



## SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, 11am via Microsoft Teams

### **Present**

John McLelland (Chair) (JohnMcL)

Carlyne McCluskey (Vice Chair) (CMcC)

Gavin McLeod, (GM)

Maggie Wilson, (MW)

Catrina Morton (CM)

Harry Brodie, (HB)

Alison Hopkins (AH)

Alan Mills (AM)

Sheila Swan, (SS)

1. **Apologies** Rosemary Lenton (Treasurer) (RL)Mhairi Manson (MM)

### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- Minutes approved - Alan Mills (AM)
- Seconded – Carlyne McCluskey (Vice Chair) (CMcC)

### **3. Matters Arising**

- No matters arising

#### **4. Chairman's Report**

Good morning everyone and welcome to the meeting today.

My report is quite short today as the curling season has not yet started.

I am looking forward to this season being able to go ahead (within appropriate Scottish Government guidance) as last season didn't due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Things seem to be looking up with the roll out of the vaccine program and numbers being managed as well as possible.

Hopefully this will put our members at ease and they will return to the sport of curling that we all love.

I know not all of our members may feel safe about returning to the ice and hopefully in their own time will be able to return.

With the country being below level 0 Return to Curling restrictions have changed.

All the relevant information is available on the Scottish Curling website.

I would encourage our members to have a look and familiarize themselves with the guidelines.

I would lastly like to wish all our members a great curling season for 21/22 and look forward to seeing you on the ice.

#### **5. Financial Report**

- No change to balance from last meeting (£21,862.57 + credit of £2016 with Stirling for cancelled competition)
- SWCA Membership now due – last year this was reduced to £5.00 – after discussion was agreed this should go back to previous figure of £25.00 – JohnMcL to advise RL and she will issue invoices to clubs

#### **6. Competitions Conveners Report**

- Letter received from The Peak Stirling confirming difference in cost for British and also advising that no food will be available as cafe/restaurant is being done away with – HB will discuss to see if it is possible to have food in another area downstairs
- Scottish Open – Dumfries – cannot accommodate date requested – have offered 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> March or 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> – agreed that the 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> would be best date

- Friendship – Lockerbie – cannot accommodate date requested but have offered Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January at a cost of £800 for ice. After discussion it was decided that this seemed very expensive and HB will see what ice is available at the NCA and look into options for a meal elsewhere after the competitions
- Competitions already confirmed -British – The Peak 28<sup>th</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> March and Pairs – Kinross 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November
- Will need to arrange for entry forms to go out for the Pairs Competition

## **7. National Coach Report**

- World Championships to be held in Beijing from 23<sup>rd</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> October as a test event– selection policy will be published soon
- 27<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> August Euro Super-league being hosted at NCA Stirling. Two teams from Britain, Norway and Sweden will take part, no spectators but games will be streamed
- 17<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> September Euro Super league – NCA Stirling (rescheduled from Norway)– it has been confirmed that this will be used as classification event – Team Scotland, Norway and Sweden will take part and invitation will go out to other Teams that require players to be classified
- A talent ID video is in the process of being made which will cover both Club and Elite wheelchair curling, the cost of this is circa £3,000 and SS asked if SWCA could contribute towards the video and marketing – Agree that this is something that SWCA should support, JohnMcL will have further discussion re level of funding available and confirm to SS

## **8. SDS Report**

- Events are planned to start in September, first of which is the Lawn Bowls championships in Aberdeen
- 1 day outdoor camps held across the country during the summer around 80 – 90 young people with physical/sensory impairments took part – this was in place of the planned residential course that could not go ahead
- Education/Training still online plan to go back to FTF later in the year
- AGM – 3<sup>rd</sup> October, this will be an online event and invitations will be sent to anyone who wishes to attend
- Award nominations can be submitted online
- 33 Scottish Athletes will take part in the Paralympics – this is the same amount that competed in Rio
- Meeting to be held with SS and MW to look at how curling can be promoted
- SDS have also put out two videos encouraging the return to Sport

## 9. Scottish Curling Report

- Catrina Morton was introduced as new Development Manager for Central Scotland who will be looking after disabled curling until Helens post is filled.
- Recent focus has been on building up to Ice Rinks re-opening – all ice rinks plan to re-open in a few weeks which is a great success
- After focusing on getting back on ice safely the focus will then be recruiting new curlers
- Try Curling has a new website which is almost ready to launch, part of this is a safety video and John will be assisting with this for wheelchair curling, photo shoot will also be held in September (location and date to be confirmed) to update imagery for the new website
- National Curling day 15<sup>th</sup> November – MW will send briefing document with details of what clubs/ice rinks can do to get involved in promoting this day. A National Radio campaign will take place 3 weeks before and the 1 week after the event, radio presenters will try curling and there will be radio adverts
- MW would like to speak with contacts from wheelchair clubs to promote and support Try Curling days - JohnMcL will go back to MW with best people to contact for this

## 10. Club Representative Report

### South Report –

- No report

### North Report –

- Only thing to report is that The Peak, Stirling are having their Bounce Back to Curling event next week – Alan will be staying in Premier Inn next week and has 3 sessions a day booked, he will enquire at the Restaurant at the Premier Inn re food for the Friendship

## 11. AOCB

- No AOCB

## 12. Date of next meeting

- Next meeting date -4th October 2021 @ 11am

Meeting was closed with thanks to the chair