

## **DIBCA MEETING**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

**7.00pm**

Present : David Owen, Alex Bryden, David Denholm, Gillian Graham, John Graham, Billy Green, David McKie, Michael Greaves McIntosh, Kenny Murray and Colin Williamson (Facility Representative for Katie Fergusson). Alex Dickson from 7.30.

Apologies: Rosemary Lenton, Wendy Murray, Mike Baird, Graham Sloan, Katie Fergusson.

David Owen took the Chair in the absence of Alex Dickson

Minutes of the last meeting : Proposed by Billy Green, Seconded by Alex Bryden.

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

David McKie raised a question regarding the 'putting on hold' of the booking major events, whilst the temporary 'pop up swimming pool is on the carpark. All current large events are fine, but any new events would need careful traffic management as there are concerns over the level of traffic going via the nearby housing estate.

Levy Administration : Gillian commented that there had been no further meetings on this since the last meeting.

Bar Facilities : thanks were given to all of Wendy's hard work towards this and having professional plans for the meeting. The general consensus of all members present was, however, that prices were too high to justify for a bar – the quote for £4500 would fund a lot of curling and at the end of the day DIBCA is there to promote curling. Alex Bryden wondered if the facility would contribute to the bar? John Graham agreed to speak with the Licensing Board to determine exactly what are

the minimum requirements for a bar to conform with the Licensing laws. David Denholm asked if maybe the facility would assist with the water access? It was decided a total of £500 would be the preferred maximum spend if possible.

### **4. Finance:**

Levy : no further development as yet. Communication access to Club Members continues to cause problems. The RCCC sends their emails to the Club Secretaries who then email their own members. Would it be possible to get permission to go via email system this to our members?

## **5. Facility Update :**

Not available : a question was raised for the facility as to the reason why some ice is booked out in February next year?

## **6. Sub Group Updates:**

Competitions : Committee members commented that when phoning curlers, they were finding the curlers were confused as they were previously contacted by post and trying to contact by email was proving even harder. A diary of events is being compiled but the calendar is not yet complete. Next is a meeting with Graham to try and sort out contact issues.

## **7. RCCC**

No update but congratulations to David Hardie who was elected on to the Board, and confirmation that David Henderson is now President.

## **8. World's Event Post Meeting Update:**

A meeting was held last week to discuss both good/bad comments. The outcome was reasonably positive, with staff included in the survey too. The WCF submitted a report which was lengthy - the main issue was the internet connection, everything else had positive feedback.

The World's event has proved to be a good template for further events and the facility should take credit for the excellent organisation.

The Legacy – a small surplus was made of £1250, given to DIBCA, a lot of this coming from ticket sales. A knock on benefit from the World's is various equipment left in situ – chairs, benches, the seating on the far side plus 6 tv's (to be erected asap) and a mascot outfit (could be used to promote curling at Primary Schools). Also, a reputation for hosting an excellent competition. No complaints were received from any of the hotels / accommodation.

## **9 AOCB**

David Owen said he and Graham had been discussing organising a Challenge Tour event – following on from the success of the World's – a second tier event across Europe. In principle, if it went ahead this event would be Mens, maybe Ladies, with a prize pot up to 10,000 euros. Currently the RCCC has taken away the Scottish Mens / Scottish Ladies competitions and given them to Braehead instead of Dumfries. There would need to be 16 teams for the Mens and 12 teams for the Womens each paying an entry fee of £500. It would be run in the same spirit as the World's – transport from the airport, accommodation etc , corporate nights and an event sponsor. After 3 years if successful, it could be then upgraded to a Masters Competition. Proposed dates for this year are the 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Wording of the event would be carefully managed should insufficient interest be generated, but hopes are for a large entry. No objections were raised.

Billy Green suggested that maybe next seasons game times were changed to accommodate a changeover time – this would not only the facility to prepare the ice for the second session but would also help reduce problems on the reduced size carpark. A ¼ hour gap was suggested either with an earlier start (6.15pm) or a later second session (8.45pm) The facility is to be consulted on this for their views.

David Owen announced that the Squid cards are ending soon and wondered how a refund will be available to the members, the facility to respond.

Also, the winners at the end of season bonspiel had wondered how do they receive their free practice sessions, the facility to respond.

Meeting finished at 8.15pm

Date of next meeting : Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 7.00pm.