

DIBCA – Minutes of Meeting held 9th July 2013

Present : Alex Dickson, Alex Bryden, Caroline Donaldson, Nancy Gallagher, Fiona Hardie and Wendy Murray.

Apologies : Mike Baird, Katie Ferguson, John Graham, David Hardie, David Owen, Graham Sloan and Maureen Wood.

Minutes taken by Jan Dee

2. Minutes of previous meeting: 11th June 2013

Proposed by : Alec Bryden

Seconded by : Wendy Murray

Thanks were given to Caroline Donaldson for stepping in to take the minutes of the last meeting.

3. Matters Arising:

Position of Vice Chair – to be retained on the agenda. In the absence of a Vice Chair, John Graham has offered to cover the position until the position is filled / AGM.

Position of Secretary – following the two interviews, Jan Dee was appointed as Secretary and welcomed to the meeting.

Height of Winners Boards – During the recent redecoration, the Winners Boards have been taken down, with the expectation of the repositioning at the desired level afterwards. To be retained on the agenda.

4. Dumfries Young Curlers Update:

As of today's date, there are 62 members, looking at 180 sheets of ice.

To accommodate this, ice has been booked every Monday between 4.30 – 8.30pm (4.30 – 6.30 Junior League, 6.30 - 8.30 Rolling Stones League)

Concern was voiced that 4 hours was a long period for the young curlers, particularly if they play in both leagues. Also reference was made that the 8.30 finish is late for Sanquhar area young curlers. The impact of having both leagues on the same night will be closely monitored.

Fashion Show Update : Contact has been made with the Manager from Next who has expressed that there be two separate shows –one for the Junior Club and a separate one for the Ladies Club. At present the Junior event is scheduled for the end of October/first week of November. Fiona and Nancy to link in with Maureen Wood – and Ladies Section to liaise with Next to arrange a date.

5. Council Business/Facility Update:

In Katie's absence, a brief update was given.

The redecoration is in progress and in some areas completed.

Fiona and Nancy voiced a concern about the poor standard of the upstairs toilet facilities, in particular the hand dryers which are in a desperate state of requiring updating. This was a concern agreed by all present.

The request for an extra bench in the Ladies Changing Room to improve the currently cramped facilities on busy sessions, is to be investigated by Caroline, in Katie's absence.

6. Finance Sub Group : David Owen sends apologies / c/f.

7. Competition Sub Group :

Scottish Province Championship Competition – David Hardie, Crocketford is taking part in this on behalf of Stewartry Province.

Caroline is awaiting on a reply from Kay Millar from Dumfries regarding the event at Greenacres on the 15/17th November.

The ice application is in.

Norma Lockhart has emailed regarding the Will Halliday Trophy on February 19th at Lockerbie and October 16th at 6.30 at Dumfries. Fiona queried the February fixture as the dates are usually in March and October. Caroline is to check this with Norma.

Forfar Competition 18 – 20 October : One of the two teams who qualified to attend has accepted the invitation and will represent Dumfries Ice Bowl. The Forfar Competition is a relatively new competition for 'Super League' winners/runners up and is now in its 3rd year. Ruaridh Whyte will attend and has requested if there could be assistance with funding for the proposed team to enter and to represent Dumfries. The approximate price is £160 for a team entry, plus accommodation. General consent was that this was an acceptable request. It was suggested that an application was made to the Sports Council for help with the costs in the first instance – joining the Sports Council first – and then secondly, a proposed amount of up to £200 to be made available by the Club should this be required. This was proposed by Fiona, seconded by Norma and agreed by those present.

Stewart Biggar, on behalf of the Council, has expressed the wish to push curling forward, this was greeted with general appreciation.

The Competition sheets are now out, due back by 31st August.

Caroline is currently in the process of printing the rules for both the Wednesday night leagues and for the Skins.

8. Communication Sub Group : Mike Baird sends apologies / c/f.

9. Coaching and Developing Sub Group : Graham Sloan sends apologies / c/f.

10. Ladies Section Update : in Maureen Wood's absence / c/f.

11. RCCC Update : Congratulations to David Henderson, the new Men's Vice President.

12. User / Group Update :

Alex D was represented by John Graham at recent User Group meeting although he was able to attend the latter part of the meeting.

DG First will continue to run the café, they have put forward menus/deals and are keen to make the café work.

The Bar facility is closing and will not be available from now on.

Stuart Biggar has spoken to the Ice Hockey teams and the Sharks are keen to take on the bar, but only on a Saturday night.

The question of how to proceed to provide bar facilities and in what format those facilities are to be for the Curling matches and tournaments is raised. Ideas and thoughts are to be welcomed on this current situation – which may be viewed as an opportunity - but licensing laws, stock security, stock management and accountability all need careful consideration. An outside provider might be an option. Alex D agreed to speak to Maureen McKerrow, Globe Inn, who is assisting the preparations for the World Championships and is vastly experienced in licencing matters, before the next meeting. 'Bar Facilities to be an agenda item at next meeting.

13. World Championship Update : David Owen sends apologies / c/f

14. A.O.C.B. : none

15. Date of next meeting : Tuesday 13th August 2013 at 7.00pm.