

## **DIBCA MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**

**7.00pm Dumfries Ice Bowl**

**Present :** Alex Bryden, John Graham, David Hardie, Helen Kingan, Rosemary Lenton, David McKie, Wendy Murray, David Owen, Graham Sloan, Alison Whyte

**Apologies:** Mike Baird, Alex Dickson, Caroline Donaldson, Nancy Gallagher, Billy Green, Fiona Hardie, Maureen Woods, JM Smith.

Minutes taken by Jan Dee

Minutes of last meeting : Proposed by Rosemary Lenton, seconded by David Owen.

### **3. Matters Arising :**

Thanks to John Graham for stepping in to Chair the meeting tonight in the absence of Alex Dickson.

Position of Vice Chair : need to start looking for new person before the end of season.

David Owen : the levy has been paid, but there has been a query lodged over the amount received.

Require an update from Alex Dickson over the non payer of the levy from last month.

### **4. DIBCA Questionnaire :**

Following on from last months brain storming session it was agreed that it was important to establish the competitions for next season and contact to be made with all curlers for their team/individual entries as a matter of urgency. This would hopefully make an improvement to the situation this year.

Contact with curlers is to be made via email (although at present only about 190 out of 600 email addresses are currently valid) sign up sheets on each club notice board, by post and also via the DIBCA web site. Survey monkey was also put forward as a method of contact. All returns will be monitored to see which is the most productive format for contacting members, for use in the future.

It was suggested that facility staff could maybe assist with the input of competition scores, the update of scores on the website, and also with contact of scores to the local media.

Graham Sloan suggested he would like to see a person elected to be in control of a competition sub group who would then in turn recruit people outwith who could assist with each of the competitions.

A list of Competitions were compiled as follows:

Div 1, 2, 3

Seniors	Cue Stick	Points
Open Pairs	Wheelchair	Senior Open
Mixed Pairs	Club Weekender	
Club Championship	Skins	
Halliday	Sulwath Open	
Nithsdale Trophy	Mixed Doubles	

New competitions are to be advertised with historic competitions, with the aim to fill weekend ice too, with a competitions calendar drawn up as soon as the ice has been allocated with dates and draws. Also to look at the possibility of negotiating better rates for the ice at weekends.

A draft email is to be drawn up asap and distributed to all curlers, and to try to source volunteers to come forward to assist with the competitions.

## **5. Finance Update**

Levy has been paid, with a query on the amount.

David Owen – due to work commitments will no longer continue as treasurer next season.

Rosemary Lenton has agreed she would be willing to take on this position, John Graham thanked her for this, suggesting she liaise with David until the exact transition at the AGM.

## **6. Competitions Sub Group**

Cllr David McKie heartily praised all of the Young Curlers achievements

## **7. AOCB**

The Bar in the lounge, run by the Junior Club parents has done very well, raising a lot of money for the Junior Club. It is open in the week 6 – 9.30 and can be open at the weekend by prior arrangement until the end of the season. Alex Dickson has voiced concern over lack of advertising there is a bar and its opening times, so a form is to be put on the website for any requests for extra hours, or a request can be

emailed to DYC. The email to be sent to all curlers will also include the fact that there are now bar facilities. Maybe the club needs a Social or entertainment group representative?

David Hardie – came on the committee three years ago, and is stepping down from DIBCA next year. David is one of four people who have applied to be on the RCCC committee – to vote for David please go on the RCCC website. Graham Sloan praised David for his work with DIBCA and thanking him for the support and funding he has provided for the DYC.

The Paralympics start on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

The Wheelchair curlers want to reach out to schools locally to make them more aware of the sport.

Next RCCC meeting is Tuesday 11 March in Kirkcaldy

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting : Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm