

DIBCA – Minutes of Meeting held 13th August 2013

Present : Alex Dickson, Mike Baird, Alex Bryden, Caroline Donaldson, Katie Ferguson, John Graham, Billy Green, Graham Sloan, Allyson Whyte, Maureen Woods.

Apologies : Iain Jamieson and Wendy Murray.

Minutes taken by Jan Dee

Welcome to All

2. Minutes of previous meeting 9th July 2013

Proposed by : Alex Dickson

Seconded by : Alex Bryden

3. Matters Arising:

Position of Vice Chair – as above – retain on the Agenda

Heights of Winners Boards – Completed and look good at an acceptable level. Discussion regarding the proposed colour of the writing – probably will be white, as the background colour is purple.

Bar Facilities – general decision is that there is a requirement for bar facilities for social events.

Possibilities discussed and to be investigated further:

- i) The Sharks will open their bar on Saturday nights – would they open on other nights, including a Wednesday?
- ii) 'Pop up' Bars for special events
- iii) Vending machines for soft and alcoholic drinks.

The difficulties of successful management / supervision / licence to be considered. Bar facilities to remain on the agenda

4. Dumfries Young Curlers Update:

Appreciation given to Ian and Wendy for the extreme lot of behind the scenes work they have been doing. The season is looking good and the opportunities are endless.

A successful trip to Stirling was had where 22 young curlers took up the opportunity.

A new Club logo has been designed and will be revealed on the 9th Sept.

There has been work done on the club website.

Club draws have just gone out.

5. Council Business / Facility Update:

Hand Driers in the upstairs cloakrooms – replacements are on order

Additional Bench for downstairs ladies cloakrooms – on its way.

Awareness was raised that even with the forthcoming International Events focus on local events is maintained.

An event proforma is to be produced – for any event – as generic as possible so that it covers skating, curling and hockey. To be brought in for an overview first.

Senior leisure attendants have been allocated a sport each to promote easier access – Caroline has been allocated Skating, Ruaridh – Ice Hockey, Kyle – Public Sessions / Discos, Colin – Curling (although now on paternity leave – Kyle to cover)

Ice Allocation procedures – looking to produce guidance for next year. Ideas welcomed as how to do this fairly. Currently there is no problem with Ice allocation but concern raised that if there is a problem there are no procedures in place of how the ice would be allocated. Suggestion offered that procedure as follows – set date for application letters to be sent out and well advertised, a hard copy to be sent out, with a couple of days grace to complete and return, then a set closing date for applications, followed by allocations being started. If a club doesn't reply in the set date limits then has to accept that first choice of ice may not be possible. Procedure to be written by Katie for next meeting.

Facebook – Bar facility to be removed

Thanks for equipment given – very grateful.

6. Finance Sub Group

Graham Sloan spoke to David and relayed that there are funds available this season for development. Katie F also said there was an unspecified pot of money available from the Council for the World Curling Championships.

Katie F – Council Policy on money (cash or cheque) must be adhered to. D&G Council Policy states that no money can be accepted at reception **unless** it goes through the till. All cheques / cash must be sent directly to the recipient (treasurer etc.) as the Ice Bowl cannot 'hold' money.

7. Competition Sub Group

The sub group meeting went well, with many volunteers willing to help out.

The cut off for replies is the 31st August – waiting for more replies

The first competition is the 31st August.

Jim Hall has been emailed and has helped Caroline with the tables.

Dates confirmed for 12th March (5.45pm in Dumfries) and 16th October (6.00pm in Lockerbie)

8. Communication Sub Group

A very good and positive introductory meeting has been held.

The aims of the group were read out – to include the improvement of communications, interaction and feedback between groups and individuals, and to raise the profile of DIBCA and curlers. It also aims to be the first point of reference, providing an opening from which it can evolve. The meeting was well supported and very positive.

A members' handbook is to be published and was approved in principle. It will be distributed to all members when they pay their levy. Quotes for the publishing have been received from Solway Offset and Alba. Alba were marginally cheaper, by £26, but Solway is the preferred printer as they are able to supply a proof first. The cost from Solway Offset is £460 for 500, and £525 for 750. The Committee agreed that an order for 750 was to be placed.

A request was made for an exact composition of the current Committee.

A proposition was made for Club Noticeboards – this would enable clubs to communicate internally and to engage with other clubs, again it would promote curling and especially as there are approx 30 clubs using the Dumfries facilities.

The Sub Committee were thanked for their excellent hard work.

9. Coaching and Development Sub Group

Graham Sloan commented the season is looking very busy – he had attended meetings with the Junior Girls/Ladies and the Junior Young Curlers and the Competition sub group and the Communication Sub group.

There are teams playing in the Under 14's and Under 17's/ Scottish Championships / Mixed Doubles. In the Under 17's, six teams will represent Dumfries.

Also there are the two local teams training for the Mixed Doubles :

Ruaridh Whyte and Naomi Whyte

Zack Stewart and Kirsty Sloan

A meeting is to be held for all coaches.

The 'Try Curling' development programme is starting again – every person who participates and then comes back for training and coaching will earn the club £2 per person.

With the Olympic Curling too, this season is looking to be busier than usual, the club development is moving forward positively.

Katie thanked Graham for all of his hard work over the holidays, it is greatly appreciated.

10. Ladies Section Update

The fun league ice has been allocated on the first Thursday of the month.

The ladies have 60 names at present comprising of 12 teams.

The pairs competition is on October 24th

8 Teams are in the Henderson Bishop event over the 26/27 October

The Morton game with Stranraer is on the 7th November

Every Club has done a fantastic job with fundraising.

11. RCCC Update

Sheila Swan and Colin Hamilton are now involved with competitions

12. Users / Group Updates

To be scheduled soon

13. World Championships Update

Graham Sloan update on behalf of OC that they are still looking for volunteers – an email and letters are going out soon to assist them (Katie F)

14. A.O.C.B.

The Ice Bowl website does not have enough Curling content, all 3 sports need to be on the front page – to be addressed by Katie F

15. Date of next meeting : September 10th at 7.00pm

Meeting finished at 8.50pm