

DIBCA

Meeting Minutes

December 28, 2016

I. Call to order

Kenny Murray called to order the regular meeting of the Dumfries Ice Bowl Curling Association at 19:00 on December 28, 2016 at Dumfries Ice Bowl.

II. Roll call

Alistair Wallace conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Kenny Murray, Alistair Wallace, Callum Ruddick, Gillian Graham, John Graham, Marion Mather, Graham Sloan, Jim Hogg, Fiona Hardie, Steve, Rosemary Lenton, David Owen, John Smith, David McKie, Steve McLaren

Apologies we tendered by:

Craig Sloan, Jan Dee, Nancy Gallagher, Ian Gallagher

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Alistair Wallace read the minutes from the last meeting. Proposed by Rosemary Lenton, seconded by John Graham.

IV. Presentation by James Cox

James presented a slide-show regarding the Partnership Club Meeting that had been attended by Kenny Murray

James confirmed the presentation can be circulated if wanted.

It was explained that clubs pay by Direct Debit for hire income, so that gives DIBCA hire of ice, with juniors charged on a PAYG basis. This money contributes to staffing, facility costs etc

£20 million in savings are required in Council budget from 1 April 2017. All departments required to contribute to these savings. Leisure & Sport operate on a current budget of £4 million. So far cuts have had a limited impact on the Ice Bowl.

Discussion points:

- Can club members contribute more financially?
- How can number grow?

- What funding options are available?
- What can be done differently?

Question by John Graham: When you look at figures, what is the highest cost? James answer: Electricity and staffing.

Question by Rosemary: Is it possible to get a breakdown of costs v expenditure. James answer: Income is easy, but costs more complicated.

James confirmed that spend to save is possible (for example ice pads v paint).

Question by Jim Hogg: Ice Prep. Answer by James: Very difficult to prep ice for 8.30 game, and it varies depending on staff as well. Graham Sloan things there are other options that can be looked at before thinking of changing session times (for example curlers themselves pebbling ice).

Question about wifi. Answer by James: Corporate wifi is available, there is public wifi if there is an event.

Question about lighting. Answer by James: He will look at the issues of light being dim, and having different levels of lightness at different parts.

Question about catering. Answer by James: Agreement is in place with DGFirst to run café, there is no need to run tender process to include the bar. DGFirst have made a business decision.

V. Treasurers Report

There is an extra £600 above what report shows. £14,500 income from external competitions, £2,150 from sponsorships, £1,025 from handle sponsorship and £700 from monthly draw. Invoice has been issued of just short of £4,000 to council. There are 20 stones now available.

Prize fund for the CCT is just short of £13,000.

VI. Competitions

Nithsdale and pairs competitions are at semi-final stage. Seniors are on Christmas break, then split into 2 divisions. Ross competition had to be postponed, with the 2nd leg due in March. The Cairn competition is on 28 January.

There is potential for a daytime league, Jim to proceed and open it up beyond seniors.

VII. Property report

No more than £100 for a digital clock. Drop box agreed to be put in. Alistair to proceed with both.

VIII. Young curlers

Christmas cracker is on 23 December at 6.30pm.

IX. Ladies

Henderson play downs, with qualifiers going to Kinross in February. The American tour was a success.

Other curlers did not turn up for Morton trophy.

X. Graham – transfer to 3rd party

Could DIBCA take over curling rink? There have been discussions (apparently) about combining the Ryan Centre, DG One and the Ice Bowl.

XI. RCCC

New brush head rules now take effect, but won't affect club curling.

WCF – one country has suggested that there is a possible 3 players only for wheelchair curling, as sweeper not required.

Direction of sweeping – curlers can now sweep in any direction as long as it finishes to the side.

John is to present to the RCCC the problem of the Stewartry Group, but present as a success the junior curlers.

XII. Council

No further report

XIII. AOCB

It was discussed that we need more representation in meetings with the Council, and require more financial data regarding the running of the Ice Bowl.

Callum suggested getting a background screen for photos, showcasing sponsors.

CCCT event – Graham will be needing as much help as possible.

USA ladies visit – at last meeting the ladies asked for financial assistance and James Cox organized to pay the visitor's fees and the Council helped towards the catering costs. Agreed that DIBCA pay for the badges. Thanks were tendered for all assistance.

Next meeting – last Monday of January.

XIV. Draw

First – Jim Hogg

Second – G A Ross

Bonus – Annette Henderson