



## SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 at Hamilton Ice Rink

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| 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 |
|         | Jacky McLaren   | JMcL | North Clubs Rep   |

RL welcomed everyone to the meeting

### 1 Apologies

Apologies received from Gavin McLeod, Sheila Swan and Maureen Griffiths

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting

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

### 3. Matters arising

Covered below

### 4 SWCA Chairman's Report February 2018

#### **Competitions:**

The British Open was held at Hamilton Ice Rink, we had 12 teams competing with a number of National Teams, some of whom will be participating at this year's Winter Paralympics in South Korea.

This was a great opportunity for all of our Club Curlers to compete at such an elite level of Curling. South Korea won a thrilling final beating Scotland by the last stone of the game. Many thanks to Sheila Swan for encouraging the overseas participation at this event.

I would like it put on record my personal thanks to all of the volunteer helpers, both on and off ice. We had a number of new helpers this year and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience and allowed the games to flow seamlessly.

One point that arose was that we should send out the Draw prior to the event to ALL Skips who would then circulate them to the rest of their team. Apparently this was only sent to the Overseas teams. We could also post it on our website prior to the event.

**The Friendship Trophy** competition took place on 23 February and once again all of the curlers thoroughly enjoyed the day. Neil McGarva on behalf of the A M Ross Family

Foundation was going to present the Trophy, the family have been great supporters of this event since its inception and we express our gratitude to them. Unfortunately Neil was unable to attend on the day due to health issues, as a result Judy MacKenzie very kindly stepped in to present the Trophy to the winning South Team.

Curlers from Clubs from Aberdeen to Stranraer took part and it was very pleasing to see

## AGM

All the necessary papers for the AGM have been prepared and these will be issued to all Clubs shortly. The AGM this year will be held during the Scottish Championships after play has finished on Wednesday 28th March.

Hopefully we may have some medals on display when the GB Team return from South Korea. We send the Team our best wishes and we will be following them avidly.

### 5 Financial Report RM

Balance in Bank £34,972 – this includes £2,500 being held on behalf of the Inter Club League.

R M reported that she has managed to open an interest bearing account – 95 days notice and has transferred £25,000 into this She also mentioned that British Open made a significant loss - £2,100 - but committee feeling was that since we had received grants towards the competitions and these will be applied for again next year the entry fees shouldn't be increased at this time.

She has also received letter of thanks from Lockerbie for donation made towards their competition.

Letter received from Oasca re Vulnerable People being kept safe – no further action required on this.

### 6 Competitions

Overall it was felt that **British Open** went very well and RL thanked both Harry and Brian for their input. Next year Draws to be issued to Skips.

**Scottish** – 12 teams have entered and draw will be issued this weekend. Team Doyle is one player short at moment but RL advised that there may be people looking to play in a team. AH to get back if details required as currently waiting to see if the player they have approached can play.

**Points Competition** – Not many entries been received for this – Maureen to send reminder to clubs that the final will be held at the Scottish and entries must be submitted ASAP – only two entries from Stirling have been received to date.

Prizes for the Scottish have been purchased. RL has contacted Helen to source gold and silver medals from RCCC – will also approach them to see if someone can present prizes.

The Committee will look into getting a badge that could be issued for “6 or 8 ender”

## SWCA Inter Club League

Status report 20th February 2018

As of today's date 4 rounds of the League have been completed. With the 5th round only half completed the standings are as below.

The lower half of the table is pretty much sorted but the top 2 positions could be reversed with all to play for when Lockerbie travel to Stirling in the final fixture on Wednesday 28th Feb.

### Funding

The cheque from the postcode Lottery has been received. It is proposed that clubs will be able to claim reimbursement for the season's expenses by completing the expenses claim forms in accordance with the guidelines which will accompany the forms.

Copies of proposed forms and guidelines were attached for the committee's approval.

Following approval of the proposed forms by the committee, they will be sent to the club secretaries for completion. It is important that we adhere to the guidelines so that the process of distributing the funds will pass any Audit by the Postcode Lottery so that we can be approved to apply for future funding of the League.

### Summary

Ted Bidgood thanked the clubs and the SWCA for their continuing support making the Inter Club League a reality. The inaugural season has built to a thrilling climax which will be played out on 28th Feb at Stirling.

Ted is looking for SWCA to provide small trophy each year for this competition which would be kept at Ice Rink of winning team.

Venues and Dates to be looked at for next season's competitions the Committee will take into account other dates of external Competitions both in Scotland and also the overseas calendar.

7. AGM RL will issue papers for this – nominations by clubs for voting and office bearers to be returned to Alison Hopkins

Jackie has booked the room at the Peak for the meeting and also refreshments..

8. SDS Rep GMcL No Report
9. RCCC Report HK No report
10. Club Rep Reports

### South BP

Stranraer increasing in numbers – up to 18. Brian is a level 2 coach and he is encouraging helpers to be able to coach.

Lockerbie also increasing in numbers

Kelso only have 3 players but the club is not a member of SWCA

Hamilton still strong club but number have reduced slightly

### North JMCL

Thank you to Mary Bell who donated fridge magnets for the Friendship Trophy

Jackie has visited Murrayfield – they are increasing in numbers and are looking to join the Inter Club League

Kinross – they are struggling for numbers

Aberdeen/Dundee – Both clubs are struggling to get coaches = this resulted in a discussion around what SWCA can do to assist – next year SWCA will focus on assisting clubs who need help with coaching and RL will mention this in her report at the AGM

## 11. AOCB

**Scottish Curling Website** to be updated with past winners of competitions – details will be checked from the trophies and passed to Helen

**Facebook** – need to find out who is the administrator for the SWCA page – this would be a good place to update scores for ongoing competitions as not always convenient to update website as this needs to be done on a laptop.

## 12. DONM

The date of next meeting to be confirmed after the AGM

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