

DIBCA
Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 8th October
Dumfries Ice Bowl at 7.00pm

Present : John Graham, Katie Ferguson, Billy Green, Helen Kingan, Rosemary Lenton, Allison Whyte, Maureen Woods.

Apologies : Alex Dickson, Caroline Donaldson, Alex Bryden, Wendy Murray, Iain Jamieson, Graham Sloan, Mike Baird, Nancy Gallagher, David Owen.

Minutes taken by Jan Dee

Welcome to All and a special welcome to Rosemary Lenton of the Hub Club, the wheelchair curling group.

Minutes of the meeting 10th September

Proposed by : Billy Green

Seconded by : Helen Kingan

3. Matters Arising:

Position of Vice Chair – retained on the agenda

4. Dumfries Young Curlers Update:

John Graham updated that everything was progressing well, with a full house for the competition last Monday evening.

6. Council Business / Facility Update:

Stuart communicated via Alex that the vending machines for the bar arrangements were not feasible. So far, the response and comments have been positive with Sulwath Breweries who have provided bar facilities last month.

There is still a possibility of the Sharks bar staff (who are all volunteers and therefore their availability may be limited to a certain degree) may be able to assist at other times.

Any requests for Catering Services for any Curling events must be made by email – this is to ensure an efficient and reliable service.

Katie apologised for the recent disruption to service levels, due to a very high level of sickness within the staff.

An invitation is to be made to the Catering Manager to the next User Group meeting.

The temporary Swimming pool – with the Ice Bowl being the preferred site - is still in the process of being debated on location – a traffic management survey is to happen to deem if it will be workable at the Ice Bowl. On a positive side thoughts were that it could attract more people to the Ice Bowl and there would be a higher footfall in the building.

The Young Curlers have requested lockers – often they come straight from school with lots of bags, it would be at their own risk, these lockers are being looked into.

A question was raised about the possibility of a vending machine / coffee machine to be made available for use outwith the Catering hours.

The prepaid Vouchers – some confusion had arose over the difference between Adult and Child Vouchers, there is a distinction on the voucher, printing on different colours would be too costly.

John Graham commented on the very high standard of the ice this season, being very keen and having good draws on it, compliments to the Ice Bowl staff for a good start to the season! It was also good to see the sticky mats down and being used. Katie agreed – the staff are passionate about the ice and put a lot of effort into maintaining it to a high standard, a balance is to be reached with the standards in the rest of the building.

A request was put forward for an extra umpires course, the last one was full and there may be a need for one for the volunteers in readiness for the World Championships.

Many thanks to Katie.

6. Finance Sub Group

7. Competition Sub Group

Caroline sent an update to the meeting that the Halliday will require a buffet – the bar and café will be closed – Lynn said she could add tea / coffee - £15 a head.

The Wednesday night League and Nithsdale are now up on the wall.

Emails will be sent out to the Open Pairs with details of the draws, they will also be put on the wall.

The league is soon to be entered on the website.

8. Communication Sub Group

Mike Baird said there had been good progress with the noticeboards and handbooks. The noticeboards had been arranged randomly, so that larger clubs did not occupy central positions.

Development of club and curler engagement was to be furthered.

Winners boards – a request for winners names post 2006 would be of great assistance – since the meeting these have been sourced.

9. Coaching and Development

Rosemary Lenton complimented the Ice Bowl on the standard of their ice, which has encouraged the Hub Group to choose Dumfries Ice Bowl as their preferred base location. After meetings with Graham Sloan, a need has been identified and the groundwork started to restart the Hub Group and to get it registered. They have been to two sessions so far, 7 people + 2 physios at the first one.

An etiquette starter pack is to be designed for new curlers – clothing, wheel cleaning etc. An application for funding has been made, at the end of the summer, to Scottish Seafarms. John Graham suggested it would advantageous if a member of the Hub Group attend DIBCA meetings. Rosemary asked if they could use the DIBCA bank account for the time being until they got themselves sorted with their own bank account. (Rosemary is away now for six weeks). Graham Sloan had suggested that they may like to run competitions on a Wednesday 2-4pm.

John Graham, on behalf of the committee, was very enthusiastic and asked how DIBCA could help to promote the Hub. Firstly to request use of the DIBCA bank account (to see David Owen) and secondly for a member to join the committee.

Billy Green offered assistance with coaching for them.

It was agreed to put the Hub Group as an agenda 'item'

This proposal was by Billy Green and seconded by Maureen Woods.

10. Ladies Section Update

A great start! 47 ladies attended the first game of the fun league, the ice was challenging and fast.

The Pairs Competition is on Thursday 24th October.

Local playdowns for the Henderson Bishop are on the 26/27 October

The first Morton game is on the 1st November

Publicity – more newspaper coverage and website publicity would be welcomed for events / results.

11. RCCC Update

12. User / Group Update

A meeting is coming up, comments were that on some occasions the Catering finished too early, and that an extra quarter of an hour would make a big difference.

Also vending machines are often empty – maybe a coffee machine?

The new bench in the changing room is still awaited on

13. World Championship Update

The Umpires course was well received

14. AOCB

Helen suggested that the Curling would benefit if the competitions got more media coverage, including the prize giving.

John Graham announced that David McKie – a keen supporter of DiBCA – has been made Provost of Dumfries after the Council re shuffle.

Congratulations to be passed to him and to invite and welcome him to future DiBCA meetings. Please note: letter not sent, as Mr McKie has since decided against holding the position.

Jan Dee has offered assistance to any Sub Groups – and will attend any meetings they may have. jandee2003@aol.com

Meeting finished at 8.30pm

Date of Next Meeting : Tuesday 12th November 7.00pm