



DIBCA

Minutes

Date of Meeting	Time	Location	Minutes Taker
Monday, 16 th December	19:00	Dumfries Ice Bowl/Microsoft Teams	Luke Wedge

Present	Apologies
John Graham – Chairman Gavin Kilgour – Vice Chairman Graham Sloan – Development Officer Susan Morrison – Ladies Chair Rosemary Lenton – Treasurer David Kingan – Committee Member Michael Kyle – Committee Member Stuart Armstrong – Committee Member Luke Wedge - Secretary	Gordon McKnight – Dumfries Curling Jim Hogg - Committee Member Robert Carruthers – Committee Member Tony Lenton – Committee Member

Subject of Meeting
DIBCA Committee Meeting

Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome	Chairman John Graham welcomes all in attending.	
Minutes of Last Meeting	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and proposed by Rosemary Lenton, Seconded by Gavin Kilgour.	
Correspondence	No Correspondence.	

Reports	Discussion	Action
Chairman's Report	<p>The World Mixed Doubles Qualification event in early December ran smoothly thanks to everyone involved. Two Ice Technicians maintaining the ice for the event did notify staff of a draft which was causing issues on sheet A. While staff were already aware of this issue, it was a benefit to get any techniques to help minimize the issue for future.</p> <p>An organising committee for the Scottish Curling Championships in February 2025 is working hard to attract sponsorship for the event, continuing this effort over the Xmas period and throughout January.</p> <p>Canadians Rotary Tour went well in November with visits to Dumfries Ice Rink and Lockerbie Ice Rink.</p>	
Treasurer's Report	<p>To view the full Treasurers report, view Appendix A.</p> <p>GS would like to make a request to DIBCA to purchase 6 tablet cases to secure to the home end of the ice rink. The tablets have already been purchased by the junior club and will be used by coaching staff for coaching sessions and competitions. The total sum requested is estimated £125.00</p> <p>The committee has approved this request, GS will follow this up with RL.</p>	RL, GS
Dumfries Curling Limited	<p>Thank you to DIBCA and volunteers for helping successfully run the World Curling Mixed Doubles Qualification Event in early December. There were some new volunteers for this event which had a great impact, and their support is appreciated.</p> <p>World Curling are trying to get younger timers for future events. DK suggested getting some Juniors involved in time keeping as it provides additional understanding of how the game should be played.</p> <p>GS states both staff members Willow and Scott are experienced in time keeping and can be used to help the juniors in this process.</p> <p>We have only one future World Curling event scheduled which is the World Mixed Doubles Qualification Event in December 2025. Discussions are taking place with World Curling to discuss hosting future events. GS has suggested gathering feedback from members about how hosting world events impacts their season.</p> <p>Chairman John Graham makes the committee aware that while hosting World Events may not be a lucrative proposal, it brings in an international audience to Dumfries and the Ice Bowl Facility which can only help improve stability for the future.</p> <p>Gordon McKnight is working on Q1 of the season and the DCL financial standings. More information will be given in future meetings.</p>	
Competitions Report	To view the full competitions report, see Appendix B .	JG

	JG to speak to JH regarding creating subcommittee for competitions. The committee agrees that it would be a good idea to include a ladies and junior representative in this subgroup.	
Ladies Section Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Tour went well in Dumfries with good feedback. • Henderson Bishop preparation is underway • The Fun League is running smoothly so far this season. 	
RCCC	No Report	
Curling Development Officer	<p>We have various bonspiels running over Christmas and New Year with two being held on Friday, 20th at 10am - 12pm and 6:30pm – 8:30pm.</p> <p>All other development initiatives are currently underway. There has been a drop off in Try Curling and adult coaching participation, so it has been highlighted again for clubs and members to push this and get new curlers into the sport.</p>	
Dumfries's Young Curlers	<p>Orrin Carson has been selected to represent GB at the World University Games in Mixed Doubles.</p> <p>The Junior Club are looking into the pros and cons of Direct Debit. The findings could potentially be useful for DIBCA,</p>	

AOCB	Action
<p>JG has a meeting with the DCL directors in the new year to discuss the best way to move forward regarding the restructure of DCL. The Committee agrees that a proposal needs to put together between DIBCA and DCL before going to members.</p> <p>Building works to the facility are still in discussion with no updates in recent months. The committee agrees that DIBCA will inform DCL of their intention to write a letter to facility management asking for an update as these works could affect future events. JG to put together a draft letter which will be shared with GK.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>JG</p>

Date of next Meeting
Monday, 20 th of January

Appendix A

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Treasurer's Report

Current Balance

£41,568.43

At the last meeting it was reported that we had received a payment of £4,000 from the Council regarding a grant application that we have secured. This has now been transferred to Dumfries Curling Ltd to assist with the costs of the WMDQE that was hosted recently.

DIBCA have made a payment of £300 to DCL towards Volunteer costs incurred at the WMDQE.

We have received £4,971.50 from the Holywood Trust as being the first instalment in this year's funding agreement.

We will shortly be asking Dumfries Curling Ltd for the transfer of the Members Levy for this current season 2024/25, this should be in the region of £5,760.

Appendix B

Competitions report 16/12/2025

1. Present
 - a. Senior League – one session to go and most of the teams are settled for the Division one/two split. Section A has 4 qualifiers, and team Kilgour needing a point to guarantee a place in Division 1. Section B has 3 qualifiers, with Wales and Thom battling for the final places.
 - b. Wednesday League – underway
 - c. Hardie Pairs – this has developed into farce, due to postponed fixtures not being played timeously. Suggest the rules need amended for next season.
2. Post Xmas
 - a. Mixed Pairs – due to start, needing entries for this
 - b. Cairn Cup – Saturday 25th January, will be seeking entries for this shortly.
3. Next season
 - a. I am getting old and weary, so it is time to pass on the job of Competitions Organiser. It may well be that it would be better run by a sub-committee, but I will leave that to the committee to decide.
 - b. I would suggest that the job may be split up a bit, if necessary I would be happy to do the calendar, and issue fixtures, but again I will leave that to the committee to decide.