



**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Dumfries Ice Bowl Curling Association**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**King Street, Dumfries**

1. **Present** : Kenny Murray, John Graham, Jim Hogg, Graham Sloan, David Owen, Marion Mather, Steve McLaren, David McKie, Fiona Hardie, Colin Williamson (Facility)
2. **Apologies** : Iain Gallacher, Nancy Gallacher, Rosemary Lenton, Callum Ruddick, Bobby Carruthers, Craig Sloan, Billy Green.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** : Proposed by John Graham, Seconded  
by Marion Mather

**Matters Arising from the last Meeting:**

Further to a letter to the Ice Hockey Management regarding the missing Skoda sponsorship boards, an email has been received from Les Maxwell, Chair of the Solway Sharks Ice Hockey Club, revealing a misunderstanding over the sponsorship agreement over the term of agreement. Concerns were raised over any future agreements with the Hockey Club over the use of joint facility areas. Future agreements will be clearly stated in writing. Also, a letter will be sent to the head of Sports and Leisure at the Council regarding the incident.

4. **Nigel (Ice Technician) Report** :

The new ice is going well and up to date, ready for the 9<sup>th</sup> September. The 5 circles are for the Olympic circles, in line for the February Olympics.

Fiona Hardie asked if better lighting could be provided at the corner – a double socket is due to be installed so the clock and light can be on jointly.

5. **Treasurer's Report** : (sent by email by Rosemary Lenton)

The current balance is £12,149.90

No further income has been received since the last meeting for Sponsorship.

An expenditure of £212 relating from last years Mixed Doubles event is due, to be paid after the year end (Kian's and Transport reimbursement costs).

£1594 income relates to Entry fees already received for this year's CCT event.

So true Current Balance excluding entry fees is £10555.

## 6. Competitions : Jim Hogg

1. Nithsdale – has 47 entries, - need 1 for 12 teams, ideally require 9.
2. Senior League – has 14 entries, the draw is out.
3. Wednesday Leagues – has 28 entries – Div 1 and 2 each has 9 teams, Div 3 has 10 teams.
4. Skins has 5 entries.
5. Mixed Doubles is work in progress.
6. Open Pairs – 13 entries to date, work in progress.

7. Sponsorship : Graham Sloan stated that the current sponsors need to be checked that they are continuing to sponsor this year. Also the Curling stones – just under half are available for sponsorship – all members are to be mailchimed before the start of the season for interest in sponsoring.

## 8. Colin Williamson from the Facility:

Payments are set the same as last year. Membership tickets are Green for members and Yellow for non members. Payments are to be made before curlers go on the ice, and handed over to a member of the facility staff.

Dibca is to receive their Guest levy money at the start of January and the end of the season. The Levy fee will be settled by the end of October.

The Café is due to have opening hours just before lunch until 8.00pm on Monday to Fridays, and 9.00 – 4.00 at weekends. Initially the menu will be more of a tearoom menu to start, with hot meals to follow later. The prices will remain the same, with pre orders available. The Café is asking for rebranding ideas – any welcome. The Café will operate as a self cleaning area, with signage supporting this.

Graham asked Colin if he could check the till system for the start of the season as he had noticed earlier today that the Active Schools term 1 curling block was not yet in place but enquiries were being made.

Fiona asked about Emergency contact procedures – these need clarifying with appropriate information signage.

Graham asked for accurate measuring devices to be available – especially as there are 4 RCCC events coming up.

## 9. Curling Development : Graham Sloan.

Last week at the Development Officers meeting in Stirling, gave a guided tour of the modern technology on offer – with TV and camera analysis proving a good addition to Curling.

The Primary School programme is being finalised with nearly 13,000 pupils involved. Coaching development sessions are underway. A Try Curling initiative is due to start on September 9<sup>th</sup>, with an online booking system available. This could be a good fundraiser for DIBCA – the cost is £7 per person – DIBCA receiving £2 and the Clubs receiving £5 if membership to the RCCC is joined.

There is a new Assistant coach module which can be delivered in house, with a Level 1 coaching course coming soon.

October 14<sup>th</sup> is booked for a Curling festival – an ideal promotional opportunity.

Graham has been running workshops for parents and coaches on how to support teams, there is one more to go, these workshops have been received well by both parents and coaches.

10. Young Curlers : Graham – yesterday was the last night of fitness training for the Young Curlers.

11. Ladies : Marion Mather

September 20<sup>th</sup> is Ladies Day – all welcome.

12. RCCC – No report

13. DGC – No report.

14, Development of the Ice Hall – David Owen

Contact has been made by Alastair Tait, Business Consultant, who has given 3 days of his time to assist in the project. A meeting with Ian Barr showed that there is money available, bids need to be carefully formatted for this.

David McKie suggested contacting the ward officer at the NW Resource Centre, which supports and helps people in the community with projects,

Plans need to be decided as to what projects could be grouped together – Ice Hall lighting, a concrete flooring – as a package instead of individual approaches.

Plans were displayed of a possible new seating area in the arena, with new changing rooms, storage room. A glass panelled area with rooms behind were portrayed with a commentary area included. Currently there is too much ‘air space’ – this is detrimental to the efficient running of the rink. A multi event arena could be achieved – this would make the Ice Rink become more self sufficient.

Kenny Murray thanked David and his Committee for their work.

**AOCB : -**

- September 9<sup>th</sup> is the 25th Anniversary of the Ice Bowl. Various events are planned as a celebration of this and advertised widely.
- Café – Colin updated on this earlier – mailchimp is to be used to advertise the new café.
- Membership cards – Club lists to be updated as last year.
- The Junior Club has completed their levy payments and full list of members.
- Competitions – the December event, the Champions Tour, due to lack of funding and lack of Ladies Teams (only two entries) – Graham suggested

cancelling. The men's event, is up to 16 teams already, - maybe reintroduce the Ladies Tour event next year and on a separate date?

**Meeting Closed at 8.45pm**

**Next Meeting : Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September**