

DIBCA Meeting
Tuesday January 14th 2014
Dumfries Ice Bowl 7.00pm

Present : Alex Dickson, Mike Baird, Katie Fergusson, John Graham, Billy Green, David Hardie, Fiona Hardie, Helen Kingan, Wendy Murray, Graham Sloan, John Smith, Alison Whyte, Maureen Woods.

Apologies: Alex Bryden, David McKie, David Owen.

A Happy and Good New Year to All, to DIBCA, and all Curling circles generally.

Minutes of last meeting : Proposed by Mike Baird
Seconded by Maureen Woods.

Minutes taken by Jan Dee

3. Matters Arising :

Position of Vice Chair: Ongoing.

DIBCA Questionnaire Discussion : Carried fwd to next month.

4. Council Business / Facility Update

Katie Fergusson thanked everyone for their patience and co-operation during the World Hockey Championships with the extra influx of people on the hockey side. Feedback from the DIBCA committee was favourable, with no negative impact on the curling - in fact a positive 'buzz' from the atmosphere.

Reception has noticed that some DIBCA levies have not been paid and the guest levy is being refused at times. Katie requested guidance on how her staff were to approach these situations. It was agreed that a list of those who have not paid the DIBCA levy, and also have refused to pay the guest levy (£1.45), will be sourced and an action plan worked on from there. Exceptions from paying the correct levy is not acceptable and it is unfair to others who pay the correct dues.

The problems of the Hacks was brought to Katie's attention – they have become prone to becoming slack, and coming out, and with the inevitable delay thereafter to effect repair. With the Scottish Mens Playdowns this weekend and World Championships at end of April it was important to try and address as soon as possible. It was accepted that the main cause was stones being allowed to hit the Hacks. David Hardie gave an example of how the hacks may be more securely fixed. Katie agreed to raise this at her next meeting due soon and take action.

The Coathangers broken last year are to be repaired.

The boxes stacked on the far side of the rink are to be moved, they are only being stored there as an interim measure.

A request for a waste bin in the ladies toilets – Katie pointed out this would be viewed as a potential fire hazard by the council and that paper towels are not environmentally friendly.

Katie will also do a stock check on the delivery cues and investigate if the stock in hand is sufficient for at least one per rink (6).

Slight change to running order of Agenda requested and approved.

Katie leaves at 7.45pm

12. RCCC Update. (part 1)

John Smith updated the committee that the RCCC had requested views on whether future representation at the RCCC meetings should change. Currently, there are two representatives – one for Borders and one for Dumfries and the Stewartry. The new proposal was to cut this in half to one, but to have Ice Rink representation too. This would, in effect, increase the number of representatives at each meeting as there are 20 Ice rinks in Scotland. John commented that he thought an increase in numbers at the meetings was not in the best interests – and would not bring any particular benefit to curling. Currently, area representatives are from the province, as opposed to the ice rinks.

During discussion it was felt that better communication between the RCCC representatives / Areas / Provinces / Ladies would solve many of the current problems. Solving this would also confirm that Ice rink representation was unnecessary. It was the view of the Committee that Ice Rink representation was not required.

5. Dumfries Young Curlers.

The funding request, previously part supported with the outstanding items to be considered at this meeting, was brought forward and spoken to by Graham Sloan and Wendy Murray. Bids for the DIBCA Rolling Stone's programme and RCCC junior challenge were made. John Graham proposed and Alex Dickson seconded the funding requests amounting to a total of £312.00 .. All members were supportive.

Mike Baird and Fiona Hardie left for their curling games at 8.20pm.

9. Coaching and Development.

The Scottish Men's Championship Playdown games are on this weekend – Fri Sat Sun – and support from Dibca would be welcome to promote this event. Billy offered to check out the catering availability and Graham the bar side with the Solway Sharks and Sulwath Brewery. Comments were made about the low publicity for this big event.

Graham advised that during the Olympics (from February 10 – 21) 6 nights of entertainment were being planned including a cheese and wine night when GB play Canada. Any other ideas direct to Graham please and the support of Dibca committee members during this period would be most welcome.

6. Finance : c/f

7. Competition Sub Group

Alex Dickson had paperwork forwarded from Caroline Donaldson regarding draws required for future competitions – David Hardie and Graham Sloan offered to meet with and assist Alex with these draws.

8. Communication Sub Group : c/f as no further meetings been held.

10. The Hub Group : c/f

11. Ladies Section Update :

Two teams went to the Stranraer Ladies Presidents Day on the 4th January .

Three teams are due at Ayr tomorrow for the Morton Competition Day.
The fun leagues are going well.

The Barbour's Bonspiel is on Wednesday 22nd January and there are 10 teams so far.

A funding request for the Henderson Bishop – even if a donation for drinks – is asked from DIBCA. **(To be considered at next meeting under 'Finance')**

12. RCCC (part 2)

The next Grand Match is in 2020

The next RCCC meeting is in Inverness on the 30th January followed by a meeting on the 11th March. A further meeting in April is to be held (joint meeting) with the Ladies section in Dumfries.

13. User / Group Update : c/f – been no further meetings.

14. World Championship Update :

Entries have exceeded any previous world championships held with 25 senior mens teams, 15 ladies teams and 34 mixed doubles. Planning arrangements are ongoing under an Organising Committee.

15. AOCB :

'Aileen' from the Station Hotel had asked about the Station Hotel Sponsorship banner? Nobody was able to answer this but it will be looked into and raised at World Championship Organising Committee as it may be related to that event.

John Graham commented that Graham Sloan is not actually a member of the committee and yet this could be beneficial to DIBCA. This was as per the current Constitution – which is to be subject of review over next few meetings.

The latest DIBCA constitution is to be forwarded to all members for their information (Done).

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

16. Date of next Meeting : Tuesday 11th February at 7.00pm.