

DIBCA
Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 12th November
Dumfries Ice Bowl at 7.00pm

Present : Alex Dickson, Mike Baird, Alex Bryden, Caroline Donaldson, Katie Ferguson, John Graham, Billy Green, David Hardie, David McKie, Alison Whyte

Apologies: Iain Jamieson, Rosemary Lenton, David Owen, Graham Sloan, John Smith, Maureen Woods

Minutes taken by Jan Dee

Minutes of the Meeting on Tuesday 8th October:

Proposed by : John Graham

Seconded by : Alison Whyte

3. Matters Arising :

Thanks to John Graham for stepping in as Chairman for last months meeting.

Position of Vice Chair on going.

4. Dumfries Young Curlers Update:

A funding request has been received by DIBCA from Iain Jamieson but due to a mix up at Secretary level, it was not distributed to members before the meeting. In the absence of Iain Jamieson, the Chair summarised the bid but drew particular attention to the funding request for the Under 12's competition on the 23rd November for a total of £156.00 – as this event was well before the next DIBCA meeting. The request was to fund prizes for the top four teams. It was agreed that this should be funded. (Proposed by David Hardie, Seconded by Alex Bryden)

(David Hardie raised at this time in the meeting the need for clarity around DIBCA and the overall funding position – how levy money was spent; how clubs may be funded by DIBCA; who manages Competition funding; how Sponsorship is managed and overseen etc etc. This subject was raised – not in relation to Dumfries Young Curlers – but as a general point. As a number of committee members had given their apologies (including David Owen, Finance Rep) the Chair proposed that the next meeting started earlier and the topic of 'Finance' was first on the agenda to allow any queries to be raised and clarity sought. Hopefully most members would be able to attend).

5. Council Business/ Facility Update

Katie requested that Council Business be first on the agenda i.e. number 4. This was approved.

Date of next meeting – 10th December - the Ice Bowl facilities are unavailable. DG One to be used instead and change of time to 6.30pm.

The Ice Hockey World Championships (9-16 Dec) – participants are expected to be arriving from the 5th December. There may be extra checks as to where Curlers / friends will be going as upstairs will be a pay facility. ID may need to be shown.

Repair of the roller door for the Curling World Championships is in hand.

John Graham commented on the excellent food (pre ordered) he had recently at a meeting.

The 8pm close of food facilities is to be observed, but food can be ordered for later and it will be left out in one of the rooms. Looking into a coffee machine outwith the café for customer use outside café opening times.

6. Finance Sub Group - c/f to next meeting.

Group discussion over the prize for Player of the Year as this was overdue. £100 cash was decided – treasurer to arrange.

7. Competition Sub Group

The Nithsdale Finals are this week – John Graham, Bobby Carruthers, Bruce Gallagher and Jim Hogg.

The Halliday recently against Lockerbie – the ice was good – teams were picked out of a hat. Dumfries won by 6 shots overall.

The website now has the Wednesday night and Nithsdale scores.

Due to staff issues and extra workload at the Ice Bowl, Carolyn has found the position on the sub group time consuming. She will arrange meeting(s) to have others assist and clear any backlog and to sort out the draws etc.

8. Communication Sub Group

A sub group meeting is to be held before Christmas.

The club notice boards are being used, positive feedback from all areas with clubs becoming progressively more engaged.

9. Coaching and Development Sub Group

In the absence of Graham Sloan, the Chair reported the under 13's qualified at Kelso and are through to the Regional finals. The Under 15's were runners up and just failed to qualify.

10. The Hub

c/f to next meeting.

11. Ladies Section Update

A very good day was had on the 24th October when 18 ladies and 2 juniors took to the ice for the pairs competition, which was won by Anne Tempelton and Liz Donnan.

The weekend of the 26-27 saw some hard fought curling in the play downs for the Henderson Bishop.

Congratulations to Dumfries Young Curlers Naomi Whyte, Fiona Telfer, Heather Morton and Sophie Jackson who won for the third year and now go forward to the finals here on home ice in February (3 junior teams took part)

The 1st November was our first Morton game against Stranraer and we play Lockerbie on the 20th November. Three teams went to Stranraer on the 8th for our friendly games.

The Scottish Ladies qualifiers are being held here over the last weekend in the month.

12. RCCC Update :

c/f to next meeting

13. User / Group Update

Closing time of the Café at 8.00pm – a survey is to be run over the next 2/3 weeks to check how many guests would like catering outwith the 8.00pm time to determine validity of changing opening hours

The Xmas lights go on in Dumfries on the 28th November – with an Ice Theme – ski slopes, reindeer etc. and even a Curling area. From 12 noon – 8.00pm we are looking for ideas and volunteers to be at the Mid Steeple to support and promote curling. If available please contact Alex Dickson.

14. World Championship Update

One request from Linda Owen – seeking volunteer hosts on a B+B basis for a couple of nights at a time between the 21st and 30th April 2014.

Things are well organised and the website is up and running although the actual content on the website is disappointing at this time (outwith Dibca control). Functions are well organised, sponsors are coming in and tickets are bookable on line.

15. AOCB

Congratulations to Sophie Jackson, the winner at Inverness at the Junior International Championships and to Grant Hardie for being a losing semi-finalist at the Edinburgh Internationals.

Media promotion for such results was again mentioned and the value of such promotion.

Winners Boards – possibly require more boards to accommodate all of the names (Billy Green progressing)

16. Date of Next Meeting. Please Note:

Tuesday 10th December at DGOne at 6.30pm