing on years 5 and 6,. The whole process will be similar format to this years i.e.

County finals - top team to represent LA
2nd and 3rd go to Youth Games

Cricket Aims to –

- source schools without equipment
- give teachers guidance for when coaches move on
- Series of focus clubs in all areas, want comp managers to attend some meetings and want LAs CSO to join when able.

CH raised the point that local teams missed out on youth games through communication breakdown there needs to be clarification on how will teams be selected for youth games. WYS to work with TB to ensure this is not repeated.

SM not all competitions finish before YG, so some teams missed out on games

TB Sees cricket as a good showcase as well as a crucial part of cricket - it's a great opportunity for second and third team to play on a different level.

SM Will rest of Leeds be invited?

TB Each district chooses an area of city to represent

CH Would like to see breakdown of structure and activities with regard to timelines.

Athletics

Feedback was that the 'competition too quick', and some participants missed out as they were competing in the field events.

Athletics are rewriting the format for next year's games which will be brought to the group at the next meeting.

Badminton

RT not involved, any feedback sought – what development work was undertaken?
Badminton England thinks youth games is key part in raising local level participation

Encourage Keystage 2 from festivals to county final.

Maybe KS2 by 2008

Need to get coaches involved

CH pleased with participation

Problem with lack of space for gymnastic spectators encroaching on courts

Confusion in number of people in a team

Revamp with rally point system – better for players and spectators, play groups up to 30th point, quicker matches

Disability sports

JW Boccia considered a success – will run it again

There needs to be a better structure and the rules need formalising.

New Age Kurling - . WYYG good as focal point to tailor development around.

A suggestion for a new disability sport would be table tennis although JW suggested that 3 disability sports maybe enough – boccia, new age kurling and gymnastics.

Table Tennis

MW Feedback fantastic,

Keen to develop younger players, possible involvement of year 7 competition.

The aim would be to create links between LA and clubs. Table tennis would like to undertake youth leadership awards around February time so that youngsters can assist at Youth Games.

AL Expect same space again, welcomed as new sport to games.

Football

CH + SM Need to know what they want/need and who is responsible.

AL Big effort for 8 goals, only used 2 pitches. Scale of competition needs to be addressed. WRCFA to confirm involvement and assistance required for next meeting.

More football required for training exercises – FA should be providing these

More FA involvement needed in development process.

It was suggested a lot of development work is going on in yrs 4&5 currently and linkages to West Riding Girls League.

Rugby Union

The group had similar concerns with rugby union as football.

The development work was good in Leeds (2 teams), Kirklees, but not in Bradford/Calderdale (they merged teams on the day)

“Poor quality refereeing” 2006

NGBs liaison was poor however the group feel it would be a shame to lose it from the event.

Diving

Diving was a disappointment this year. In the past it has been left to Sally Freeman who has organised the event, the development work and the teams.

Her absence was noticed. Calderdale let down by young coaches organisation – more support needed. Will seek to address for 2007.

SM Diving feedback – Leeds want to be involved, Wakefield and Kirklees don't have the clubs, so need a firm commitment from Bradford and Calderdale is required – unlike the 2006 WYYG's. .

AL Can we bring other water based sports to fill in Friday night in?

GF offered competition slalom, and other showcase demonstrations, great spectacle and inspire.

CH Suggested using this event as the opening ceremony?

AL Gareth invited to contribute Canoeing expo to opening night.
Bring something to outdoor activities group meeting. (22nd October)

AL Need to decide between Leeds and Shipley pools.

SM Closure of existing Leeds pool. New pool at south Leeds stadium, May changeover date (could be later)

Tennis

Happy with participation Confusion with the contact for the NGB. and roles and responsibilities.

Aquafun?

New sport, ask if want to be involved and what they are going to do about it.

General points:

AL General problem with lack of guidance from governing bodies

CH Need to avoid last minute ring rounds EG football. Athletics disability events did not run, will that be the case this time?

RT Relaunch **multiskills** as countrywide event. Simple events, easily scored, balance agility – mini multiskills competition. Who is best – swimmers or gymnasts? Envisaged as multi centre, for people to dip into during quiet moments.

TB Thanks to all helpers and organisers of WYYG, in particular Sarah Zagni

Agenda for next time

Linking

Are stats on disabilities helped enough?

Profile

Next meeting:

Monday, Nov 6. Bradford - Richard Dunn 10.00 am