



**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Dumfries Ice Bowl Curling Association**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**King Street, Dumfries**

1. **Present :** Kenny Murray, John Graham, Graham Sloan, Billy Green, Steve McLaren, Gordon Farries, Nancy Gallacher, Iain Gallacher, Jim Hogg, John Smith, David McKie.
  
2. **Apologies :** Gillian Graham, Callum Ruddick, Craig Sloan, David Owen, Rosemary Lenton, Alistair Wallace, Marion Mather, Fiona Hardie.
  
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting :** Proposed by : Steve McLaren  
Seconded by : Billy Green
  
4. **Treasurer's Report :**  
The current balance is £16294.10 (this includes the outstanding DIBCA levy of £251 from the facility).
  
5. **Competitions – Jim Hogg**  
The Mixed Pairs Final is between Jim Hogg and Gordon Farries.  
The Seniors have started the second half, Division 1 and 2  
In the final of The Cairn Cup, Dumfries beat Dumfries Young Curlers.  
The Ross Trophy on the 10<sup>th</sup> March still needs 1 lady, and also assistance with the team selection afterwards.  
The Club Championship is underway  
The Rivendell Points First round was held recently
  - A discussion was held over the points system / winners rules for the Rivendell. Although a review for next year may be held later in the year, it was decided to let the current rules prevail for this year.

Graham Sloan voiced concern over the amount of work that Jim Hogg was undertaking with the Competitions, and the need for more support for Jim from the sub group and competition Leads.

The Entry forms for next season should go up on the noticeboards asap.

The Scottish Pairs entry – DIBCA will pay for the entry as in previous years.

Steve McLaren commented that the Mixed Doubles at the end of the month (24-26 March) have had the USA withdraw a team, but the Chinese will take their place. Ice Technicians have been booked, and a Consolation Cup will be played for by the teams who are knocked out on the Saturday. More Volunteers are required to assist in general.

**6. Property and Development of the Ice Bowl**

Alistair and David have put together a letter for Mr Grieveson, detailing various concerns regarding the Ice Bowl/Curling.

The Sub Group has had four excellent meetings so far, but with no feedback from the facility.

John Graham proposed that the facility have an end of season closing / opening up procedure – in the form of a detailed working document.

**7. Curling Development and Young Curlers : Graham and Gordon**

Graham Sloan – the volume of coaches is growing, they are currently tackling skill levels, and with good successes recently – 3 squads succeeded in getting one team into Division 1 and two teams into Division 2.

There is a meeting in the middle of the month for coaches to tackle etiquette and behaviour.

Excellent rewards at the Worlds Junior Championships in Korea! Ross finished 4<sup>th</sup> and Sophie won the Silver – well worthy of a Homecoming Event for them both – David McKie suggested the Provost be involved to recognise and celebrate their achievements.

Graham and Gordon have been working to looking at getting another coach – this has been sent to Sally Fingland.

Interviews are to be held for the new Ice Technician.

The Under 17's have been very successful in recent competitions.

**8. Ladies Section : Good luck for the Morton Cup !**

**9. RCCC. John Smith commented that the number of curlers who are affiliated to the RCCC is still too low – the funding from Sports Scotland could be affected unless there is an increase. Currently out of approximately 480 curlers only 300 are affiliated (whether it be Lockerbie, Stranraer or Dumfries) – affiliation benefits all curlers, not just those in competitions. Suggestions that maybe there could be a different tiered affiliation fee for new members.**

**\*The European Championships was a financial disaster for the RCCC, with a loss in the region of £50K – tickets were sold**

through Ticketmaster and the WCF had control over the event not the RCCC.

\* 3 Directors are standing down making vacancies.

\* John Smith announced that he is standing down in June

\* Congratulations to David Murdoch on his recent success

Gordon commented on the poor representation recently of the RCCC at the Under 14's and Under 17's.

10. DGC – No report.

11 AOCB. Kenny Murray commented that there are to be meetings with the Hockey and Skating Groups as to the future of the Catering at the Ice Bowl, with particular attention to the Health & Safety and Insurance matters.

The Meeting Closed at 8.15pm

Next Meeting is on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm.