

**Disport Meeting**  
**10am Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Babylon Bridge**

**Minutes**

**Apologies**

Anne Mitchell - Chair  
 Elaine Collins - Bizzykidz  
 Di Baker - Schools Partnership Development Manager  
 Samantha Sherrat – Red To Green  
 Rebecca Gilbertson – Swimming development manager  
 Karl Spurrier - On Par golf instructor  
 Val Chambers - AALD County Council

**Present**

Andy Munday - Highfields School  
 Elaine Bridges - Larkfield  
 Romana Martin – parent  
 Jim Hill – Cambs FA  
 Marianne Thompson - Sue Ryder Care trust  
 Michelle Emerson- Paradise Pool  
 Jo Bull - Cambs FA  
 Mark Briggs – Cambs County Council – Adult Services Manager

<b>Introductions</b>	<b>Action</b>
Everybody introduced themselves and it was nice to see the group had a mixture of groups organisations represented.	
<b>Minutes and matters arising</b>	
<p><b>Members</b> - Most people on the contact list have now been contacted and level of interest noted. There are about 50 contact groups/individuals on the list most of whom are happy to promote what is going on although are not able to attend meetings.</p> <p><b>Golf taster sessions</b> - more details later</p> <p><b>Swimming</b> – Bizzykidz will be meeting with ME to discuss sessions. A letter is needed from Phill Turner to confirm the changes for the pool timetable as discussed at the last meeting.</p> <p><b>Finance</b> - Anne, Andy and Jenny Lowe are signatories, the group agreed that Jenny will be taken off and AF added instead.</p> <p><b>Activities spreadsheet.</b> – Slowly getting information on activities taking place and these will be added to the website. When there is enough information in the directory will be put together. If anyone has any more information to add please contact AF.</p> <p><b>Newsletter</b> – waiting for templates fro the newsletter, hopefully should be available in the next few weeks Newsletter will be 4 A4 sides including: a cover page, a page for Fendis, a page for Disport and a page for diary of events taking place. Any other ideas for</p>	<p><b>ME</b></p> <p><b>AF/AM</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>

<p>information to be added or competition prizes please contact AF AM suggested making sure the events diary a leaflet in itself so it can be distributed alone with info about the whole newsletter. The newsletter will be available on the website.</p> <p><b>Festival 2007 report</b> now available on request – AF will do similar one following the golf sessions as evidence to support any follow up programmes.</p> <p><b>Football Club</b> – Disport have taken over from the Bizzykidz session on a Saturday morning at Ely Community College – over the warmer months Ely City FC have offered use of their facilities. JH will be doing a leaflet to promote and Dale Voyce is running these sessions.</p> <p><b>Fendis Minutes</b> available on request.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>AF</b></p> <p><b>JH</b></p>
<p><b>Work update</b></p>	
<p><b>Work Plan</b> - AF's work plan as Sports Inclusion Officer is almost complete and covers: coaches, leaders/staff and volunteers, Sports Centres, Out of School activity and Sport, In the community, Finance, and Communication</p> <p><b>Goalball</b> – a club has been set up in Peterborough for people with visual impairments (VI). And is being organised through British Blind Sports. For further details please contact either Ryan Armes or AF</p> <p><b>Cricket day</b> British Blind Sports with Cambs Cricket Board have organised a VI cricket coaching session for coaches and is followed by a VI Cricket game. This will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> February Letters have been sent to all Cricket Clubs in the district. Further details on the ECSPORT Website.</p> <p><b>Website</b> – the website will be used to hold all minutes from meetings. In future just a letter/email will be sent to let people know when info is available.</p> <p><b>Club development evening</b> – AF attended this in December had a good response and as a follow up will be meeting Ely Hockey Club soon to see how we can work together. In the future.</p> <p><b>East Cambs Community Lunch</b> – attended in December to promote Disport</p> <p><b>Equipment</b> – Disport /ECDC have a number of pieces of equipment that have been purchased but currently in storage. This was offered to interested groups to use, free of charge, on a rolling month hire agreement.</p> <p>AF will put together a list of the equipment available and will circulate to the group. Additional ramps for curling may need to be purchased (£80)/made, it suggested that Branching Out could be approached to make these.</p> <p>EB requested pictures of the equipment to help groups visualise the equipment. Larkfield users may be able to help produce a booklet with pictures.</p> <p>It was agreed by the group that where possible we should be using service providers such as Burwell Print and Branching Out.</p>	
<p><b>Golf</b></p>	
<p>Golf taster sessions will be taking place on 12 and 14<sup>th</sup> February, at On Par, Ely. Press release and leaflet are being done now and</p>	

<p>should be out end of this week/early next week.          To register need to contact AF, open to ages 11 + (siblings can also attend if necessary) Carers/parents are asked to attend to support the instructor.          It was confirmed that Disport would pay for this event, but there will be a small charge of £1, ME also offered a free swimming pass for all those who attend o the day as an incentive to attend.          Approx cost £200          Following this we hope to organise a 5-week block booking and after this if there is the interest we could put in a funding application for money to set up a longer running club.</p>	
<p><b>Sport Relief Mile</b></p>	
<p>Sport Relief Mile is taking place on March 15<sup>th</sup>, approx 10am – 12 noon.          Could be a possible to promote Disport at this event, AF will look into cost of having Disport T-shirts Printed (20) for any events where disport can be promoted and for any runners that want to represent the group. Disport will also hopefully have a stall to offer information on what sporting opportunities are available and get a list of people who may be interested in volunteering or receiving information from Disport.          There is one point on the course that is not very accessible for wheelchair users that needs to be looked at and measures/alternatives put into place to make it more accessible.          AM will hopefully be able to attend with some students from the school running club. JH offered to run with anyone who needs assistance          MT offered to volunteer to help out where necessary, possibly attending the stall.          What we could promote – any other suggestions. ?          Bizzykidz?          Football?          Swimming?          Soham sessions?          Classes at Paradise?          IFI Gym site?          Suggestions.           May need a few more volunteers please contact AF to sign up.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>
<p><b>Website</b></p>	
<p>Just one person from the group had looked at the website so far. This will be used to access minutes agendas and general information.          If anyone has suggestions for information to be added then please contact AF</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>
<p><b>AOB</b></p>	

**AGM**

The last AGM was 13<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

The next AGM will take place just before the next meeting  
Items will be kept brief and the actual AGM should last no longer than 30 mins. Items to include  
Appointment of Officers, Financial Report, Annual report.

**Swimming**

A few issues were raised regarding accessible equipment at the Paradise, ME explained reasons why the pool could not purchase certain pieces of equipment or why the temperature of the water can't be changed.

It was also raised that any future leisure provision in East Cambs should have all accessibility issues raised as early as possible AF will find feedback to the group where plans are up to.

**Next meeting**

MB raised the issue that the meeting room at Babylon is not accessible for wheelchair users. EB offered Larkfields as a venue for the next meeting and ME offered a room at the Paradise swimming pool for future use (if it's not turned into a gym)

It was agreed that the next meeting (and AGM) will take place on  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at Larkfields at 10am**

The following meeting dates have been pencilled in for  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 10am at Larkfields**

**Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> time and place tbc**