

## **Dibca Meeting**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

**Dumfries Ice Bowl 7.00pm**

Present : Alex Dickson, Mike Baird, Alex Bryden, Gillian Graham, John Graham, Billy Green, David McKie, Steve McLaren, Kenny Murray, Wendy Murray, Graham Sloan.

Guest : Jack Buckham representing the Cairn Club

Apologies : Rosemary Lenton, David Denholm, John Smith and Michael Greaves-Mackintosh

A warm Welcome to Jack Buckham from the Cairn Club. John Buckham announced that after the recent Bonspiel at the Dumfries Ice Bowl, celebrating 150 years of the Cairn Club, which enabled the Cairn Club to get funding for trophies, the Club would like to 'lend' the trophies to DIBCA for presentations in future years. This year the Cairn Club was won by Penpont and the Cairn Ladies Cup by the Dumfries Ladies. The Trophies will be engraved accordingly.

Various conditions would be put in place, mainly that the cups remain in the ownership of the Cairn Club, and that the competitions for the trophies remain as inter club competitions and not for individual competitions, in the upper Nithsdale league. Should Dibca disband then the cups will return to the Cairn Club.

The Committee members present gave their thanks to Mr Buckham and his generous offer and were delighted to congratulate the Cairn Club on their 150 years.

Mr Buckham praised Dibca and the facility for allowing the Cairn Club use of the facility for their competition and their hospitality. Mr Buckham left at 7.10pm.

### **3. Minutes from last meeting :**

Graham Sloan amended that the Skins competition was not cancelled, more entrants were being sought.

Proposed : Billy Green.    Seconded by : Steve McLaren.

### **4. Matters Arising**

Facility Standards and Changing Rooms for Europeans, Gillian Graham raised concerns over the current standards of the Ice and the changing areas – the standards have fallen – the hacks are dirty, the toilets are dirty, bins are overflowing outside the building. The general appearance has dropped, the upstairs sofas in the bar area are dirty and there are only 12 days to the Europeans to get improvements made. Alex Dickson said he would email James Cox to give the facility a chance to respond/rectify concerns, before an official complaint procedure be considered.

ABCDEF – was changed by Graham Sloan and David Owen – thank you

Sheet allocation sheets need to be changed by the facility to correspond to this, from 1-6 to A-F.

## **5. Finance Sub Group**

An up to date bank statement and budget for next year was circulated. The balance is looking very healthy and the levy received to date is £4317.70. The budget for next year still has more work to be done on it.

Profits from the Worlds Curling (approx. £1100) is still to be transferred from the DGC ac to the Dibca ac.

A request for new brushes is to be looked into, the current brushes are disintegrating whilst in play and a request will be sent to the facility for replenishment – Graham Sloan will assist the facility in sourcing new brushes.

Thanks given to Graham and Rosemary for their hard work.

Discussions to be ongoing with the facility to keep up the work with the levy and new members as they come – Mike Baird offered his assistance to Alex Dickson.

## **6. Position of Vice Chair**

Alex Dickson will see David Owen about how he now feels about the position.

David Denholm, due to a slower recovery than expected, is unable to carry on on the DIBCA committee.

## **7. Competitions Sub Group**

Graham Sloan has been organising the competitions, and requested assistance – Steve McLaren, Gillian Graham and Kenny Murray have offered to assist Graham and Michael.

Europeans Competition – has had 16 Mens and 8 Ladies teams enter, the draws have been made. Some of the entrants include David Murdoch, the Danish National Team, Canadians, and Russian and Swiss Ladies. The council minibus will be used to collect the teams from the airport on the Thursday with play on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The prize money for this first year is : Mens 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £2100 and the Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of £1200, which is lower than the original contract terms, due to there not quite being the full number of teams, but it is still substantial.

Graham is going to contact the Dibca ladies for hospitality, with a meal on the Saturday night, and the Station Hotel has assisted with a deal for the rooms. The Royal Club helped promote the competition through their site and the facility are giving Dibca the ice free of charge for the first year.

The Cairn Club trophies will be able to be used for an Inter club weekend next year.

The Royal Club recently contacted the facility re the Scottish Championship Qualifiers – having at one time been taken away from Dumfries – there is now an event at Dumfries. This will impact on the Dumfries club on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January – the Thursday fixtures will need to be reallocated and coaching on the Friday too. It was proposed that half price ice be offered to the affected teams.

## **8. AOCB**

Graham Sloan – a corporate event was held yesterday for Sedburgh College.

The Ice is now being used 6 or 7 days a week.

Wendy Murray – thanks to the Junior parents and helpers who through Dibca raised over £1000 in one day. The bar facility is working exceptionally well.

Steve McLaren – The handbooks are behind the bar with an electronical version on line.

The Commercial Adman at the Standard Office often does challenges – is it worth ‘challenging’ him to come curling? Would promote curling.

Congratulations to the Juniors qualifying for the Scottish Championships!

Graham reported that :

[Dumfries young curlers](#) Zack, Stewart, Fraser Kingan, Ross Whyte, Kirsty Sloan, Natasha Kerr, Victoria Brett, Olivia McKeown, Mollie-Marley Milligan, Ellie Hamilton & Sophie Jackson are one step closer to Scottish Title.

At the Weekend the boys qualified to Join the girls at the Scottish Championship. Another strong showing from the Dumfries Juniors gives them a chance at winning the Scottish and heading to Estonia for the World Championships.

A special mention should also go to the great efforts of those Juniors who just fell short of the line but the experience gained will hopefully drive them to success in the future. Chris Howat, Finlay Howat, Scott Oliver, Cameron Parkin, Fraser Morton & Hamish Gallacher.

Meeting finished at 8.30pm

Merry Christmas to Everyone!!

Date of next meeting : Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.00pm