

2019-2020 Chair's Annual Report

Presented to Annual General Meeting on 7th November 2020

For the year to 31st March 2020, the Chair, National Development Officer and the board members have engaged directly with several Sports Councils by attending Annual General Meetings, Committee Meetings and Annual Sports Awards to present our Service to Sport Award.

It is always a privilege for SALSC staff and board to meet our members, hear face to face about their local issues and meet those who have been nominated for our special award.

During 2019, we launched our 2020 Strategic Plan with the support of our core partner **sportscotland**. We would like to thank our membership for their support and **sportscotland** for their investment.

At the same as the launch of our new strategy, we also with our members agreement changed our trading name to Scottish Clubsport and implemented a new all-singing all-dancing website – both the change of name and new website have been well received throughout the sporting environment.

We have continued to develop our partnerships with Bowls Scotland, RYS Scotland and Boxing Scotland as well as the MS Society. These partnerships have been very helpful for all the parties involved. We will look to extend this network in future years.

SALSC has illustrated its commitment to continuous improvement through the achievement of all long term outcomes plus some additional internal targets. During 2019, we were given the top mark following the external review by KPMG – one of only 11 sporting bodies to achieve this.

We continued our involvement with Scottish Sports Future and again sponsored the Ambassador of the Year at their Awards night. Myself and another board member were also invited on to the panel which selected all the winners on the night which was a very difficult task with so many great nominees.

The SALSC Chair, members of the board and the National Development Officer have attended a range of events, conferences, forums and meetings on behalf of and representing SALSC including:

- Cross Party Group for Sport
- Scottish Sports Association Annual General Meeting
- **sportscotland** East, West, Highland and Grampian Club Sport networks, plus national events
- Sports Governing bodies
- Observatory for Sport in Scotland events
- Scottish Parliament receptions
- Bowls Scotland National Championships

This was the second year of a **sportscotland** initiative whereby the Sports Governing bodies' Chairs come together to discuss topical issues. One of these events was tied in with the Solheim Cup which was held at Gleneagles and another involved a discussion night with the Chair and Chief Executive of **sportscotland**.

As well this, this group has the opportunity to get in touch with other Chairs to discuss issues that they have dealt with themselves. This is co-ordinated by **sportscotland** on an informal basis but is set up to include:

- Mentoring/partnership opportunity between existing Chairs
- Opportunity to shadow a fellow Chair to see how their board meetings are conducted.

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I would like to thank the current board for all their help and support during my 3 year stint as Chair, as well as the National Development Officer, our Administration Officer and the Partnership Managers from **sportscotland** that I have worked with.

As this is the end of my tenure as Chair of SALSC, I would like to wish the incoming Chair and their board all the best for the future in these most challenging of times.

Kenneth Ovens
Chair

