



Monday 25th August 2016

Dumfries Ice Bowl Curling Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes

King Street, Dumfries

1. **Present** : Kenny Murray, John Graham, Jim Hogg, Rosemary Lenton, Graham Sloan, Marion Mather, Callum Ruddick, Nancy Gallacher.
2. **Apologies** : Craig Sloan, Iain Gallacher, Steve McLaren, Alastair Wallace, John Smith, Gillian Graham, David McKie, Fiona Hardie, Gordon Farries, Billy Green.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** : Proposed by John Graham
Seconded by Jim Hogg.
4. **Correspondence** : N/A
5. **Treasurers Report** : The Current Balance Is £14976 – the increase is due to £5379.41 sponsorship money coming in for the CCT events.
Sponsorship letters for the stones are in hand.
The Monthly Draw uptake is slow at the moment, but it is expected to grow with the start of the subscriptions incoming at the start of the season.
Board Sponsorships – various businesses are to be met to discuss if they would like to be new sponsors.
6. **Property** : Alistair : Maintenance Group Update
With regard to the maintenance sub-group, please find attached the Maintenance Log. It is self-explanatory, and as can be seen having evidence is ideal as this can be easily accessed through this file. If any committee member wishes any changes to the format, please just let me know.

2 action points:
 1. Please can I receive contact details of who I should liaise with at the Ice Bowl regarding this.

2. Could all Club presidents and/or secretaries be circulated my email and asked to inform me of any maintenance concerns, preferably including date noticed & evidence.
1 query - Would the committee wish me to put up a few posters in the curling hall so curlers can contact me regarding concerns? I would approve any design with the committee and the Ice Bowl.

John Graham has been chasing the filters for the filtration system, technically this is the job of the Facility.

Graham detailed the circumstances of the failing of the plant during the summer. After various incidents and the tripping of the systems, the part required for the plant was ordered, unfortunately the only place to supply this is in Italy who don't trade during August. The loop system was connected up to the Ice Hockey system, but there is not enough power to install ice for the curling as well as sustaining the ice for the hockey.

Quotes were obtained to hire a chiller for two weeks, but they came in at £24K. The start of the season date is unconfirmed at present, and it is an unacceptable situation. The Service Level Agreement is to be examined to see if this breaches the agreement, with insurance for future competitions also to be determined in case of competition cancellations, the CCT etc could otherwise be very costly. The contracts for the competitions need a disclaimer clause to reduce this risk.

7. Coaching and Development :

Graham has worked all summer on Club Development, connecting with the Ladies to discuss expanding their membership. He has tied the Curling and Development programme in with the RCCC to increase the RCCC membership. Tri curling dates are set, just awaiting posters from the RCCC. The curling coaching starts from the 7th September, with a good uptake from clubs. The school programme so far has 1300 pupils for this season. The Scottish School Qualifier has been revamped to link up with the Regional School Organiser with online registration forms, which in turn populates the website.

Graham suggested making a formal group to cover umpires and team coaches, with Billy Green to chair this group. A grant can be applied for to cover costs for travel and a workshop on positive coaching Scotland to upskill them. Just need ice!

8. Young Curlers :

Gordon Farries reported that on Friday night the Juniors attended Nithsdale Junior Sporting Awards at the Cairndale Hotel. The Juniors had entries in all groups, and were nominated in the top 3 in all groups. The Juniors won the Team of the Year , Male Young Person of

the Year : Ross Whyte, and Female Young Person of the Year : Sophie Jackson. It was an excellent evening and Congratulations to all the Young Curlers.

9. Ladies Group :

Marion is looking to increase the Ladies membership numbers. The American Tour is on the 12th and 13th November with Lockerbie.

10. RCCC:

John reported that bidding forms for the competition season 17/18 have been sent out to ice rinks.

Scottish wheelchair curling association after an EGM have taken the decision not to disband and have selected a new committee. RCCC are now supporting them to organise 3 of their major competitions.

Team Muirhead have replaced Anna Sloan with Kelly Schafer(Kelly Wood) till Anna recovers from injury.

RCCC insurance covers civil liability(ie third party) and does not provide personal injury cover.

Stirling national performance centre funding approved and work hopefully started on 11th aug. to open june 17.

2018 Scottish championships will end with the winner in a 5 match play off with the Olympic team for the right to represent Scotland at the 2018 world championships.

Qualifying for Scottish championships has changed to 3 qualifying from world curling tour and 3 from scottish curling tour plus 4 from the qualifier.

next years AGM at Braehead on Sat. 17th June.

I'll answer any questions at next meeting or before by email.

The next ASC meeting on 27th Sept..

11. DGC : N/A

12. AOCB :

Marion queried the Registration fee for the Royal Club Affiliation. The Tri Curling fee is £5, the Supporters membership from the RCCC is £5, if they continue curling the £5 comes off the next session for the Virtual Club. (5 sessions for £20)

The new membership cards : Red are fully paid (£10), the Yellow are for the guest members (£2 to pay on top of the Ice charges)

The Yellow file containing all of the Clubs new season cards will be kept on Reception, with the Monthly Draw Applications.

Facility Office Staff have been trained for enrolling and handing out cards for the new season.

The score cards need reprinting – it was agreed that the Monthly draw and the new curling regulations should be advertised on the back of the score cards.

The sponsor for the first month is James Findlay.

Jim Hogg – all league curlers must be fully DIBCA registered to curl – with guest registration available too with a yellow card. All players must be registered with DIBCA to play in DIBCA Competitions.

John Graham has investigated the viability of a concrete surface – there may be funding available, Graham is doing drawings for costings and then will apply for grants. Anyone interested to assist with this project – please see Graham.

The catering is to continue as before in last season.

David Owen was coopted for the Committee : Proposed by Kenny Murray and seconded by Jim Hogg.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Next Meeting : Monday 26th September