



Disport Meeting
7th November 2007
Babylon Bridge
Ely

Present: Ann Mitchell (AM), Di Baker (DB), Michelle Emerson (ME), Bianca Cotteril (BC), Jim Hill (JH), Annette Fontaine (AF)

Apologies: Andy Munday, Pat Dutton, and Sarah Oakley.

	Action
Introductions	
Every body introduced themselves to the rest of the group.	
Invites were sent to approximately 40 groups 3 weeks ago, response so far has been low. AF will be contacting all current members to establish interest.	AF
Minutes from the last meeting	
The last Disport meeting was held on 21 st March 2007. Minutes were recorded as correct	
Outstanding actions	
<i>Horse riding hoist</i> Bizzykidz have been using the Old Tiger Stables in Soham for horseriding sessions. It has been noticed that there is a very limited number of people who would need to use a hoist, and for bizzykidz it hasn't been a problem, although this could be an issue in the future. And a thorough risk assessment should be done by the centre. If we are to look into getting a hoist we would have to have an agreement with the stables over maintenance and upkeep of the equipment.	
<i>Golf</i> Fenland has managed to maintain a successful golf club for adults with learning disabilities. On Par in Ely will be contacted to find out if they are interested in doing something similar.	AF
<i>Swimming</i> Michelle Emerson – Manager of the Paradise pool was at the meeting and reviewed the success of the swim sessions. This had previously been agreed as a 12 month trial in June 06 to see how successful it could be. More recently the take up at these sessions has been fairly low with a usual number using the pool as being 3.	
ME offered that the current slot could be still offered but half the pool sectioned off for a public swim. Also as an example the first Sunday	Follow

<p>of every month 10 – 11 the leisure pool could be used. ME will check to see what possible slots there are and feedback to the group. This will also be mentioned to bizzykidz on Friday at their meeting. This will be trialed if agreed with Phil turner and 4 weeks notice will be needed for a timetable change.</p>	<p>up by ME, PT & AF</p>
<p>Treasurers report</p>	
<p>It still needs to be clarified who the official treasurer is.</p> <p>The balance as of June 2007 was £2085.31 as the group has been inactive for some time it is assumed that this is the current balance.</p> <p><i>Grants</i></p> <p>The Sports development team will have a new member of staff shortly who will be putting together information about different grants that are available. This will be shared with the group at a later date. For any grants it would be sensible to come up with a project plan and find the grant to suit. Children in need could be another potential place to apply to.</p>	<p>AF</p>
<p>Activities update /spreadsheet</p>	
<p>AF is currently putting together an activity directory that will cover both East Cambs and Fenland. All sports clubs will be contacted to enquire how accessible clubs are in terms of coaches, buildings etc. AM suggested that the Cambridge city directory is a good example and to include a contact name for each activity. Could look into having some advertising space to help fund the production of the directories. AF will update the group on progress of this at the next meeting</p> <p>AF is also considering doing a quarterly newsletter, which will inform about Disport, Fendis, calendar of events. ME suggested including activities from the leisure centres on this.</p>	<p>AF</p> <p>AF</p>
<p>Festival/taster day</p>	
<p>AF is in the process of putting together a report on the festival, which took place in April. Once completed this will be available on request. The main points of the report are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 people registered (3 adults, 23 children). However these figures are not representational of all the people who attended on the day. Future events will need registration details to be more accurate and useful. • There were no accurate records of how much the event cost. Although a minimum figure is estimated at £1125 which from the register, as it would mean it cost just over £40 per person! It was agreed among the group that this is not the best use of money and maybe taster / block sessions at clubs would be a more suitable use of money. <p>ME suggested some ways of getting feedback on how many people</p>	<p>AF</p>

<p>take activities up beyond taster sessions by issuing discount cards to be returned.</p> <p>JH offered the support of Cambs FA to start up a football club in Ely. Cambs FA can offer the coaches and funding, AF will support with the marketing and promotion. This has worked well in Histon and St Ives where it has been mixed ages (9-16) and mixed abilities. This potentially could take place on Saturday mornings at Ely Community College.</p> <p>Other sports and activities that have been successful include archery, snooker, pool, 10 pin bowling</p>	AF & JH
County Update	
AF is working with the county disability sports forum to assist with the organization of the youth games plus and interschool tournaments in Football, Swimming, athletics, cricket and racket games.	
Fendis update	
Fendis is holding its next meeting (4pm) followed by the AGM (6pm) on Tuesday 20 th November at Fenland Hall, County Road, March (Council Offices). Members are disport are welcome to attend. Please contact Annette Fontaine to confirm if you will be going.	ALL
AOB	
<p>Bizzykidz is a group made up of some of the disport members and offers a range of activities for children with special needs aged 2-19 who live or go to school in East Cambs. 48 families have accessed this group so far. Further details can be found on www.bizzykidz.org.uk</p> <p>AF raised there is a gap in provision for adults with disabilities to take part in physical activities. And suggested spending one day a week supporting the sports element of Bizzykidz and one day concentrating on provision for adults.</p> <p>AM felt that all new parents should be targeted with an information pack with details of activities for babies. This is a project that would need working with the PCT and may be looked into in the future.</p>	
Next meeting	
The next meeting will take place at 10am on Wednesday January 16th at Babylon Bridge.	