



SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 12th January 2019 at Hamilton

Present	Rosemary Lenton	RL	Chair
	Ted Bidgood	TB	Vice Chair
	Harry Brodie	HB	Comp Co-ordinator
	Alison Hopkins	AH	Secretary
	Alan Hopkins	AH	IT Consultant
	Brian Park	BP	South Clubs Rep
	Jacky McLaren	JMcL	North Clubs Rep
	Maureen Griffiths	MG	Minutes Secretary

RL welcomed everyone to the meeting

1 Apologies

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

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting were approved - proposed by TB and seconded by HB.

3. Matters arising

None

4 SWCA Chairman's Report 12th January 2019

Attended the British Curling AGM Meeting on Thursday 13 December.

Fundraising

We have now had confirmation of funding for the Inter Club League. This will enable Clubs to have funding for the current and the forthcoming season.

British Open Feb 10-12th

We now have 8 teams this includes a British Curling Team submitted by Sheila. The one from Germany did not materialise.

We will play this as a straight Round Robin (8 Teams) giving each team 7 games with no byes so all 4 sheets would be in use at each session.

The draw will now be issued to all the skips together with a prominent note regarding *Player Behaviour and etiquette*, as was previously discussed at the last SWCA Meeting.

We therefore will be paying attention to players' behaviour and language during the course of this and other SWCA Events. Any players found to be guilty of such offences may be removed from the event and their future conduct will be monitored.
On Ice Helpers: This season our pool of on ice helpers has reduced, as a result could all teams encourage at least one of their supporters to be available to assist on ice. Suggest that we provide Teas/Coffees & Refreshments for on ice-helpers.

5 Financial Report RM

Our current account bank balance was standing at £14,287 at the beginning of January. Please note though that there will be very little more income and a lot of expense in the remainder of the current financial year eg League payouts (all donations are included in the bank balance) and ice for 3 competitions, prizes, travel costs etc.

6 IT Alan Hopkins

Alan noted that the web site had been up and running for 2 years but there had been a dearth of new articles to post leading to the query if a web site was still required. As some players use the web site for competition info it was suggested that the info and results could be posted both on the web and face book. Discussion ensued on running a survey monkey, writing a small article on the history, requesting more photos (with the proviso that permission to publish must be sought) and any articles, not necessarily on curling, but of interest to members.

Conclusions: 1) Committee to input more. 2) Clubs to submit more articles and 3) News from any members to be submitted.

It was noted that David Hogg is keen to assist Alan with the IT function.

7. Competiton Entries Season 2018-19 HB

British Open See Chairman's Report

The lack of on-ice helpers was stressed. JMCL suggested approaching young curlers who could help on the Sunday.

Scottish at Kinross has 10 teams entered. Sessions will be at 9.00, 12.00 and 15.00hrs. The format has not yet been decided.

Prizes are in the process of being acquired.

Interclub League TB

The league standings after three rounds are:-

Inter Club League 2018/19

League Standings after Round 1

	P	W	D	L	Pts	% pts av.	Ends	Shots diff.
Lockerbie	2	2	0	0	4	100%	9	13
Stirling	2	1	1	0	3	75%	7	9
Stranraer	2	0	1	1	1	25%	5	-9
Northern Ice	2	0	0	2	0	0%	5	-13
St Lanarkshire (bye)	0	Bye	0	0	0	X	0	0

League Standings after Round 2

	P	W	D	L	Pts	% pts av.	Ends	Shots diff.
Lockerbie (bye)	2	2	0	0	4	100%	9	13
Stirling	4	2	1	1	5	62.50%	12	4
St Lanarkshire	2	1	0	1	2	50%	7	5
Stranraer	4	0	3	1	3	37.50%	8	-9
Northern Ice	4	0	2	2	2	25%	10	-13

League Standings after Round 3

	P	W	D	L	Pts	% pts av.	Ends	Shots diff.
Lockerbie	4	4	0	0	8	100%	18	27
St Lanarkshire	4	3	0	1	6	75%	12	4
Stirling (bye)	4	2	1	1	5	62.50%	12	4
Stranraer	6	0	3	3	3	25%	16	-23
Northern Ice	6	0	2	4	2	16.67	16	-21

The completion should be complete by end Feb.

Friendship to be held in the NCA on Sunday 24th February with sessions at 12.30 and 15.00hrs.

J McL is in the process of gathering teams to compete. We will need 10 players from the North and South, 20 in total.

8. National Coach Report SS No Report

9. SDS Rep GMcL Only update at the moment from an SDS perspective is that the Curling Development Day will be held at the NCC, Stirling at 2.00 on Saturday 26th January. We currently have 6 young wheelchair users registered but still hopeful of a few more.

10. RCCC Report HK There have been no entries so far for the Curlability Bonspiel on the 22nd January so if you had any club members who were planning to enter, please get them to do so asap. The form can be found here <https://www.scottishcurling.org/comps/entry-forms/>
Please continue to think if there are any training days etc. that you would like organised.

11. Club Rep Reports South BP No Report

North JMcK

The following extract is from a letter I received recently :-

*“ I think I read in the recent SWCA Committee minutes that you have a meeting tomorrow and I wondered if you could raise a point on behalf of **our** Wheelchair Curling Club?*

We were pleased to hear that the recent Annual Wheelchair Pairs Competition held at Stranraer was well attended and was a good competition. We are however concerned that for the last two years the competition has been held in Stranraer which is for many a very long and difficult drive and challenging by public transport but our main concern is the lack of suitable disabled accommodation, with North West Castle having only two such rooms. We appreciate that North West Castle do as much as possible to try to accommodate wheelchair users however for those more severely disabled it is far from ideal.

We would like to ask the Committee that they consider rotating the competition between various ice rinks making sure there is suitable and adequate disabled accommodation available for players. Surely if the competition was held more centrally, for example Stirling, Hamilton, Braehead, people would have a better chance of being able to compete since there are more travel facilities available for players to use and players from both ends of the country would have the benefit of less travelling.

I would be grateful Jacky if you could raise this matter for us at the meeting.”

The committee discussed the content of the letter and agreed to rotate the venue when possible.

12. AOCB

- Jacky McLaren - has been approached to ask the SWCA to help fund individuals with the cost of purchasing GTX heads and handles, also quite a few Northern clubs do not have any in their club and would appreciate help towards the purchase.

Discussions ensued making the following points

1. Other clubs have purchased these after obtaining funding and are the property of the Club.
2. GTX heads are an upgrade on their existing Extender heads and are a **personal choice**.
3. Not everyone in a club needs a GTX head, the cues can be shared during weekly sessions.
4. We could submit a grant on behalf of all the Clubs for the purchase of equipment, this would then be the property of the CLUBS and NOT individuals.
5. A number of Clubs have already applied for and received funding from other sources to purchase GTX heads on behalf of their curlers.

A no of members have remarked on the (apparent) excess of funds in the bank which are not being put to use. The committee wish to point out that the funds equate to

running costs for two years only and funding bodies ensure that SWCA have sufficient funds available.

The **AGM** will be held on 28th March 2019 during the Scottish Championships at Kinross, as soon after close of play that day.

13. DONM

The date of next meeting will be 10.00, Mon 18th February 2019 at Hamilton.

There being no other business RL closed the meeting at 11.00hrs and thanked everyone for attending.