



SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 16th April at Hamilton Ice Rink at 10am

Present	Rosemary Lenton	RL	Chair
	Ted Bidgood	TB	Vice Chair
	Harry Brodie	HB	Comp Co-ordinator
	Alison Hopkins	AH	Secretary
	Jackie McLaren	JM	North Rep
	Helen Kallow	HK	Scottish Curling
	Judith McLeary	JMcL	Scottish Curling
	Maureen Griffiths	MG	Minutes Secretary

RL welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular Judith McFarlane.

1 Apologies

Apologies received from Rosemary Miller, Sheila Swan, Gavin McLeod and Jim McClelland

2. Minutes of previous meeting

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

3. Matters arising

None

4 SWCA Chairman's Report

The Scottish was a very good completion despite having only four sheets. There was slight confusion re the draw- caused by lack of communication within the teams.

The proximity of the Tunnocks and Scottish competitions meant everyone was very tired. Next season a gap of a week will be tried.

Isobel Cowan sent a letter of thanks for xxx to xxx.

5 Financial Report RM

We hold £5,217.63 in our current account and £20,114.69 in our deposit account as at 1st April 2019.

6 Competitions -

The **Scottish** was held at Kinross for the first time and was very successful. The ice was very good and Kinross were very pleased with the event.

The **Friendship**, held at the Peak, went very well. In future it will be held over one day at the weekend and so will be in the NCA. Spectators will be warned to wrap up warmly.

Season 2019 – 2020 The following dates and locations have been arranged:-

British	Hamilton	2 -4 th February
Scottish	Peak	17 -19 th March
Pairs	Kinross	16/17 th or 23/24 th Nov
Friendship	NCA	23 rd Feb
No Sweep	Braehead	22 nd Feb
Judy's Jug*	Braehead	22 nd Feb

* Judy's Jug will be played under a new format – probably points.

A general discussion on work and co-operation to improve help received from the RCCC and Scottish Curling ensued. The need for more photos (friendly) for the website was stressed. It was agreed to get together with a view to helping each other to improve publicity and communications.

HK offered to arrange training on social media.

It was noted that the SWCA facebook needs attention.

The **Interclub League**

Applications to participate should be in by end June and the draw will be made by end July. There will be six teams and Alison (Braehead) will submit the sixth.

Funding for this coming season has been approved.

NB All competitions are dependent on ice allocations.

7 Strategy The Action Plan for 2016 – 2018 needs to be updated

Copies of 2016 – 2018 Action Plan will be circulated to committee members for updating. This will be done in conjunction with RCCC and Scottish Curling.

8 Fundraising

Currently we have finances to cover only two years of outgoings. Ideas for volunteers, commercial sponsors welcome. TB suggested applying to Awards for All, Aldi and Lidl.

9. National Coach Report SS

Nothing to report but any requests will be attended to.

10. SDS Report G McLeod No Report

11 Scottish Curling HK

Wheelchair Curling Opportunities

Currently 9 in the British Curling Performance Programme, which includes Podium Potential. In conjunction with Scottish Disability Sport Talent ID/Transfer, there is now a Central Development Junior Squad, which has around 5 members.

An area which needs to be developed is Women into Wheelchair Curling, need to look at ways to promote this.

Better knowledge of classification is required so people have a clearer idea of what would/would not be likely to be considered as classifiable and the opportunities available for those who are considered 'not classifiable'. Increasing the standard of wheelchair curlers across the board helps everyone so as many opportunities as possible should be open to those who wish to improve but are 'not classifiable'.

Initiatives proposed

- Update of Scottish Curling website to include information suitable for those coming from outwith the sport, for participation and for performance.
- Skill shots programme launch – August
- Coaching days spread through the season (8?)
- Advice on Physical preparation
- Information on classification to go out with invitation to squad

Skill shots is a programme devised by Sheila for curlers to monitor their own progress throughout the season.

12. Club Rep Reports

South & North – No reports

13. AOCB Sympathies from the committee to Evelyn Cran on the unexpected death of her husband, Murray.

14. DONM

The dates of next meetings were agreed as 24th June 11.00 at Hamilton and 12th Sept.

There being no other business RL closed the meeting at 11.26 and thanked everyone for having attended.