

**Department of Sports Development  
Team Bath Athlete Forum  
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**Meeting:** Athlete Forum  
**Venue:** Founders Hall Training Room  
**Date and Time:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 12.00-14:00  
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**Attendees:**

Jason Gardner MBE (Chair)	Heather Fell (Vice-Chair)	Rachel Smith (ASO)	Kate Holmes (Hockey)
Megan Fletcher (Judo)	Laura Maddox (Athletics)	Amy Fallaize (Netball)	Jack Houghton (Athletics)
Zachary Pallier (Badminton)	Tom Edwards (Fencing)	Ron Stewart (Senior Manager)	Ryan Jones (Water Polo)
Hannah Wardley (Placement)	Will Galloway (SU Sport Officer)	Jan Gosiewski (Judo)	

**Apologies:**

Lizzy Yarnold (Skeleton)	Sophie Thomas (BUCS PO)	Will England (Rowing)	Lily Honor (Football)
Caroline Searle (Matchtight Limited)	Jo Muir (Modern Pentathlon)	Mark Threlfall (Triathlon)	

**Minutes taken by: Hannah Wardley – Placement student**

- Comments that he has started to speak with Sam Holmes about what equipment will go where. Recognises that there is a need to look at the different user group's needs (I.e. from high performance to general users)
- Comment made regarding getting feedback about the latest updated version of the gym and how this feedback can be used to improve the new development
- Talked about 3 possible locations of the 3G pitch; Infield of the track, 1<sup>st</sup> rugby pitch or St Johns. All have pros and cons. There is a need to look at the university's 10 year plan in order to make an effective decision.
- A swipe system is going to be put into place to restrict who is coming in.
- The glass face at the front will have a mural of athletes and has been finalised with match tight. The funding for this has also been approved
- Raised the issue that not only do we need to manage who goes in but also clearing up in that room as well
- Comments that a student has already been to see him to complain about mud on the floor in squash courts
- Raises issue from netball inter-house event organisers regarding courts booking for their matches. A lot of the time their courts to play inter-house matches seem to end up getting cancelled and booking is lost. This has been said to be affecting inter-house participation rates as due to reoccurring cancelations individuals can't be bothered to turn up.

- Suggests that a small deposit should maybe be put down to decrease booked out court no-shows. Similarly he also suggests something along the lines that if no one turns up in 10 minutes then the court should be free for anyone else to use it for the remaining booking time
- Fencing are looking to have some external coaches come in. To hire out the fencing hall is costs £40. He therefore asked who would be the person to contact with regards to changing the price as many external coaches are put off from coming due to high hiring costs. He is directed to speak to Catherine Williams
- Highlights that for sports like fencing there is lots of equipment and no-where to store it
- Points out that it is the BUCS fencing team that are mainly suffering from lack of space as individuals.
- Requests for more mat space in the gym
- Says that many athletes miss the Smith machine which has been taken out of the gym,
- New and old weights differ in weight in the gym
- Notes that squat racks are definitely something that needs improving. Comments to that old squat racks were better as it allows more people to use it
- Suggest that staff need to maybe help the 'newbies' a bit more as opposed to just standing around and interacting to high performance athlete. With the new gym maybe there could be an opportunity for different spaces ( I.e. performance and cardio area)
- Suggested porridge pots that you can add hot water to as an alternative health snack to fill the machine
- Suggests pints of milk instead of the current protein shakes that are available
- Suggests dried fruit as a health snack to put in the vending machines
- Asks if the café opening times could be extended beyond 8 as it is often hard to get food after training
- Currently in discussion with Miles about an app on which you can pre-order food from the STV on
- Raises the question of if changing rooms are not used frequently could they be used for storage
- Suggest about using them as storage only on certain days- maybe adding coded lock
- Raises issue for BUCS performance athletes and the cost of having to self-fund travel up to compete for the university. Often this results in them not being able to pay for international competition or training trip competitions. Directed to WG if there was any provisions in place to help out.
- Brings up the issue of pool time for water polo players. Explains how there are 3 teams and only 3 pool allocation times and often these session times have to be used for games. Explained how they don't often have time to actually train together. The team would therefore like more pool time not just for game play but also for training. Tuesday is seen as the ideal date if possible. Also comments that moving of the lane ropes comes in to their booked out time

Forum closed: 13.36pm.

Next meeting: TBC.