

**SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**Monday 21 March 2022 @ 4.00pm**

**Present:**

John McClelland (Chairperson) Rosemary Lenton (Treasurer)  
Maggie Wilson, Catriona Morton, Harry Brodie, Alison Cloudsley, Stewart Pimblett, Daniel Cowan, Keith Thom, Norma Woods, Stephen McGarry, Gary Logan, Michael Walker, Danny Walker, Douglas Dewar, Martin Sutherland, Karen Aspey, Jean Guild, Jeff ward, Gregor Ewan.

**1 WELCOME**

John McClelland welcomed everyone to the AGM.

**2 APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Alison Hopkins, Isobel Cowan, Sheila Swan, Jock Allison, Michael Shaw, Carlyne McCluskey.

**3 MINUTES OF AGM**

Minutes were approved and seconded by:-  
Stewart Pimblett & Daniel Cowan.

**4 MATTERS ARISING** None

**5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**SWCA Chairman's Annual Report AGM 2022**

Thank you all for attending this meeting today.

I would firstly like to thank all our members and our committee members for all their support throughout this year.

With the covid 19 pandemic still very prevalent I was unsure how this season would go as we had to cancel our competition calendar for 20/21 season.

When we started to organise our annual competition calendar we were unsure how our members would feel about returning to competing as club memberships were down.

Our first competition of the year was the Scottish Pairs at Kinross and was very well received and I think gave a great deal of confidence back to a lot of people and encouragement to come back to the ice.

With the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Games being held in Beijing and team GB doing well, tv coverage got the whole country interested in our great game and the knock on

effect is that Try Curling events have been very busy and hopefully see more people taking up the sport.

Our next competition was the British Open at Stirling and with a full entry went very well.

We are now on our last competition of the year the Scottish Championships here at Dumfries Ice Bowl.

The competition is going well, and I would like to thank everyone involved in making this event happen and I hope everyone is enjoying the competition.

I look forward to seeing you all next season and hope you all have a great off season.

Regards. John McClelland.

## **6 FINANCIAL REPORT RL**

Year- end Closing Balance @ 28 Feb 2022 **£26629.28** copies of the accounts were circulated to the meeting.

The accounts have been done showing the above as a final balance, however they are still to be audited before they can be sent off to OSCR.

The Accounts do not reflect all the expenditure for the British Open or for the Scottish Championships as they take place after the accounting year end 28 Feb 2022. The Catering for the British is not included in these accounts as it was too late to include them, they will appear in next year's accounts as will all the costs for this year's Scottish Championships.

Due to Covid we started having online Committee meetings and they have continued, as a result we no longer have any travel expenses, and this has helped our finances and means that there are no admin costs. Additionally, we are reducing our carbon footprint.

Players often ask why are the entry fees for Competitions set at the levels they are why are they not subsidised?

As an example,

### **British Open**

#### ***Income***

Income entry fees	1662	
Meal Money	580	
Raffle	188	<b>£2430</b>

**Less Exps.**

Ice	2100
Trophies	74
Room Hire	220
Catering	1188
Raffle Prizes	20

**£3602**

**Shortfall to date**                      **£1172 + Umpire Costs**

**We will no doubt have a similar shortfall for the Scottish Championships.**

Certified as a true and correct statement of accounts.

Rosemary Lenton

Treasurer SWCA

These accounts were proposed and seconded by;

Keith Thom & Daniel Cowan.

**7 COMPETITIONS CONVENER REPORT HB**

National Pairs

We were back on the ice at last the first competition being the National Pairs on 27-28 November 2021 at Kinross. 15 Pairs provided some great curling. The High Road was won by Jim Gault and Gregor Ewan, runners up were Stewart Pimblett & Karen Aspey. The Low Road winners were David Hogg & Martin Sutherland runners up Alison & Alan Hopkins.

British Open was held at the Peak in Stirling 28 Feb – 2 March 2022. 8 Teams were entered and it was played in a round robin format the winning team was David Hogg/Martin Sutherland/Owen Streeter/Carlyne McCluskey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Pimblett & 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Gault.

Both venues provided great facilities food & ice.

Scottish Championships currently underway in Dumfries 20-22 March 2022 so far another winner as far as venue, ice food and hospitality.

Friendship Competition we were having difficulty finding a venue and together with large numbers of Covid presently circulating it was agreed that this event would be played in September 2022 when clubs return to the ice.

## **8 Election of Office Bearers**

The following nominations were received:-

Position Name

Chair: John McClelland Lockerbie & Stranraer

Club Rep: North Mo Simpson Highland & Moray

Club Rep: South Keith Thom Lockerbie & Stranraer

There were no nominations for Treasurer, Rosemary Lenton agreed to stay on.

All duly elected and John welcomed them onto the committee.

## **9 AOB**

Martin Sutherland asked what would happen after this years Triples Competition in Inverness as this is due to be the last year this will be run by Highland.

Everyone agreed that they had thoroughly enjoyed these events in past years, and it should continue. It was suggested that perhaps another club might want to take this on, and Stewart Pimblett indicated that Northern Ice may take on this event in future years.

Martin Sutherland also asked if it was possible to have some form of a curling forum where players could keep abreast of issues and air their opinions. Maggie Wilson (Scottish Curling) agreed this would be very good and that as a new Disability Development Officer was due to start in post from 4 April, she would ensure that she passed this on to them to support and develop, this would allow constant communication between clubs.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 16.45