



SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting Monday 12th January 2022, 10.00am via Microsoft Teams

Present

John McLelland (Chair) (JohnMcL)
Carlyne McCluskey (Vice Chair) (CMcC)
Gavin McLeod, (GM)
Catrina Morton (CM)
Harry Brodie, (HB)
Rosemary Lenton (RL)
Alison Hopkins (AH)
Alan Mills (AM)

1. **Apologies** Sheila Swan (SS)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes approved - Harry Brodie (HB)
Seconded – Carlyne McCluskey (CmcC)

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4. Chairman's Report

Good morning everyone and thank you for attending this meeting today.

Hope you have all had a good Christmas and new year.

This is the first meeting of the year and it's great to see you all.

Looking forward to the second half of the season and competitions ahead and the upcoming Paralympics in China.

I would like to wish Shiela Swan and Team GB the very best of luck and good Curling.

Next month will be a busy month in regards to wheelchair Curling with the British Open being held at the Peak in Stirling along with the Stirling international and I would like to wish everyone taking part good luck and good Curling.

The Scottish Pairs was the first competition held at the end of last year in Kinross and was well received and I think everyone enjoyed their time.

From conversations I had with the players I think everyone was glad to be back to some competition.

5. Financial Report

Current Balance **£26995.28**

Ring fenced for British and Scottish Competitions Entry Fees £3312

The ice for the British Open has already been paid £2082.29

The entry fees for the Scottish amounts to £1650 (8 teams plus 1 individual entry)

Expenditure

£210 to remove photo images from our website Press Association

Invoices have been prepared and issued to all Club Secretaries for their Annual Subscriptions of £25 payment has now been received.

Team Entries for the British we have 8 confirmed and for the Scottish we also have 8 teams.

The Accounts for this year will close on 28th February, so if there are any outstanding payments to be made could you please hand them in well in advance.

6. Competitions Conveners Report

HB asked why we charge individual players to go on reserve list – RL said it was always done like this and it is made clear that the money will be refunded if they don't get to play – money was taken historically as a commitment to play but that it is something we can look at in the future – HB felt we may get more players putting their names forward to play in a team if they don't have to pay until later.

Pairs went really well and there was a great atmosphere.

British Open – Draws have been sent out – 8 teams – timings may change for later games – an application has been made to hire a netball court for refreshments.

some teams have asked to have an alternate and HB was looking for clarification that this was OK – as we have had this before HB will let them know this is OK but make them aware that if a team of 5 wins there will only be 4 prizes and the 5th will be given later.

Scottish – HB asked about medals from Scottish Curling – RL will arrange for these

Friendship Trophy – struggling to get ice on a Saturday or Sunday – Harry has entered into negotiation with Kinross as they are looking to extend season till 1st week in April but it may be a while before we find out.

RL suggested we may try for a Friday and look at Hamilton or other Rinks

7. National Coach Report

No report was submitted

8. SDS Report

Not much to update.

Last event end of November

Next event Indoor bowls in February

Highland passport festival went well – now have para sport in every region next two are west 3rd March and Central Forth Valley 30th March

Busy writing operation plan to be submitted for funding – seems that it will be a standstill budget payment

9. Scottish Curling Report

Has been quiet over Christmas break

Focus for next few months is Olympics/Paralympics

Have been in discussion with SDS regarding a curling event to be held at Dewars circa 19th November which will be a pairs event and hoping to get a Disability group at Dewars going forward

Looking to expand Para Sport & BPA event like the one held at Murrayfield last October, looking to try to get funding and have these throughout the country (BPA will not be involved in the ones going forward) – first one scheduled for Inverness date still to be confirmed and another to be held down in the Southwest – looking for options of where to hold this – RL advised that there are two clubs in that area and suggested that Stranraer might be one that would benefit from having an event to encourage new curlers

GMcL asked to be kept up to date when a date for Inverness is available as they are looking to get a Disability sports Strategy for the Highlands.

10. Club Representative Report

South Report - No report

North Report – Nothing to report as it has been very quiet – AM advised that as he is not curling any more since giving up driving he felt that it would be better to give up position as North Rep – he is not getting to events and feels someone more active would be better
JohnMcL thanked Alan for all his help and support and said he will be missed.

11. AOCB

AGM due end of March and usually held at one of our events – suggests that this be held during the Scottish at Dumfries and will be after curling on middle day of competition. This also allows time to get papers prepared and issued one month ahead of AGM. Tea and Coffee to be arranged.

AH asked if there could be some form of financial support for clubs from the SWCA for the coming season, due to Covid and higher costs of living and increased energy costs there is a fear that players who may be on fixed incomes will have to choose between their sport and household bills and this could see our membership declining.

RL suggested that SWCA could try to get a grant from Funding Bodies which could be passed on to clubs to help with finances and she will apply to trusts on the clubs behalf.

12. Date of next meeting

Next meeting date – Wednesday 9th February @ **10.00am**

Alan wished the association all the best for the future.

Meeting was closed with thanks to the chair.