



## SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at Hamilton Ice Rink

Present	Rosemary Lenton	RL	Chair
	Gill Keith	GK	Comp. co-ordinator
	Alison Hopkins	AH	Vicechair/Secretary
	Rosemary Miller	RM	Treasurer
	Gavin McLeod	GMcL	SDS Rep
	Ailidh Hood	AiH	RCCC Rep
	Jacky McLaren	JMcL	North Clubs Rep
	Michael Greaves-Mackintosh.	MGM	South Clubs Rep
	Maureen Griffiths	MG	Minutes Secretary

The chair ( RL) welcomed everyone and introduced AiH, the RCCC Development Manager.

### 1. Apologies

Apologies received from Sheila Swan.

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting

JMcL queried the validity of the meeting as there had not been a quorum present. RL explained that due to the imminent competitions, discussions were essential and the meeting proceeded.

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

### 3. Matters arising

RL explained that she had been in contact with Bruce Crawford (RCCC) who agreed that discussions on rule changes wrt team sizes had taken place but not been voted on. He confirmed that if any changes were proposed SWCA must be consulted in advance. He also confirmed that he was of the opinion that the current format was the best.

### 4. Chairman's Report RL

RL apologised as she had not been able to visit as many clubs/members as she had planned due to a 'transport malfunction' which has since been sorted and so visits will recommence.

## 5. Financial Report RM

The current bank balance stands at £31,559.86. There are two outstanding cheques to be cashed which will bring the balance to £31,277.36.

There is still no response from RCCC wrt costs of the recent Scottish Pairs Championship. This info is needed for the annual report. AiH agreed to respond and also suggested that, as Jane is reducing her hours, RM liaises with AiH.

RM proposed Gill Smith to audit the accounts as she has previously done so and is willing to do so again. The committee agreed.

## 6. Competitions Convener's Report GK

### British

There are 6 entries for the British. The competition will be played over 3 days at 10.00 & 14.00hrs. Each team will play 5 games followed by the final and play offs. Lunch will be provided for players and officials at a cost of £5.50pp and tea & coffee for helpers, this will be covered by SWCA

### Scottish

There are only 4 entries to date.

Concern was expressed at the lack of entrants for these competitions. Discussion ensued as to reasons for this and any possible solutions to increase the interest/awareness.

It was noted that the Inverness competitions were well attended (probably because Mo is very proactive). RL proposed to circulate a questionnaire to all members for opinions on ways to increase interest in future. A financial incentive or 'Competition Grant' was also mooted - £25pp to assist with transport and accommodation costs.

It was unanimously agreed that we must be more dynamic in organising the competitions next year now that RCCC are taking on more organisation.

### Friendship JMCL

JMcL (who agreed to organise the event) explained that the competition was originally for new players but no limit on experience had been imposed. The competition will be held on Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March at The Peak. Once again A McGarva will be sponsoring the meal. A bit of work is required to encourage more participants. GK to give JMCL the list of possible on-ice helpers.

It was stressed that all committee members need to contact and encourage members to participate in the Scottish Championships and to liaise with RL in order not to duplicate contacts.

## 7. Action Plan

### Web Site AH

The site should have gone live last month but was delayed due to family health problems. When it does go live the committee will be informed by e-mail and requested to highlight it. Please note it is a work in progress and constructive criticism will be welcome. Booklets were delayed as above.

Thanks to Alan Hopkins for his tireless efforts.

8. SDS Representative GMcL

The Three Year Strategic Planning program is nearing completion. New one to start but waiting for response from SS as they have had a cut in the grant of 7% and are not sure how this is going to affect SDS.

The regional manager runs parasports events which are attended by lots of young people, but it is difficult to encourage them to try curling.

9. Club Representatives North Club Rep Report J McL

E-mails to all clubs has elicited zero response indicating a state of total apathy. RL stated that when the RCCC Disability Officer is in place the Plan of Action should be initiated to encourage co-operation and participation.

South Club Rep Report MG-M

A similar state of apathy exists in the South but there is one ray of encouragement – Ayr ice rink have a very keen member – Mhairi Manson.

10. AOCB

It was agreed to hold the AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 15.00hrs after the Scottish at The Peak.

Notification to go out by e-mail. Requests for motions must be with the secretary by 30<sup>th</sup> January.

Committee positions and proposals for re-election/election to be confirmed. A formal notification will be issued along with nomination papers in due course.

GMcL enquired about the appointment of the RCCC Development Officer. AiH confirmed that there had been a high calibre of applicants and the appointment would be made next week. They will both attend the next meeting.

RL, on behalf of the committee, sent best wishes to Team Scotland at the forthcoming World Championships

11. DONM

Next meeting to be held at 10.30hrs, on 4<sup>th</sup> February at Hamilton.

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