**Federation Councillor Report**

**FEDERATION MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING 28th to 30th APRIL 2017**

**Programme Action:** The FPAC Forum to be held all day on Thursday 26th October in Cardiff was discussed including the programme for the day and the timetable. The day will be significantly different from previous FPAC meetings: ECOSOC - a report was tabled: CEDAW - a report was tabled: CSW - a report was tabled: A new Programme booklet is in preparation.

**Finance:** The SIGBI Management accounts to 31st March 2017 were discussed and the Budget for 2017/18 was amended. The use of the current Reserves was discussed.

**Growth Plan:** Growing Our Brand in the Local Community. Two days for almost all Regions has been arranged; it is hoped that 4 representatives from each club will attend. All clubs have been circulated three times with the details. A series of Top Tip Videos are being created to assist clubs outside of the UK. These will be made available to all Clubs in due course. A verbal update was given on HQ Marketing and Communications Plan plus the revamping of the website with quotes from two companies. By the time of our Regional meeting on 17th June the first of the “Growing Our Brand in the Local Community” workshops in our region will have been completed. I hope that this was both an interesting and successful day and was well attended by members of the region. I hope that the next session in September will also be a success and I look forward to feedback from those who attended.

**Governance:** Work continues to register SIGBI as a Charity with a Trading Arm. The draft Articles for SIGBI Trading limited will be sent to the Solicitor. A Critical Path Analysis was circulated. A Review of Good Governance and the functions of the Board will be undertaken at the June meeting. The Strategic Plan for 2016 / 2021 was reviewed. The Work Plans for all the committees were circulated.

**Communications:** A very useful workshop was led by the Director of Communications which involved the members of the Board and the Silent Observers. We looked at the various ways HQ / Regions and clubs communicate - why and how. As Regional Federation Councillor I would very much like to discuss communication at and across all levels of the organisation at a future regional meeting and would ask all members to think about how this can be improved and adapted.

**Membership and Organisational Development:** The twoDirectors led a very useful workshop on how we could grow membership. This was followed by an update on Membership Month, there are T shirts and bags available from HQ, membership gift vouchers, adverts on Facebook taking into account age profile, Thunderclap, Flash Mob, Blogs. They also gave an update on Associate Membership. School and Campus clubs were discussed; we have a number of clubs interested in working in their areas with these two new ideas. The OD Committee are also looking at simplifying the guidelines for opening new clubs.

**Sustainable Development Goals:** There are to be a series of workshops around the country on the SDGs for details go to www.sdg-roadshow.org.uk.

**Skype:** The Councillor from South West &Channel Islands was Skyped into the meeting. Di Hill has contacted all those at the meeting to get their views on how successful and useful this was.

With Best wishes to you all for a lovely summer.

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