



SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 14th December, 11am via Microsoft Teams

Present

John McLelland (Chair) (JohnMcL)

Rosemary Lenton (Treasurer) (RL)

Sheila Swan, (SS)

Jacky McLaren, (JackyMcL)

Gavin McLeod, (GM)

Maggie Wilson, (MW)

Harry Brodie, (HB)

Alison Hopkins (AH)

1. **Apologies** No apologies

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Amendment to be made to section 2 of the financial report showing that John McLelland was to be added as signatory - "Due to Rosemary Miller standing down at the AGM we currently only have one cheque signatory Rosemary Lenton. It was agreed that John McClelland should replace Rosemary Miller to be the second signatory. RL and JohnMcL to arrange" to be added
- Minutes approved HB and Seconded JackyMcL.

3. Matters Arising

- No matters arising

4. Chairmans Report

- JohnMcL welcomed everyone to the meetings
- Dumfries Ice Bowl has now opened and the rink have put a lot of work into making it safe for Curlers – JohnMcL has been on ice a couple of times
- Stranraer will not be opening this season
- Government has made a decision to help out Ice Rinks
- Hope that restrictions will allow for people to get back on the ice in the near future

5. Financial Report

- Balance of accounts £21,832.57.
- Five clubs have paid their £5.00 subs
Northern Ice, Stirling, Highland, Braehead & Lothian have paid- RL will chase clubs that have still to pay
- Due to lockdown have still been unable to get paperwork from previous Treasurer
- RL will arrange to get internet banking set up as soon as the new signatories are in place
- Scottish Curling have sent an invoice for £1500 for what was Helen Kallows post. RL is trying to set up a meeting with Nick Rennie to discuss this but will not be paying the invoice at the moment.

6. Competitions

- HB has contacted the ice rinks to let them know that our competitions have been cancelled and all rinks have replied back– all have been very understanding and hope to see us next year
- Kinross are intending to try and extend their season till end of April if they get back up and running.
- Have to remain positive that we will be able to get curling back up and running next season the way it was pre covid.

7. Strategies

- Due to current restrictions nothing can be taken forward at the moment.
- Discussion around whether we should ask curlers to confirm if they have had a Covid injection for a register – GDPR would be an issue and GW advised that SDS have not discussed a strategy for this as all their face to face events have been cancelled. They have not had any guidance as to whether this information should/could be requested on entry forms.
- Scottish Curling are hoping that next season will be normal

8. Fund Raising

- Not sure what can be done around fund raising as most business's are strapped for cash but JohnMcL has suggested looking at Amazon Smile but wasn't sure how to go about this – GW advised that it is very easy you just have to register with them as a Charity, SDS are registered but have only seen minimal returns.
- Grant giving bodies are also cutting back or delaying their awards until next year
- Will look at Fundraising again next year

9. National Coach Report

- SS advised that the World Mixed Doubles Championship which was due to take place in January have been cancelled. It is hoped that these will take place at some point in 2021 in order that it can be considered for inclusion in the 2026 Paralympics
- World B qualifiers have been postponed to April.
- World Championships which was to be the test event for Beijing 2022 has been postponed to September/October – not known whether it will still be in Beijing as a test event or held elsewhere. WCF have had a delegation there and have advised that the Covid restrictions in China are very strict. Due to this postponement it now means that both the Worlds and the Paralympics will be held within 6 months of each other which will mean there will need to be a lot of planning for how training, this and next season, will look
- Squad had a trial Mixed Doubles competition last week and it went down well – more will be done in the next training block around this– SS suggested that Mixed Doubles or Doubles is something that SWCA could perhaps consider adding to the competition schedule.
- SS will keep JackieMcL up to date on what the competitions will look like for next season in the hope that the Stirling International can still be fitted in

10. SDS Report

- GW advised that all SDS face to face events have been cancelled until end of March – this will be reviewed in February
- Everything else is now online – courses, welfare support & Physical Activities
- Boccia Squad was due back in December but this has been cancelled as has the Football Squad who were only able to have one session before being postponed again

11. Scottish Curling Report

- Competitions have been cancelled and they are waiting to see whether it will be possible to get some in towards the end of the season
- Meeting to be held this week to discuss the Government funding and how this will be distributed to Rinks
- For Scottish Curling members and non Scottish Curling member, on payment of a small fee, Curl Up series is available, webinars have been produced and a quiz is being held. Another programme of events will be arranged for January/February to keep curlers engaged and MW asked if wheelchair curling would like to have a specific webinar – perhaps interviews with current squad members or a platform to promote Mixed Doubles – SS will liaise with MW to take this forward.
- JohnMcL has made a video of “Going Back to Curling” and has sent this via messenger to members of committee as was unable to compress the file for an email. RL suggested that this be put on our Face Book page and it was agreed that it should be sent to David Hogg for him to upload – JackieMcL mentioned that it only showed one curler and had a problem that it doesn't show how a club would socially distance. Discussion around this but there are not enough people curling at the moment to show how a team would go on the ice – agreed that this video go on the Face Book page now and when restrictions allow a further video will be made with more curlers involved.

12. Club Representative Report

- Nothing to report

13. AOCB

- No AOCB.

14. Date of next meeting

- Future meetings will be held by zoom/teams and this may encourage people to join committee as there would be no need to travel.
- Next meeting **Monday 25th January 2021 at 11am**

Meeting was closed with thanks to the chair and wishing everyone a Happy Christmas