British Philosophy of Sport Association

AGM

6th April 2013

University of Gloucestershire

1. Apologies: Lisa Edwards

2. Minutes - signed as a correct record

It was noted that ‘Davis’ had been twice misspelt as ‘Davies’. The secretary duly apologised.

3. Matters arising

Item 4 - Possible South African conference. Carl has not replied to JP's emails. Incoming Chair (ER) to follow up.

4. Report from the BPSA executive

All matters discussed as the Executive were part of the AGM agenda.

5. SEP editor's report

5. 1 General comment

It was noted that Taylor and Francis are extremely pleased with the progress of the journal.

SEP's reputation is 8.3/10

JP and MM's Olympic special issue was third prize in the reader's pole of Taylor and Francis’s special Olympic issue journals.

5.2 Subscriptions

Core subscriptions have been taken by 42 libraries. (79 libraries has SEP included in packages)

This represents a steady rise in subscriptions, but according to the original contract the BPSA will receive no royalties until 100 subscriptions have been taken out. The editor is currently trying to renegotiate this, in order to link royalties to the number of downloads.

5.3 Downloads

There have been 11,000 article downloads up to the end of 2012.

The most popular article for download is by Coggan and Holms on transsexuals. The authors have been approached by the editor, and agreed, to edit a special issue on this topic.

The editor is pursuing a policy of making certain articles free to download.

The University of Manitoba is most frequent downloader (with five Canadian universities in the top ten downloaders). The scope of downloading is global, led by USA, Canada and UK.

5.4 Efficiency

90% of papers are reviewed within 3 months.

MM thanked reviewers on effort and promptness.

There has been excellent feedback from authors on service.

5.5 Special Issues

The most recent special issue (volume 7 (1)) was on Sport and Art.

The next special issue will be edited by Jesus Ilundain.

Editor is open to further proposals for special issues. Offers of issues on corruption and on Eastern and Western Philosophies of Sport have been made.

JP thanked MM on behalf of the BPSA on his work and the importance of SEP to the association and the discipline as a whole.

6. Treasurer's report

Current account is healthy (£3600 balance in 2013, excluding £1000 to be paid to Taylor and Francis for journal publication).

Membership is static (but will be promoted at BPSA and IAPS). Promotion of the Association is a priority.

7. Conference

7.1 2014 Nancy (EAPS in association with the BPSA)

Lev Kreft introduced the Nancy Conference, 'Alternative Body Practices in European Philosophy of Sport since 2000', organised for 17th to 19th April 2014.

A venue is available although details of facilities need to be confirmed.

An organisational committee is required.

MM and JP agreed be the abstract committee for English language abstracts.

In the style of French conferences, the conference has certain themes to do with alternative body practices. It will be requested that an addition general theme of the Philosophy of Sport is added, and that this theme runs throughout the conference, with the EAPS/BPSA contribution being integrated into all days of the conference.

The French organising committee will be encouraged to send all promotional and other publicity material to MM and JP for help with its English expression.

It was agreed that there will be a space for BPSA AGM.

Proposed conference fee 150 euro for EAPS members (plus 50 euros for conference dinner).

Proposal will be made by MM and LK to offer of Special Issue of SEP for the best conference papers (in English), co-edited by the conference chair and native English speaker.

The possibility was raised of student awards - MM suggests exploring possibility of EU support for awards and other aspects of the association

It was noted that this conference is an important opportunity to introduce ourselves to the Francophone community in the Philosophy of Sport.

7.2 Future conferences

2015 and 2016 conference venues have not be confirmed. Offers are invited, and Paul davis is exploring the possibility of a conference in Sunderland

8. Report from EAPS (LK)

EAPS now has a bank account and funds

There is a new webpage

Elections will be held next year, and a nominating committee has been formed to organise the process.

EAPS will try to support students from new countries to attend the Nancy Conference.

Those attending Nancy (and paying through conference fee) will be members for 3 years.

9. Regional Seminars and related events

These have happened in the past (e.g. Nottingham, Prague)

If anyone wants to hold one, suggestions will be welcome.

Ivo Jirasek announced a conference in Olomouc, Czech Republic, 17th to 19th October, 2013.

Jerzy Kosiewic announced the International Society for Social Science of Sport in Porto, 26th - 29th September 2013.

10. Website

Oskar MacGregor will revamp the website shortly, with an online method for renewing membership.

JP thanked OM for his work, including reducing the costs of the website.

11. Elections

The following were elected to the BPSA Nomination for chair: Emily

Chair: Emily Ryall

Vice-Chair: Paul Davis

Secretary: Andrew Edgar

Treasurer: Lisa Edwards

Three committee members: Richard Royce

Cathy Devine

Alun Hardman

12. AOB

It was noted that there is an intention of launching a Spanish Philosophy of Sport Association

The Spanish *Fairplay* Journal of the Ethics and Philosophy of Sport has just been launched.