



## SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 at Hamilton Ice Rink

Present	Rosemary Lenton	RL	Chair
	Gill Keith	GK	Comp. co-ordinator
	Alison Hopkins	AH	Vicechair/Secretary
	Maureen Griffiths	MG	Minutes Secretary

The chair ( RL) welcomed everyone.

### 1. Apologies

Apologies received from Gavin McLeod, Sheila Swan, Rosemary Miller, Jacky McLaren, Michael Greaves-Mackintosh and Jane Booth (RCCC)

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting

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

### 3. Matters arising

None

### 4. Chairman's Report RL

RL reported that good progress was being made on the Action Plan.

Well done to Scotland @ World Qualifiers in Finland this now enables them to go to the World Championships in Feb 2017, and the Paralympics in 2018.

Hopefully if they get a podium place funding may be restored.

RL attended the Pairs Competition at Braehead on the final day for the prize giving. Whilst numbers were down all the competitors had enjoyed themselves and managed 5 games per team.

Also attended the Inverness Triples and dates for next year could possibly be in Sept to avoid clashes.

Also took the opportunity, along with Jacky McLaren (players North Rep), to meet with Mo Simpson and Ron the Coach at the Inverness Club to discuss any problematic areas and possible solutions.

RL notified by Stranraer that there could possibly be a WCF Rule Change to a team which would be that a team would be comprised of 3 not 4 players, but still mixed gender. They had got their information from their RCCC representative.

## 5. Financial Report RM

### Accounts for Period 8<sup>th</sup> Oct to 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016

Opening Balance at 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2016		£31,884.55
INCOME		
	£	
Annual subscription	Moray	25.00
	South Lanark	25.00
		<u>50.00</u>
		£31,934.55
EXPENDITURE		
Friendship trophy engraving		24.60
Try Curling Lockerbie		50.00
Travel Expenses		<u>216.75</u>
		<u>291.35</u>
Closing Balance at 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2016		<u>£31,643.20</u>

NB. RCCC have still to inform of all costs of the recent Scottish Pairs Championship

## 6. Competitions Convener's Report GK

### PAIRS

The Scottish Wheelchair Pairs Competition took place over two days 12-13th November 2016 Braehead, Glasgow.

The 8 teams played 3 games of round robin on the Saturday. Sunday saw teams playing in straight semis and finals. As the application was down this year it was felt two days would assist teams to save booking extra nights in hotels for those traveling.

It was also felt strongly that the timing this year prevented teams competing in the Pairs then driving the next day to compete in The Inverness Wheelchair comp. Comps also clashed with the Worlds-B whose athletes regularly play in home events by forming a team with a less experienced or newer curler to contribute to the spread of experience. Lastly the increase in fees for competitions has also been a contributing factor as curlers are feeling the financial squeeze.

All of these points have been expressed to the RCCC.

Prizes were bought from BlackNoir – thanks to RL for suggestion and Jackie for meeting in Grangemouth with me to discuss options.

Due to lack of space wording on the trophies had to be curtailed.

The on-ice assistants did an excellent job helping to keep to the playing schedules.  
The timing and food all went to plan and the feed back from the participants was positive.  
Thanks to Ian Dyer for organisational advice and umpiring.  
Mobility Solutions (the sponsors) provided banners. The sponsorship funds are expected soon.

## BRITISH

Committee agreed that prizes for the British should be purchased from BlackNoir.

List of volunteers required for British in January. RL to approach Hamilton club for list of possible volunteers.

Entries for British are few so GK will contact all clubs with a view to encouraging teams/individuals to enter. Individuals will be asked to enter and where possible infill teams where clubs are short of participants or make up separate teams.

RL will design a 'basic' entry form for teams, individuals and preferred position ( see attached).

It is proposed to reduce the entry fee for those teams who do not require hotel/transport, etc. ie British based teams/clubs.

Please note entry forms for British and Scottish are attached at end of minutes together showing extended closing date for entries.

GK wished to thank Judy McKenzie for her organisational help with competitions

## 7 Action Plan RL

### Web Site

Web space (400mb) and name ([scottishwheelchaircurlingassociation.co.uk](http://scottishwheelchaircurlingassociation.co.uk)) have been purchased for 1 year.

The site requires high quality images.

The site will go live this week, but please note it is a work in progress and constructive criticism will be welcome.

Thanks to Alan Hopkins for his tireless efforts.

### Booklets

Four booklets are being prepared – Novice, Intermediate, Volunteers and Ice Players Assistant. Decisions will need to be made on size, paper type, format (pdf/richtext), colour and logos to be used. RL and Alan Hopkins will get together to discuss and decide on this.

### Rest of Action Plan

Majority of the Action Plan is progressing as planned except for coaching courses but Fiona Letton at Ayr has ensured that all there Coaches have been on a Wheelchair Course.

It is noted that Lockerbie, Stranraer and Stirling have all increased their membership, partly due to Come & Try sessions and other initiatives.

8. SDS Representative

No report

9. Club Representatives                      North Club Rep Report                      J McL

Only thing for the North rep. report is that Rosemary and I had a meeting with Mo Simpson, Inverness, last week. Mo's main problem seemed to be lack of available transport suitable for wheelchair users which is hampering attendance. There is now contact with the Occupational Therapists at the local hospital and maybe more people will come and try from there.

South Club Rep Report                      MG-M

No Report

12. AOCB

None

13. DONM

Next meeting to be held at 10.30hrs, on 7<sup>th</sup> January, at Hamilton.

There being no other business RL closed the meeting at 12.00 hrs