

Aberdeenshire Disability Sport – Annual General Meeting – May 2009.

Chair Report – 2009

I would like to welcome all those present tonight.

A tremendous amount of activity has taken place over the year – Summer Programme supported by Northsound Cash for Kids, multisport sessions at various venues, successful Physical Disability taster day followed by athletes attending the SDS talent days in Glasgow, Stirling and Dundee, Boccia Festival in Aberdeen, Football Festival sponsored by Deveronvale, Annual Athletics Festival- Garioch Sports Centre and of course the 3 Active Futures Projects. All have been greatly enjoyed by both those participating and those supporting athletes and Disability Sport.

Competitive events have taken place in Dumfries, Wishaw, Dundee, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Balmoral in a variety of sports with teams taking part in the Wishaw Games, Discovery Games, SDS National 5's Championships, SDS National Boccia Championships, SDS Senior LD swimming championships, SDS National junior championships, Wheelchair 10k event at Balmoral, Aberdeenshire Council's Triathlon series, and SFA National Football squad trials. Well done to everyone involved.

Particular mention must be made of the 3 footballers selected from the squad to play for Scotland in the Home Nations Championships and Scott Walker who has been selected to represent GB in the INAS- FID Global Games.

Awards were received this year by:

Kevin Ritchie - Sunday Mails Disability Football Volunteer of the Year.
Pauline Stirling - Aberdeenshire Sport Council Service to Sport.

Continuing Professional Development has been maintained with attendances at:

Equalities and Human rights commission legal team presentation
Scottish Disability Sport conference
Autism conference in Blackpool

All Disability Sport regions have been involved in Branch Minimum Operating Requirements exercise and to this end 2 meetings have been attended by committee members and again Claire has gathered the evidence for this requirement.

July 2009 will see several athletes and support staff from the area attending the Special Olympics National Games in Leicester when the area will be represented in 10 sports. Special Olympics Grampian Area has received tremendous support from Claire both with athlete coaching and support for both myself and Norma in our office bearer positions with the group.

In closing I would like to thank George Gray for his hard work in keeping ADS on the financial straight and narrow. George stood down from this position earlier in the year but in order that we don't get too confused we have another George, George Keith who has taken on the reins of finance.

Thank you to everyone involved for their tremendous work whether it is putting together the Newsletter, coaching at their chosen sport or just being an extra pair of hands.

I hope the group will keep up the good work and continue its success for the next 12 months.

Pauline Stirling Chairperson