



SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Saturday, 4th February, 2017 at Hamilton Ice Rink

Present	Rosemary Lenton	RL	Chair
	Gill Keith	GK	Comp. co-ordinator
	Rosemary Miller	RM	Treasurer
	Gavin McLeod	GMcL	SDS Rep
	Jacky McLaren	JMcL	North Clubs Rep
	Michael Greaves-Mackintosh.	MGM	South Clubs Rep
	Ailidh Hood	AH	RCCC
	Helen Kallow	HK	RCCC Disability Dev Officer
	Maureen Griffiths	MG	Minutes Secretary

The chair (RL) welcomed everyone and introduced HK, the RCCC Disability Development Officer

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Alison Hopkins.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting were approved - proposed by GK and seconded by GMcL.

3. Matters arising

Covered in following reports.

4. Chairman's Report RL

One of the early pioneers of our sport has passed away just before Christmas, " Yogi " John Robertson from the Borders. Although he has not been seen around the Ice Rinks for some seasons he was a great character and will be greatly missed by all. He had in the past taken part in many para sports and won a Gold Medal at the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester for Lawn Bowls.

We send our condolences to his wife Valerie who still plays at Borders Ice Rink Kelso.

The Scotland squad has been announced and we send our good wishes to them in Korea at the World Championships.

Correspondence Braehead Club raised the point regarding possible WCF Rule change.

RL responded as follows.

The first notification I had of any “Proposed Changes” was from a third party RCCC Province Rep who said there had been a proposal to make wheelchair teams 3 persons still of mixed gender.

I immediately spoke with Bruce Crawford the CEO at RCCC, who responded that at a WCF meeting in the Summer where ALL proposal are made for both A/B (male & Female) & Wheelchairs there had been very little to discuss. Therefore they had “spare time” and during this session someone (I know not who) suggested that the game for wheelchairs could be reduced to 2 players until someone pointed out we use the Buddy System so would need at least 3. There was no motion made nor any vote taken.

I explained quite strongly to Bruce that SWCA/Wheelchair Curling should be consulted at all times if there are to be any discussions to our game. I asked if there had been a vote how would they have known how to vote and also the impact that would have on our sport. He fully agreed and said he would ensure we were involved, however in this instance there had been no prior notification that the item was to be discussed as it came up as an ad hoc item. He assured me that this would happen in future.

Stranraer questioned MGM’s report which stated there was “total apathy” in the South. RL responded as follows:-

I would agree with you Brian the use of the statement *Total apathy* was inappropriate, as you so rightfully point out yourself and I have discussed a number of points relating to wheelchair curling issues.

This should not have been a bland statement but should have been perhaps worded that *there is some apathy with some club members in the South*.

I apologise for the wording in the minutes and will ask Maureen our Secretary to make the relevant amendments. (Please note change to minutes of 17-01-08)

Judy McKenzie questioned the choice of date for the AGM.

GK explained that although a later date would have been preferable this did not fit with a competition and so it was felt that there would have been few attendees. We will try harder next year.

Isobel Cowan raised points regarding a late entry to the British Open which was not accepted.

The closing date for entries had been changed by Bruce Crawford but not entered on website or communicated to the club. The question of recompense for expenses incurred is in discussion.

Web	Alan Hopkins has now got the site up and running. He would welcome all contributions to enable this to be constantly updated. Any news from the Clubs would be really useful together with any photographs etc. Web address is www.scottishwheelchaircurlingassociation.co.uk Please encourage Clubs & their Members to take a look and give us your feedback.
Proposed	Visits have been planned to Stranraer, Braehead and Stirling (when it reopens) leaving Kinross, Aberdeen, Murrayfield & Elgin.
Border Life	This is a programme which goes out on Border TV. A crew visited Lockerbie Ice Rink and were there several hours both filming and interviewing.

Hopefully this will help to promote wheelchair curling in the Border region.
The programme should be aired in approx. 3 months time.

Competitions Next season Inverness Triples – will probably be held on 24 – 26 October 2017.

Friendly Stranraer v Borders + some Lockerbie players to take place at Dumfries on 22 March.

AVIVA - Lockerbie have acquired funding from AVIVA to enable them to put on a competition & showcase the sport on March 17 (mainly clubs from South + Wales)

Scottish Championship – ROTA of Volunteers to be issued well in advance so they can arrange transport etc.

Need to ask for VOLUNTEERS well in advance next season.

5. Financial Report RM

The current bank balance stands at £30,734.11. There are outstanding cheques (£459.50) to be cashed which will bring the balance to £30,274.61.

6. Competitions Convener's Report GK

Scottish

There are 12 entries to date.

The trophies will be slightly different from the British – 'glass medals'

GK has a list of helpers from Hamilton to be sent to Scottish organisers.

Tea and coffee will be provided for volunteers and competitors will supply their own.

Highland Triples, Inverness

This competition will probably be held on 24-26th October 2017

Friendship

Arrangements for Friendship are progressing with a no of clubs committed and a few to be chivvied on.

It was stated that at least 2 umpires would be required.

RL commented that Aviva had awarded a grant to Lockerbie to hold a competition involving Stranraer, Lockerbie and Borders.

RL noted that the RCCC were not reporting the results of SWCA competitions so requested that photos and results were sent to the RCCC for posting on their web.

7 AGM RL

RL to produced required forms and MG send to secretaries for distribution to members.

8. Web Site AH

The website is now fully operational so please submit anything of interest to www.scottishwheelchaircurlingassoiaton.co.uk.

Booklets, etc. are on the site for downloading.

Ailidh Hood RCCC requested that the RCCC logo be removed

9. SDS Representative GMcL

The Three Year Strategic Planning starts 1st April. Reduction in funding is expected to be worse than initially anticipated. The final decision is expected by end February.

This years' Parasports Festivals will be held as follows:-

Dundee	15 th March
Forester High School	12 th March
Ravenscraig	10 th March

Twenty to seventy children are expected to attend.

10. RCCC Report HK

Helen Kallow introduced herself to the Committee and gave an insight to her role as the Disability Development Officer at the RCCC. This is to be a 3 year contract working on a 3 day week. She will be covering all aspects of Disability which will include wheelchairs, visually impaired and hearing. She is also intending shortly to contact and visit Clubs and they should feel free to make contact with her.

11. Club Representatives North Club Rep Report J McL

Only response to e-mails sent to club secretaries was from Inverness who will not be entering anyone in the friendship.

South Club Rep Report MG-M

Likewise had no matters to report, he was getting some names for the Friendship and would forward these to JMCL.

12. AOCB

The subject of a refund for local teams who had entered the British Open was discussed..It was agreed to reimburse the costs of the accommodation. RL would contact them accordingly.

There was a loss of £2,500 sustained on the British Open.

13. DONM

There will be no more meetings before the AGM

There being no other business RL closed the meeting at 12.10 hrs