

CPG Minutes

Jackson Carlaw MSP

John Mason MSP

Bill Bowman MSP

Maurice Corry MSP

Jeremy Balfour MSP

Oren Simanian – speaker

Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting – proposed by Bill Bowman MSP and seconded by Stanley Lovatt

AGM

- Bill Bowman nominated Jackson as chair, seconded by John Mason
- Richard Lyle nominated by Jackson Carlaw as vice chair, seconded by Bill Bowman
- Jackson Carlaw nominated Danielle Bett/Jewish Leadership Council as secretariat, seconded by Bill Bowman

Note of meeting

- Jackson noted Scotland-Israel football games and praised friendly engagement between the two countries. Jackson noted the graffiti which is being investigated.
- Jackson welcomed Oren Simanian who is the founder of Colosseum,

Oren Simanian presentation

- Oren shared a presentation on Israeli entrepreneurship eco system and sports tech.
- Oren worked as a football referee in Israel
- Around 2017 decided to merge tech and sports experience, which led to opening of Sports Tech center
- Noted comparison to automotive industry and it's rise in Israel
- Oren showed a sports engagement map demonstrating the extent to which sports affects and connects people – from fans, to broadcasting, personal health and online.

- With the increase of people engaging in sports, health and fitness – including from home – there is an opportunity to develop the digital development of sport.
- With having to practice social distancing or different lockdown rules, new technologies have had to be developed
- E-Sport is rising – younger generations focus on online. We are going to experience different sports in different ways.
- Israel has moved from being ‘holy land’ centric to ‘start up nation’ – Oren hopes that the next step for the country’s branding is: Sports Tech Nation
- Israel has been strong on producing Sports Technology, but hasn’t been using it much locally
- Oren talked about how we will be able to watch sports from better perspectives in the near future – E.G. watching football from the eyes of the players
- Concluded with call to action: we can develop great things together, the Scottish sports ecosystem is outstanding and there are great opportunities for collaboration.
- Oren talked about injury prevention and mental health prep as key, and improving accuracy helping to improve the game and the ability to win with data

Jackson thanked Oren for a thought provoking talk.

Q: Maurice Corry MSP asked if any work planned with veterans

A: 70,000 people over age of 100 were supposed to attend the Tokyo Olympics. We need to take care of people’s health and help people participate in engaging remotely.

Technology is a huge enabler for injured veterans and disabled people in general. There are many solutions that allow participation.

Also, there are many developments to help Paralympic sports people to improve and be able to overcome challenging.

Jackson welcomed Sharon Bar Li, Deputy Ambassador.

- Sharon mentioned that she visited Scotland last week and had great meetings
- Sharon talked about opportunity for academic collaboration RE Sports tech. Christina Jones to explore taking forward with universities.
- Israeli parliament has now approved the UAE and Bahrain peace agreements. Delegations from different fields already ongoing – tech, fin-tech, medical
- A meeting took place in the South of Lebanon between Israeli teams and Lebanese teams, with US and UN mediators, to discuss demarcation of maritime boundary between Israel and Lebanon. Meeting is a result of several years of attempted negotiations. Maritime boundary agreement will open economic opportunities for both countries, particularly Lebanon who are going through severe economic crisis.

- Sharon also updated that the new Israeli Ambassador, Tzipi Hotovely is now in the UK. Her background is in law and she was previously a politician, and acted as deputy foreign minister.

Jackson thanked Sharon and Oren. Meeting concluded ahead of parliamentary business and FM statement.

ATENDEES

Alan Kay
Bill Bowman MSP
Christina Jones
Dan McCroskrie
Dan Zafrir
Danielle Bett
David Goldberg
David Nallarattnam
Dorothe Kaufmann
Douglas Flett
Edward Green
Ephraim Borowki
Euan Waddell
Evelyn Yedd
Jackson Carlaw MSP
Jean Brannigan
Jeremy Balfour
John Mason MSP
Julia Mitchell
Kirsty Robson
Maurice Corry MSP
Michelle Brannan
Nathan Wilson
Neil Lal
Oren Simanian
Sammy Stein
Sharon Bar-Li
Stanley Grossman
Stanley Lovatt
Toby Davis
Tom Webber
Vicci Frutin