

British Philosophy of Sport Association  
Executive Meeting  
12th March 2014  
Cardiff Metropolitan University

1. Apologies Paul Davis, Richard Royce, Oskar MacGregor

2. Minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct record

3. Matters arising – none

4. Report from Treasurer

Membership numbers: 40 fully paid as of March 2014.

Thanks were recorded to Oscar MacGregor for his hard and effective work in organising an online payment system for subscriptions.

Current balance: £4726.60 (with publication costs of the journal, approx. £1000, still to be paid)

Balance in April 2013: £3661.74.

The issue of Routledge's failure to provide electronic access to SEP as part of the membership subscription was raised. Mike McNamee will pursue this with the publisher at the Nancy EAPS conference.

5. Sport Ethics and Philosophy - Editor's Report

First issue of 2014 will be a normal issue, with Jesus Ilundain-Agurruza's special issue being second, and a potential special issue on Philosophy of Football as the fourth and final issue.

Leon Culbertson wishes to retire as reviews editor, but will continue until a replacement is found.

Subscriptions continue to climb (standing at 49 core subscriptions – of which 3 were personal subscriptions – as of March 2014).

Downloads have risen to 14,742 in 2013 (from 10,785 in 2012).

It was recognized that this commercial success represents good grounds for requesting royalties to be paid by Routledge to the Association.

Details were presented of the most downloaded papers, and institutions downloading (with Norwegian, Canadian and British institutions predominating, alongside the Musee Olympique, France) and countries downloading (with the UK, Canada and USA predominating, albeit that USA numbers are still proportionately low).

The journal's Impact Factor remains low (with most citations in JPS).

The source of articles by country was reported, with the UK (England and Wales) and US being the most productive.

The editing process and timescales were reported. Average review time is within 40 days.

6. REF

Most members submitted research to the Sport Leisure and Tourism panel

It has been noted that there is no Philosopher or Historian on the panel, although there may be an over-dominance of social scientists. (Mike McNamee and Jim Parry were not offered positions. Barry Houlihan has been accepted for Sports Policy) Reassurances have nonetheless been given that the procedure will be open and fair.

7. Sunderland 2015 Conference

Paul Davis proposing a conference in Sunderland on either 9-11 April or 13-15 April. The Executive

agreed to propose Monday 13th April to Wednesday 15th April 2014 to the AGM.

8. Elections

No elections are due until 2015

9. BPSA rep to EAPS

Mike McNamee is the current BPSA representative to EAPS, in virtue of his being vice president, but is not seeking re election in April 2014.

It was proposed that Richard Royce be considered for nomination as the chair by Mike McNamee (with BPSA support).

10. IAPS 2015 Conference

Cardiff Metropolitan will be tendering a bid within the next month.

11. EAPS 2017 Conference

Swansea University will tender for the EAPS 2017 meeting.

12. AOB

None