



SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Saturday, 29th April, 2017 at Hamilton Ice Rink

Present	Rosemary Lenton	RL	Chair
	Alison Hopkins	AH	Acting Vice-chair
	Gillian Keith	GK	Comp. co-ordinator
	Jacky McLaren	JMcL	North Clubs Rep
	Brian Park	BP	South Clubs Rep
	Harry Brodie	HB	Aide to Comp co-ordinator
	Maureen Griffiths	MG	Minutes Secretary

The chair (RL) welcomed everyone and introduced HB, **Aide to Comp co-ordinator**

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Sheila Swan, Gavin McLeod, Helen Kallow and Rosemary Miller.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

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

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Chairman's Report RL

Welcome to Harry Brodie from Stirling, some of you may already recognise Harry as he has officiated on several wheelchair occasions at Stirling. He has volunteered to help with our Competitions and assist Gill.

Sheila and her squad are now in preparation for next years Paralympics in Korea. **I had hoped that she might have sent us a report for the last season as she indicated she would do when she apologised for her non-attendance at the AGM.**

I have received a proposal from Judy Mackenzie regarding Judy's Jug. This was previously donated by Judy and used at the Shot Maker Competition which has now fallen by the wayside. She would like this to be revived along the lines of the Points Competition in the RCCC rulebook.

She suggests that scores be recorded in each rink and either finish at the end of season or have a grand Final of say the top scorers. She feels this would add another test for curlers, and would act as a measure of competence for all. The idea was welcomed by the committee and RL will draw up suggestions for format to be circulated to committee for contributions.

Judy has also got a trophy that Mike Girdwood has donated, she wonders if this could be used by SWCA. My suggestion would be that this could possibly be used for the League Proposal that Ted Bidgood is currently trying to get underway.

As Stirling/Kinross/ Murrayfield & Elgin were not visited this season they will be next season.

The Tunnocks event was very well attended with 10 Teams competing in a straight Round Robin. As usual this was an excellent event and next year will be the Tenth Anniversary and Tunnock's are hoping for it to be something special. The winning team was Team Wightman, skipped by myself with Dave Wightman, Gill Keith and a newcomer in her first season Beatrice Kerr.

5. Financial Report RM

There is no change since last meeting.

6. Competitions Convener's Report GK

The origin and current objectives of the British Open were discussed. The original idea had been that the competition was for grass roots curlers in Britain with the location going round the nations. Due to the lack of rinks Scotland became the 'home' location. A few years back international teams were encouraged to enter, but last year there was a dearth of entries partly due to clashing dates and lack of funds.

The problem with dates for competitions was discussed by the committee as the RCCC had changed a no of the dates previously agreed.

This clash of dates should be sorted out at a meeting RL is intending to have with RCCC representatives.

BP insisted that it is essential that the RCCC is represented at meetings discussing competition dates. The committee was in total agreement.

6. Action Plan RL

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

Booklets, etc. are on the site for downloading and are currently being printed.

The main work in the Action Plan is 'coach development' and is being progressed by RCCC, Helen Kallow.

7. SDS Representative No Report

8. RCCC Report No Report

9. Club Representatives South Club Rep Report BP

East Lothian were contacted and although they had nothing to report they were very pleased to have been contacted.

Lockerby were concerned about the legitimacy of one of their members playing in competitions after he had resigned from the club. It was explained that as he had paid his dues to the RCCC it was OK.

The Friendship Trophy was very successful.

10. AOCB

Ayr and East Lothian are having difficulty recruiting members.

Helen Kallow will be visiting soon.

Business cards are to be printed soon

11. DONM

The next meeting is to be held at Route 74, junction 10 on the M74 on the 24th June.

There being no other business RL closed the meeting at 12.15 hrs