

DIBCA Meeting

Tuesday 13th January 2015

Dumfries Ice Bowl

Apologies: Alex Bryden, Mike Baird, Steve McLaren, Gillian Graham, Fiona Hardie, David McKie.

Present : Alex Dickson, John Graham, Rosemary Lenton, Kenny Murray, Brenda Sillars (Vice Chair of Ladies), Graham Sloan, John Smith.

Welcome and A Happy New Year to All.

2. Minutes from last meeting : Proposed by Kenny Murray

Seconded by John Graham.

3. Matters Arising :

Alex Dickson emailed the J. Cox at the facility regarding standards regarding the general cleanliness of the facility and the standard of the ice, and received a prompt reply that the matters raised would be investigated, but also pointed out there were currently staff shortages.

A cheque for £1100 had been transferred from DGC to DIBCA from the Worlds Championships.

4. Finance

Balance sheets were distributed showing a current balance of £4766.

The loss showing from the CCT competition was expected, being the first year and slightly lower number of teams entered. Future years are expected to bear a lower loss, and a grant is due next year from the council too

Money is also due in from a couple of recent corporate functions.

The funding/grant report sheet was examined, identifying possible areas from which grants could be applied for. John Smith commented that the RCCC funding is expected to be reduced this coming year.

It was proposed that a finance sub group is formed to assist Rosemary look at sponsorship etc. Any Committee members who would like to join this please contact Rosemary by email immediately.

A funding request from Ian Dyer ref the Swiss Curlers visit on March 19th when 12 players are coming to Dumfries, was discussed. It was agreed that £168 would be appropriate, proposed by John Graham and seconded by Rosemary Lenton. A request would be made to the Swiss visitors to maybe bring a Swiss pennant for the curling lounge.

5. Vice Chair / Chair ;

John Graham is standing as Vice Chair until the end of the season.

A notice of interest in the position of Vice Chair has been place by Michael Greaves-Mackintosh

Concern was voiced over the two positions for next season, with perhaps contact to all clubs to generate interest from within.

6 Competitions :

The Mixed Pairs Competition will start on 13th February, there are 11 teams so far registered, hopefully looking for 16

The Club Championship – correspondence is required to all clubs to enable this to get sorted.

Wednesday night Leagues – the rescheduled games need to be chased up, as the play off formats need to be in place, as there is a set date for the play offs.

The End of Season Reception for the Leagues – will need to be discussed – as to what this will include and if the facility will be able to assist.

The Welsh Valentines Bonspiel is in February.

The Irish Senior Championships were held last weekend – facility standards were commented on at this, regarding the standards of cleanliness and the ice itself.

This weekend is the Scottish Championship Qualifiers for the men, a big weekend in the calendar of events. To assist with the ice, Paul Martin is coming from Perth.

Graham Sloan commented that currently he is working a lot of hours outwith his remit in regard to the competitions, which he would appreciate being addressed.

Winners Boards – these were commented on at the last AGM as to being incomplete – they have still to be completed, Billy Green to be contacted to see if this can be sorted. A concern was noted that there has been no indication of the cost of this work.

When Graham visited all of the Clubs earlier in the season, the Clubs were informed that next seasons competitions would be advertised in Jan/Feb 2015. Graham will arrange a meeting with the facility to discuss ice availability for next season, so that a competition timetable can be drawn up.

Update to follow.

7. RCCC

The next meeting of the RCCC is next Thursday.

The closing date for applications for a new Head of Coaching was the 3rd January.

Funding for clubs – there is no news yet as to how much funding there will be although cuts are expected, nor as to where it will go. The RCCC needs as much support as possible, with new members actively promoted, the RCCC membership sub now includes insurance cover.

8. AOCB

Kenny Murray raised a concern for Mr Cox at the facility that the night before was ringing at 17 minutes past 10 instead of 20 past 10. An accurate timing system/bell coordination is essential for curling matches.

The Maxwell Trophy is this Thursday with Lockerbie and last weekend was the Junior Club Challenge.

All credit to the players and coaches for their excellent achievements

Brenda commented that the next round of the Morton Trophy is on the 18th February, with the Barbours Bonspiel next week, although only 8 teams have entered.

Invites for the Presidents Day have gone out today.

The Henderson Bishop is in Kelso on February 23- 26.

John Smith – The Grand Match to be held next October 24th has a major sponsor already – Alan Steel of Aberdeen.

Meeting finished at 8.25pm

Date of next meeting : Tuesday 10th February at 7.00pm at the Dumfries Ice Bowl.