



## SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at Hamilton Ice Rink

|         |                   |       |                   |
|---------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Present | Rosemary Lenton   | RL    | Chair             |
|         | Alison Hopkins    | AH    | Acting Vice-chair |
|         | Rosemary Miller   | RM    | Treasurer         |
|         | Brian Park        | BP    | South Clubs Rep   |
|         | Harry Brodie      | HB    | Comp co-ordinator |
|         | Helen Kallow      | AH    | RCCC Rep          |
|         | Gavin McLeod      | G McL | SDS Rep           |
|         | Jacky McLaren     | JMcL  | North Clubs Rep   |
|         | Maureen Griffiths | MG    | Minutes Secretary |

1. Prior to the commencement of the January Meeting the Committee had a presentation from Michael McCreadie on the values of Mixed Doubles for Wheelchair Curling. This was a very useful exercise as a number of questions were raised as to the forward direction of wheelchair curling and mixed doubles in particular. The Committee decided that in the future due consideration would be given to holding a Mixed Doubles event and the promotion of this amongst our Member Clubs.

2. Apologies

Apologies received from Sheila Swan,

3. Minutes of previous meeting

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

4. Matters arising

Covered below

5. SWCA Chairman's Report January 2018

**Obituaries:** Since our last meeting I am sorry to report the death of several of our players and supporters.

Ann McGarva who has been a long-time supporter of Wheelchair Curling and who has through her Trust given very freely to SWCA over the years especially to the Friendship Trophy. Eddie Fleming a curler at South Lanarkshire, who has competed in a number of SWCA organised competitions, over a number of years. His carer, brother in law John Cardwell has also been a great volunteer at SWCA Competitions not just at South Lanarkshire but also at Stirling.

Teresa Brazier, friend of Mary Bell passed away very recently. Teresa like John was also very active at our Competitions in a volunteer role.

They will all be greatly missed and we pass on our condolences to all of their families.

### Meetings:

I attended the British Curling AGM in December which was held in Stirling. We have a voting place on this Committee; there was very little business other than a small change to the Constitution which had to be made to ensure impartiality.

After the meeting I learnt that the new rink at Stirling which is due to be open all year is also available to ALL Curlers and not just the Elite squads. Ice can be booked via the Peak.

### Competitions:

Very pleased to report that a number of Curlers who attended the Pairs in November at Stranraer were highly complementary. They especially enjoyed being able to mingle with others once the day's curling was finished. Our thanks go to Brian Park who spent a great deal of effort in ensuring this event went smoothly.

Several Clubs are now in the process of finalising Competitions which will be open to all our players, namely; Braehead no sweeping (10 Feb), Lockerbie Aviva Competition which is being finalised and looks like being 9 Feb, and finally South Lanarkshire with their annual Tunnocks (March 19-21).

**Inter Club League;** At the last meeting I informed the Committee that Ted and I spent several hours completing the full application for funding. I am pleased to report that this was successful and we have been awarded £2500.

**This project has been made possible by a grant from Postcode Community Trust, a grant-giving charity funded entirely by players of People's Postcode Lottery.**

### AGM

We require holding our AGM and this year it will be during the Scottish Championships (27-29 March) on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March immediately after the close of play for the day. Papers will be prepared and issued to Club Secretaries in due course.

## 6. Financial Report RM

The closing balance on 8<sup>th</sup> January was £32,443.34.

|                        |            |                |                  |
|------------------------|------------|----------------|------------------|
| National pairs deficit | £1,016.00  |                |                  |
| Income                 | Entry Fees |                | £1,120.00        |
| Expenditure            | Ice        | £1,200.00      |                  |
|                        | Prizes     | £119.50        |                  |
|                        | Hotel      | <u>£816.50</u> | <u>£2,136.00</u> |
| Deficit                |            |                | £1,016.00        |

## 7. Competitions BP

**Pairs** The Pairs Competition was played at Stranraer to great acclaim. Lunch of soup and sandwiches was much appreciated. All involved – organisers, players, helpers and hotel staff were very happy. Entrance fee may need to be increase next year to possibly include players lunches.

**British Open** HB

Draw made as below

BRITISH OPEN 2018  
Hamilton Ice Rink  
4th - 6th February

| Sunday 4th  | Sheet 1                            | Sheet 2                              | Sheet 3                             | Sheet 4                             | Sheet 5                              | Sheet 6                               |
|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1000        | Scotland<br>McCreadie              | Harvey<br>Germany                    | Denmark<br>Keith                    | Korea<br>McGinty                    | Bell<br>Sweden                       | England<br>Donaldson                  |
| 1330        | Denmark<br>Germany                 | Keith<br>Scotland                    | Harvey<br>McCreadie                 | Sweden<br>England                   | Donaldson<br>Korea                   | McGinty<br>Bell                       |
| 1630        | Keith<br>Harvey                    | Germany<br>McCreadie                 | Scotland<br>Denmark                 | Donaldson<br>Bell                   | McGinty<br>Sweden                    | Korea<br>England                      |
| Monday 5th  |                                    |                                      |                                     |                                     |                                      |                                       |
| 1000        | Harvey<br>Denmark                  | Germany<br>Scotland                  | McCreadie<br>Keith                  | England<br>Bell                     | Sweden<br>Korea                      | Donaldson<br>McGinty                  |
| 1400        | Keith<br>Germany                   | McCreadie<br>Denmark                 | Scotland<br>Harvey                  | Sweden<br>Donaldson                 | England<br>McGinty                   | Bell<br>Korea                         |
| Tuesday 6th | Game 1                             | Game 2                               | Game 3                              | Game 4                              | Game 5                               | Game 6                                |
| 1000        | A5 v B6                            | B1 v A2                              | A3 v B4                             | A1 v B2                             | B3 v A4                              | B5 v A6                               |
| 1400        | 3/4 Final<br>games 2 v 4<br>losers | 9/10 Final<br>games 1 v 6<br>winners | 1/2 Final<br>games 2 v 4<br>winners | 5/6 Final<br>games 3 v 5<br>winners | 11/12 Final<br>games 1 v 6<br>losers | 7/8<br>Final<br>games 3 v 5<br>losers |

Ice all arranged

Team name boards will be ready for the event

Rules for British will be same as Scottish Open in RCCC handbook.

8 ends or the bell , no time outs

Scottish

HB to liase with icemen re arrangements.

RL and JMcL to collate organise on ice helpers.

RL to organise soup and sandwiches and tea and coffee for helpers and vouchers for helpers' soup and sandwiches.

HB plus Jack Muir to act as umpires.

TLenton to collate line scores.

HB has already organised the prizes.

- Points JMCL explained that Stirling had experimented with the format for the pairs and concluded that best format was two stones in each direction.
- Judy's Jug Scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> March in the middle of the Scottish.
- Friendship Trophy To be played on 23<sup>rd</sup> March – two sessions 12.00 and 15.00hrs. As per last year, the cost including lunch will be £15.
- Please note that all competitors must be members of the RCCC
- Inter Club League Ted Bidgood

### SWCA Inter Club League Report sent by T Bidgood

Status report 10th January 2018

The Inaugural Inter Club League commenced on the 12th October 2017 with the first two games of the first round hosted by Stranraer playing against Stirling. Stranraer won the first home game 4-2 with the afternoon away game was peeled at 3-3.

As of today's date 3 rounds of the League have been completed and the competition has been played in a competitive but amiable spirit. The league standings are chopping and changing with each round and with two rounds still to go the table is still wide open. With each team having a bye in one of the 5 rounds the table will not be the full story until the last round but in the meantime the standings are worked out by the club who has won the most points from the points available. (i.e. 2 games won is 4pts from 4 games played with possible 8pts = 50%)

%age of points won from points available

#### League Standings after Round 1

|                  | P | W | D | L | Pts | %pts av | Ends | Shots | diff. |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|---------|------|-------|-------|
| Stranraer        | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3   | 75%     | 7    | 2     |       |
| Lockerbie        | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2   | 50%     | 6    | -7    |       |
| Northern Ice     | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2   | 50%     | 6    | 7     |       |
| Stirling         | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1   | 25%     | 4    | -2    |       |
| Sth. Lanarkshire | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | X       | 0    | 0     |       |

#### League Standings after Round 2

|              | P | W | D | L | Pts | % pts av. | Ends | Shots | diff. |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----------|------|-------|-------|
| Northern Ice | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 6   | 75%       | 17   | 19    |       |

|                    |   |   |   |   |     |        |    |     |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|--------|----|-----|
| Sth. Lanarkshire 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 75% | 7      | 11 |     |
| Lockerbie          | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2   | 50%    | 6  | 7   |
| Stranraer          | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3   | 37.50% | 8  | -24 |
| Stirling           | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2   | 25%    | 8  | -13 |

### League Standings after Round 3

|                    | P | W | D | L | Pts | % pts av. | Ends | Shots diff. |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----------|------|-------------|
| Lockerbie          | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 6   | 75.00%    | 17   | 15          |
| Northern Ice       | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 8   | 67.00%    | 22   | 17          |
| Sth. Lanarkshire 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5   | 62.50%    | 13   | 13          |
| Stranraer          | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3   | 25.00%    | 12   | -32         |
| Stirling           | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2   | 25.00%    | 8    | -13         |

### Funding

I have pleasure in confirming that the application for funding from the Postcode Lottery Community Trust has been successful and attach a copy of the email below. All the necessary paperwork has been completed and accepted by the Trust and we are currently awaiting the funds to be credited to the SWCA bank account. The amount is £2500 which is expected around the end of January. Further to the initial £500 from the committee (SIS trust) these funds will be distributed equally amongst the five participating clubs to reimburse them for the ice costs and for them help their players and volunteer coaches with travel expenses to away League games this season.

The award will be audited by the Postcode Lottery Community Trust and therefore a receipt will be required from each club secretary itemising where the funds have been spent. I suggest that this be in a standard format by means of a Pro Forma invoice in line with the application made and issued by the SWCA committee to each Club for them to sign as received.

It is hoped we can now attract further funding for next season from the same source and from a sponsor if we are able to source one.

Summary: I believe the Inter Club League has been a success so far this season and we hope to continue the competitive, sporting spirit through to the end of this season. The competition has introduced some new players to competitive curling and allowing them to be nurtured and mentored by the more experienced players. This is entirely the purpose of the League and long may it continue to do so.

Thank you to the SWCA committee for their support in getting the League off the ground, there have been challenges but thanks also the individual clubs, coaches and players alike for overcoming these to make the League a welcome addition to the development of Wheelchair Curling.

Thank You

Ted Bidgood

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8. Action Plan                      RL

The usefulness of printing publicity material was debated. It appears that clubs download from the web. It was noted that local sports councils can sometimes help financially and it may therefore be worth Clubs joining.

9. AGM                                  AGM to be held on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> March after close of play. RL to organise notices.

10. SDS Rep                              GMcL

Investment Application to sportscotland is due to be submitted on 24<sup>th</sup> January with decision expected in March.

11. RCCC Report                      HK RCCC Disability Curling Development Officer

**SWCA Report 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Training/Courses** Please discuss whether there are any more training days which you wish me to look into putting on as time is getting short for this season. I also want to start looking at next season and whether people want things over the break as well.

Both the **Intro to Wheelchair Curling** Coaching course and **Advanced Wheelchair Coaching Modules** were well received, thanks to Sheila, Michael and Aileen. Please let me have suggestions for venues for these for next season.

**UKCC level 1** The Final course of the year is being held at the Peak on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February, spaces are still available. It would be good to see some more curlers from SWCA going on this. A concern from some wheelchair curlers who may wish to do their UKCC Level 1 coaching course is lack of experience in coaching the standard delivery. Please can you encourage any wheelchair curlers thinking of doing this course that there will be support available? It will certainly be possible to put on a specific session where they can explore what is involved in advance of going on a level 1 course. One such curler has already benefitted from a coaching session in preparation for the Level 1 course.

**World Wheelchair Championships 2019** Please can you let me know any ideas you may have around promoting the sport during the run up to this competition as it will be a huge opportunity? It would be great to see as many wheelchair curlers being able to take part in volunteering at this event.

**Curlability Event 27<sup>th</sup> February at the Peak.** I am running a small event for curlers of all abilities with any disability/impairment. It is not aimed at the more able wheelchair curlers but those who can't access standard SWCA competitions, who maybe short curl or who have additional needs such as a learning disability which hampers them from playing the standard game. I have four sheets for two sessions so will do a mixture of more competitive short games and shot maker type activities. I am looking for some helpers with this and an idea of numbers who might come, entry forms will go out next week hopefully.

**Resources** I have had a request for the Curling from a Wheelchair Skill Award\*\* to be updated and want to know how much clubs use these and whether they are fit for purpose. If there is a need to update then this would be good to be done over the summer and I would need some volunteers to help with this. Or you may decide that you just want them aligned to the standard delivery skill awards as some clubs use them, with ideas for modification.

\*\*BP commented that the current brochure was much too heavy due to excessive repetition and would benefit from severe pruning. Discussion ensued as to whether pruning should be carried out or guidance notes/basic check list be produced for first few lessons. HK to organise.

**TryCurling** If you have try curling sessions coming up or have just held some, please get your information into Ailidh as soon as possible so she can process them for payment, as well as being counted in the total figures.

## 12. Club Rep Reports

South BP

SWCA no adverse comments from clubs

North JMcL

Encouraging clubs to enter Friendship.

Remind clubs about 'no sweep' competition at Braehead on 10th Feb

## 13. AOCB

Nothing to report

## 14. DONM

The next meeting will be held at 10.30am, Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Feb at Hamilton Ice Rink.

There being no other business RL closed the meeting at 12.28hrs.