

DIBCA MEETING
TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER

DGOne 7.00pm

Present : Alex Dickson, Mike Baird, Billy Green, David Hardie, Fiona Hardie, Wendy Murray, David Owen, Graham Sloan, Alison Whyte, Maureen Woods.

Apologies : Alex Bryden, Caroline Donaldson.

Welcome to DGOne.

Minutes of last meeting : Proposed by David Hardie
Seconded by Billy Green

Minutes taken by Jan Dee

David Owen offered to put the Minutes of the DIBCA meetings on the website.

3. Matters Arising : Position of Vice Chair is still ongoing.

Finance Discussion:

An enlightening and interesting discussion was held with everyone contributing. It became clear that Curling at Dumfries has changed immensely since their great fortune of being given their own dedicated ice. All aspects have developed and grown very quickly - a good example of this being the Young Curlers Group who are now much more independent and in essence a club on their own. The question arose as to whether DIBCA needed to change accordingly, and if so in what direction? Does the Committee itself need to change in structure to include and involve more representatives from other clubs? Does the role of DIBCA need to be reviewed? To answer these, it was suggested a questionnaire go out to all curlers to find out their views, and then to decide after the results, if the actual constitution of the DIBCA needs to be changed. To arrive with a suitable questionnaire will need in depth discussion – proposed to take place over the next couple of meetings. Survey Monkey was suggested as a possible way of communicating the questionnaire successfully to all curlers.

To accommodate time for discussion to produce a well structured and informed questionnaire, it was suggested that for the next couple of meetings the agenda for the monthly meetings change as follows:

By the last day of each month (Dec 31st) each current sub group (eg Ladies, Young Curlers, RCCC etc) on the current Agenda would submit by email to the secretary a report of news which would normally have been brought to the monthly meetings. This will be amalgamated together and printed/emailed back to the committee members as newsletter style, before the Agenda is made up for the next meeting (on Tuesday 14th Jan.) If anyone would like to add then to the Agenda for this meeting please contact the secretary and it can be included on the Agenda.

It was recommended that Finance and Competitions remain as Agenda items by Graham Sloan.

5. Dumfries Young Curlers Update:

Recently 8 teams of under 12's played at Dumfries and Dumfries took 1st, 2nd and 4th and Lockerbie 3rd place.

Iain Jamieson, via Alex Dickson, complimented Wendy Murray and Graham Sloan for their development of the Young Curlers and tendered his resignation from the Committee. The Committee recognised the outstanding job Iain, Wendy and Graham have all done with the Young Curlers.

6. Finance Group Update:

David Owen updated the meeting that he has put in an application to the Celebrate Fund (part of the 2014 Commonwealth Games Fund) for up to £10k for video analysis equipment,

7. Competitions Sub Group Update:

Alex Dickson has received an email from Caroline Donaldson requesting assistance to organise the remaining competitions yet to be done. This will be done immediately. It was requested by Graham Sloan that the dates of competitions for next season be looked at prior to the season, so that for example League 3 fixtures start earlier – this year they do not start until mid December, which is felt to be too late.

8. Communications Sub Group Update:

The recent sub group meeting was most productive and they are building on what they have already achieved. A small newsletter from the Communications Group is to be produced soon. Effective channels of communication are to be made by email, using the noticeboards and when appropriate posters. Club secretaries are to be contacted to request that they put up their club leagues are on their noticeboards.

The winners boards, in a move forward, will have labels on for their proposed usage – any comments as to whether you have any other proposal please contact them – otherwise the names will be put up.

9. Coaching and Development Sub Group:

Casual coaches can now be used with Voluntary coaches.

At the weekend 6/6 performance curlers qualified for the Scottish Finals in Aberdeen. 2 development teams enjoyed the experience.

The Corporate group bookings are going well, some returning for a second event. Funds paid for the corporate bookings go to the facility, coaches group and café (if there is food included). If any of these people then come back and join the club, the club will then receive the levy. Adult coaching is growing well and the Junior club is very busy.

Graham Sloan now receives analytical reports for all the affiliated clubs and can investigate any drop or change in numbers in each section.

10. The Hub:

There are now ten names on the books, with different levels of ability, Wendy Murray commented that a voluntary coach would be of great assistance to this group. The grant from Scottish Sea Farm fisheries of £1000 has come through.

11. Ladies Sub Group Update:

Two ladies at Lockerbie Ladies Presidents Day with Ann Johnstone from Crocketford, won section A, and they are aiming to send 2 teams to Stranraer for their Presidents Day. DIBCA ladies in the Morton trophy beat Lockerbie, and are going to play Ayr sometime in January. Invites for the ladies Barbour's bonspiel went out on Thursday.

12. RCCC:

A review of the structure of the areas and provinces is underway, with the future being ice rink representation as opposed to province representation.

'Try Curling' participants are to be tracked.

Congratulations in the European Championships for the women won silver and the men won bronze.

13. User / Group Update : c/f

14. World Championship Update:

Everything is progressing well.

Hosts are required for anything from 1 to 7 nights to accommodate volunteers. A list of willing hosts would be appreciated, to then match up with the volunteers requiring accommodation.

15. AOCB :

There were 295 individual iep addresses on the Friday, 392 on the Saturday and 442 on the Sunday.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 14th January 2014 at 7.00pm at the Dumfries Ice Bowl.**

A Happy and Safe New Year to All.