



SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Saturday, 21st April 2018 at Route 74

Present	Rosemary Lenton	RL	Chair
	Ted Bidgood	TB	Vice-chair
	Alison Hopkins	AH	Secretary
	Rosemary Miller	RM	Treasurer
	Brian Park	BP	South Clubs Rep
	Jacky McLaren	JMcL	North Clubs Rep
	Sheila Swan	SS	GB Wheelchair Curling Head Coach
	Helen Kallow	HK	RCCC Rep
	Maureen Griffiths	MG	Minutes Secretary

RL welcomed everyone to the meeting

1 Apologies

Apologies received from Gavin McLeod and Harry Brodie.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting were approved - proposed by JMcL and seconded by AH subject to two corrections in item5:-

R M reported that she has managed to open an interest bearing account – 95 days notice and has transferred £20,000 into this.

Letter received from OSCR

3. Matters arising

None

4 SWCA Chairman's Report February 2018

Committee Addition

I have been approached by a Wheelchair Curler, David Melrose, who would like to join the SWCA Committee in some way. He has previously held a position for several years on a similar Committee and feels the time is right to move to new ventures. Proposed areas he could help are in a questionnaire for mixed doubles and Coaching and Competitions.

I would suggest that we co-opt him to the Committee this year as a two-way process, to see if this is the right pathway for both parties. As the constitution allows 3 persons to be co-opted to the committee this was agreed by committee.

Grant Applications

Currently in process of applying for Grants for the forthcoming Season 2018/19 in respect of the proposed Coaching Initiative/Inter Club League/Competitions

DATA Protection Updates

Due to recent changes in legislation all bodies are now required to seek the permission of members to use their e-mail addresses.

Kinross

Kinross Curling are currently undergoing a refurbishment of their facility. Having spoken with Phil Barton recently he has assured me that the access for wheelchairs will be in place by the start of the Season. They would also like to be considered for one of our Competitions especially if it was during the week towards the end of the season. Ena Stevenson is now the Chair of Kinross and was previously very heavily involved in Wheelchair Curling through both SWCA and her Coaching Role. She is also fully supportive of an event being held there.

Murrayfield

We received an email from the Secretary at Lothian Wheelchair Curling Club outlined as follows:

“Murrayfield Curling Ltd (MCL) are upgrading the ice rink, with a new ice pad being laid this summer and wall insulation next year. They also have plans to upgrade the club rooms (which will incorporate a platform lift). However, it may be a few years before this will be achieved. The existing access to the club rooms for wheelchair users is totally inadequate (There is a very slow and unsuitable stair lift).

The Wheelchair Club have written to MCL expressing their concerns. MCL have replied that they will look into installing a platform lift at an earlier date, but stated that it will be difficult due to physical and financial restraints.

They have asked if we know of any accessibility grants/funding that may be available. Not having been involved in raising finance previously, wondered if we could point Lothian/MCL in the right direction.”

I spoke with the Secretary at Lothian giving details of various Charities they might be able to access, they will need to ascertain if Murrayfield have Registered Charity status as this would help further. Also suggested they speak to Kinross as they are going down a similar route.

5 Financial Report RM

As of 20th April the balance in the current account was £6,038, £20,000 on deposit and £9.87 interest.

6 Competitions

Update on Scottish
Winning team Team Gault

There was one complaint from Stranraer that because extra games had been scheduled at the same time as the finals some players could not watch the finals. This has to be considered along with the players who prefer the extra games and those who leave before the finals.

BP requested that players be reminded that they must not leave before fulfilling their obligation as originally agreed. ie must play ALL games including placing games.

It was generally considered that the competition was very well organised and ran smoothly.

Proposed venues and dates for next season.

HB has proposed the following:-

Pairs	Stranraer	24 th /25 th Nov is possible
British Open	Hamilton	4 th -6 th Feb
Scottish Worlds	Kinross (if ready)	last w/e March
Friendship	Peak/NCA	2 nd -8 th March
InterClub League	TB	last Fri Feb

Lothian would like to enter a team next season – they may need to nominate a team. In order to encourage competition within clubs each club will be restricted to entering one team only.

The rules will remain the same and the expenses form (approved by RM) will be used again.

Clubs should be aware that the above dates are subject to ratification by the respective Ice Rinks, confirmation of Final Dates will be notified in due course.

7. Training

Aspects of coaching, timing, available coaches (Judy McKenzie, Isobel Cowan, Sheila Swan, Tony Zummack and club coaches) were discussed. BP noted that coaching continued throughout the summer at Stranraer. SS requested that any coaching arrangements do not interfere with the Elite work. She also offered to put together a questionnaire for members to test the interest of members in coaching.

It was agreed that there would be a charge for the coaching by members.

8. Data Protection

Scottish Curling will send out guidance for clubs. SS suggesting co-opting a 'legal mind' to help/advise.

The deadline for implementation is 25th May

9. Mixed Doubles

HK will design and distribute a questionnaire to test the waters for a Mixed Doubles competition.

10. SDS Rep GMcL No Report

11. RCCC Report HK

The Worlds are soon.

HK would like us to continue to encourage people to train as coaches and is aiming to combine wheelchair and stick curling able bodied coaching in one qualification. Funded athletes must spend some time volunteering so HK would like funded athletes to train as coaches with this in mind.

12. Club Rep Reports

South BP

Kelso WCC has disbanded but some curlers will play with the ablebodied club.

North JMcL

Malcolm Winning has returned to wheelchair curling.

13. AOCB

SS is awaiting news on future funding for the Elite Squad. She is currently going through a review with a view to having eight in both the Elite and Development Squads.

A survey is being carried out on the GTX heads and a summit re the delivery sticks is to be held in 'May'. SS hoping to attend .

12. DONM

The date of next meeting will be 25th July, 10.30, Route 74

There being no other business RL closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending