



SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 25th June 2018 at Route 74

Present	Rosemary Lenton	RL	Chair
	Ted Bidgood	TB	Vice-chair
	Harry Brodie	HB	Comp Co-ordinator
	Brian Park	BP	South Clubs Rep
	Jacky McLaren	JMcL	North Clubs Rep
	Gavin McLeod	GMcL	SDS 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 Alison Hopkins and Rosemary Miller.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

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

3. Matters arising

None

4 SWCA Chairman's Report June 2018

Review Meeting with Scottish Curling (2 May 2018)

This Review was attended by RM/TB/RL on behalf of SWCA, Scottish Curling reps were Helen Kellow, Judith McCleary, Eoin McCrossan with Bruce Crawford attending later in the meeting. The pertinent points being as below:

Promotion – perhaps SWCA should have a dedicated person responsible for Competition pre-views, line scoring and reports + pictures to advertise the Competitions in advance and give reports within 2-3 days, these would be put onto the Scottish Curling website as are all other AB Comps.

Case Studies – Any background stories of curlers to highlight the positive changes it may have made to them and their families lives.

Specific email accounts – to allow the website to be accessed and changes/additions made to the system for when there are changes to the composition of SWCA Committee Members.

Try Curling Sessions –

Potential areas to develop w/chair curling – Scottish Curling will aim to improving wheelchair curling at Aberdeen/Perth & Ayr.

RCCC Database – shows 89 wheelchair curlers. Secretaries to be reminded that they should tick the “wheelchair box” when submitting their returns.

Monthly training sessions - Judith McCleary stated there may be an opportunity to expand the L2+ course for some selected wheelchair coaches. She will liaise with Fiona Harfield (Workforce Dev Mngr) to discuss further.

BC stated **Funding/Sponsor** contacts could be shared sensibly by both parties, he hopes that sponsors sought for Worlds 2019 may be interested in a longer-term support for SWCA and Wheelchair Curling.

Disability Officer financial support – it was agreed that SWCA would this year agree to help fund this post. Future years would be assessed and a review at the yearend between both parties as to the level of funding thereafter.

5 Financial Report RM

The balance at the 1st June was £6,825.80 I expect to pay out to RCCC for the Development Officer Post. Also on 1st June we have £20,000.00 plus interest of £23.69 in our 95 Day Notice Account.

Re the Pairs in November I have booked 2 sheets of ice at 8.20 pm on the Friday and Saturday evenings.

6 Competitions

Pairs + Mixed Doubles Demo & Comp 24 – 25 November 2018

Ice has been booked, Brian has checked to see if we have more than 16 entries would we get the extra ice. That is not a problem.

Mixed Doubles Comp. (Fri & Sat), Gail Munro has allowed us to have ice on Friday and Saturday evening @ 8.20 pm

British

Hamilton have confirmed the Ice Allocation for all 3 days starting Sunday 10th – Tuesday 12th Feb 2019.

Scottish

Kinross have also agreed our Ice Allocation and we have managed to come to a compromise with regards to ice costs They seem extremely keen to host this event. Building work is well under way and should be finished by the start of the season. The event will be held on Wed, 27th – Fri, 29th March 2019

Friendship

Due to lack of ice at the Peak on Fridays, the Friendship may have to be changed to the NCA or an alternative location or day.

1. Introduction

Due to positive feedback from players and clubs last season it is proposed that the Inter Club League be continued next season and indefinitely into the future. All existing member clubs have committed to next season with no new clubs joining so the mechanics of the league will be largely as last season.

The League will be restricted to one team per club in the interest of generating a competitive element to representing your club.

It is proposed that each current member club play both their home and away fixtures against each other on the same day to mitigate travelling time and cost as per last season. The home/away fixtures will be reversed between existing member clubs.

Clubs must commit to meeting the costs of competing in the League matches although every effort will be made to secure funding to mitigate these costs.

2. Mechanics of the league

Each club will play each other club in two matches on the same day in each season. This will entail 5 rounds (with 2 matches in each round)

Each club will play at least two home and two away fixtures in the season.

There are 5 clubs in the league so each Club will have a bye round in the season.

The host club for each fixture will be reversed from last seasons draw.

There will be no obligation for host club to provide hospitality for the visiting team.

Clubs may host their "home" fixture at another mutually agreed venue other than their own to further mitigate travel expenses for either or both clubs.

The time windows for each fixture to be played will be divided up into 5 time windows through the season. As far as possible each club will play 2 fixtures before and two fixtures after Christmas. (Two clubs will have to play 1 before/3 after and 3 before/1 after respectively but this will be mitigated by the 3rd round dates spanning the Christmas period)

2018/19 Season Fixture List showing time window for each round is attached below.

Ted Bidgood will be the League secretary and point of contact for administration of the League for 2018/19. Tel. 07770 567132 email:- tedbid@aol.com

Club secretaries will submit lists of paid up members who wish to play in the League prior to September 30th 2017

3. Rules

The rules below will be used for the 2018/19 season.

The first rule is that the rules are simple and flexible!

Each club should submit a list of playing members who will be taking part in the league for their club. This may be added to during the season.

Players may only be nominated to play for a club of which they are a fully paid up member.

Players may only play for one club in a season (unless exceptional circumstances such as a permanent house move or similar)

Matches will be played under RCCC rules except as below (under R11 j) i) special tournament arrangements can be made)

In the event that a club are unable to raise a full team for a fixture there will be the following 3 options:-

- a) Each club may “guest” a player from non-league club (i.e. a player who is not a member of one of the League member clubs). Each “guest” player may only guest for any club once in a season and may not Skip. Guest players may play for as many different clubs as they wish.
- b) The club may play with 3 players where the stones will be thrown - Lead 3, Second 3, Skip 2. The team will forfeit 3 shots at the start of the match to be counted in the score.
- c) The match will be forfeited and the non-offending club will claim the League Points, 4 ends and a shots difference of +3 shots. The offending team will be awarded no ends and a shots difference of -5 shots.

4. Scoring

A win in either match of the fixture will score 2 league points

A peeled match will score 1 league point for each club.

The score in each match will be recorded on the score sheet and the cumulative league points will decide the league standings.

In the event of two or more teams having the same league points the cumulative ends won then shots difference will be used to separate the teams.

After each match, score cards are filled in, agreed by both skips and sent to the League secretary to keep the League table up to date.

5. Fixture List and Dates for 2018/19

Please note, Home and Away are reversed from 2017/18 season

Round	Away		Home	Bye	Start	Finish
1	Stranraer	v	Stirling	South	1/10/18	4/11/18
	Lockerbie	v	Northern Ice	Lanarkshire		
2	Northern Ice	v	Stranraer	Lockerbie	5/11/18	9/12/18
	Stirling	v	South Lanarkshire			

3	Stranraer South Lanarkshire	v	Lockerbie Northern Ice	Stirling	10/12/18	13/1/19
4	Northern Ice Lockerbie	v	Stirling South Lanarkshire	Stranraer	14/1/19	3/2/19
5	South Lanarkshire Stirling	v	Stranraer Lockerbie	Northern Ice	4/2/19	3/3/19

7 Training Questionnaire

Questionnaires were sent out early May, but to date I have received just a handful (8) of replies. Suggest we re-issue, as many Clubs do not meet until early Sept. and may be waiting until then.

Additionally, I believe that curlers might be under the impression that as they have a Club Coach it would not benefit them. However the training/coaching will probably cover areas not currently delivered by Club Coaches.

8 Mixed Doubles

It was proposed that an explanation/demonstration could be held at Stranraer during the pairs.

9 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.

To date we have received 2 small grants, with several other grant applications waiting to be discussed at the respective funders meetings.

10. SDS Rep GMcL

The Talent day held at the Academy had 7 participants attending of whom 3 were very keen to continue.

UK Sports Talent Day at the Emirates had 19 para- athletes in attendance.

The Para Sports days are finished. Lots of youngsters participated and Lothian are to set up a wheelchair (curling?) club.

The Summer Sports Day at Badaguish will be held on the 11th – 13th July. 12 wheelchair users are expected.

The AGM will be held on 16th September at Stirling at which time the Annual Awards will be presented.

11. RCCC Report HK

The Worlds Funding has been awarded to support disabled volunteers.
Coaching Level 1 coaching course has been designed specifically for wheelchair
curling.

SS

UK Sport to invest in Curling. Details expected in July.

12. Club Rep Reports BP/JMcL

Nothing new since last meeting.

13. DONM

The date of next meeting will be 27th August, 10.30, Route 74

There being no other business RL closed the meeting at 12.00hrs and thanked everyone for attending.