

DIBCA
Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 10th September
Dumfries Ice Bowl at 7.00pm

Present: Alex Dickson, Mike Baird, Caroline Donaldson, Nancy Gallagher, John Graham, Billy Green, David Hardie, Helen Kingan, Wendy Murray, David Owen, Graham Sloan.

Apologies: Alex Bryden, Katie Ferguson, Fiona Hardie, Iain Jamieson, John Smith, Allyson Whyte, Maureen Woods.

Minutes taken by Jan Dee

Welcome to All.

2. Minutes of previous meeting 13th August 2013

Proposed by : Mike Baird

Seconded by : Billy Green

3. Matters Arising

Position of Vice Chair – retained on Agenda.

Bar Facilities – Graham Sloan has been in contact with Sulwath Breweries, who are able to provide pop up bars for weekend events and maybe weekday pms too. They are providing the first of these bars on the weekend of 20/21 September. This will continue on a trial basis and to be reviewed.

The Ice Bowl - from last months meeting – were going to contact Bryce Walker in respect of a bar vending machine – no news in Katie's absence. Caroline to see Katie re vending and license position if a vending machine is installed.

The general concensus is that the lack of social side without a bar provision will be detrimental to the club

The Sharks will be operating their bar on Saturday match nights and are (maybe) interested in other week day evenings

4. Dumfries Young Curlers Update

The meeting on Monday 9th September was well attended with parents. The new club logo was launched and a sample of the new hoodie was brought in. It was hailed as very bright and noticeable and a brilliant new logo.

All aspects of the DYC are advancing very well.

5. Council Business / Facility Update

Stewart Biggar has phoned Graham Sloan regarding the breaking news of a potential temporary swimming pool at the Ice Bowl for the duration of the closure of DGOOne. He stated that this is only in the early stages, and if it comes, it will not be until after the World Championships and would have no impact on this coming season. He was conscious that, if and when, it might have an impact on the carpark, more information would be available as and when the time comes. On a positive thought, it would bring more visitors to the proximity of the Ice Bowl which could be tapped in on.

6. Finance Sub Group

It was agreed that there was a need for a Finance Sub Group meeting before the next DIBCA meeting, to discuss the financial planning.

7. Competition Sub Group

There was a sub group meeting last week.

The Nithsdales have been drawn for Wednesday evening leagues.

We need to push the 175th Anniversary events to all clubs, and also the club championships throughout the season.

The Skins and Mixed Pairs are in need of more entries – it was suggested that posters would be made for advertising and promoting of various events.

David Owen volunteered to double check the players for the Wednesday leagues for Caroline – much appreciated.

Halliday Comp. – at present it seems to be the same skips v skips – suggestion that all the names are put into a hat and drawn to randomise. The first round will be here.

Suggestion that the database is used more to reach all members directly, not relying on the secretaries to pass on information.

Two clubs no longer require ice – Colvend and Ruthwell. There was no reason given, but concern was voiced that maybe there are some players from these clubs who may still like to play, even though their club has pulled out. Try to contact their members.

9. Coaching and Development Sub Group

Coaches have been updated and there is a planning meeting on the 11th Sept.

A casual coach post for both sides has gone through the facility. It is hoped they will help support programmes already running and give more cover, alleviating the pressure on some of the volunteers, as it is looking very busy ahead.

The biggest change to this season is the selection of the Performance Squad – it is now available to all Junior curlers at white skill level, (no longer by invite). This will generate more teams based and playing at the facility.

10. Ladies Section Update

The Ladies Fun League starts on October 3rd

11. RCCC

No news as yet.

12. User / Group Update

The first view of the Ice Bowl is not good at present – not only for the World Championships but all visitors. Litter and cigarette stubs by the front door / the appearance of the slabs do not portray a professional and looked after establishment. Katie has since been contacted and she will contact Management

13. World Championship Update

The website is to be launched at the end of September, details and all information – tickets etc.

The recent Volunteers night was very successful : 30 – 35% full.

Another Volunteers day is to be held on Saturday 21st Sept between 10-1.00pm
Linda will be running this with any help from the committee members

The Umpires course is nearly full with all but two from Dumfries.

14. A.O.C.B.

Wendy commented on the concern of the lack of awareness about the Curling activities and new features (prepaid vouchers, practice ice, etc) shown by some members of the reception staff at the Ice Bowl. This reflects adversely on the Curling – and needs urgent attention. All staff need to be fully conversant with the facilities to promote business efficiently and professionally.

Alex D to see Katie. – Done, and Vouchers now available

David announced that the Player of the Year was Ross Whyte – the prize for this is to be checked from previous minutes.

Shot of the Month sponsor is hopefully British Curling Supplies.

Date of Next Meeting : Tuesday October 8th at 7.00pm