

Minutes

Date of meeting	10 th May 2024	Time	7:00pm
Location	Dumfries Ice Bowl	Minute taker	Luke Wedge
Present	Ryan Carson, Logan Carson, Gavin Kilgour, Moureen Woods, Jim Hogg, Graeme Young, Donald Hastings, Kieth MacKenzie, Denise Barker, Iain Jamieson, Hazel Wales, Lewis Whannel, Andrew Morton, Mike Baird, Fraser Morton, Tia Laurie, Jessica Trotter, Mary Morton, Steven Trotter, Godfrey Bedford, Robin Park, Charlie Gibb, Scott Kerr, Maryanne Lethardy, Janice Craig, Rosie Lee, Janet Haycock, Michael Haycock, Stewart Lee.		
Subject	DIBCA AGM		

Item	Discussion/action
Welcome	John Graham welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed his gratitude for their attendance.
Apologies	Kenneth Hope, Jenny Lear, Jen Parkin, Jane Patterson, Robert Carruthers, Michael Gannon, Iain Jamieson, Robin Park, Ian Powrie, Lexi Dunlop, Alex Dickson, Scott Hogg, Moira Rodan, Scott Rodan, Kirsty Gallacher, Hamish Gallacher, Susan Morrison, David Kingan, David Baty, Archie Hyslop.
Minutes of last AGM (17 th May 2023)	The last DIBCA AGM Minutes were proposed by Steven Trotter and seconded by Gavin Kilgour.
Chairs Report	To view the Chairs Report, go to Appendix A
Treasurers Report	To view the Treasurers Report, go to Appendix B This report has been proposed by Gavin Kilgour and seconded by Gavin Muir.
Election of Executive Committee	The following are to join the DIBCA Committee for the 2024/25 season. Gavin Kilgour as Vice Chair - Proposed by Godfrey Bedford and seconded by Maryanne

	<p>Lathardy</p> <p>Callie McMinn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Proposed by John Graham and seconded by Jim Hogg. <p>Steven Trotter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Proposed by Graham Sloan and seconded by Gavin Kilgour. <p>Rosie Lee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Proposed by Janice Craig and seconded by Janet Haycock.
AOCB	

Appendix A

Chairmans report

Wow, what a year for curling here at Dumfries – not only was there the success brought by our current and recent junior players playing at World Level events but also through probably our longest running curling season which saw us run a number of major curling events which

included the Scottish Championships and 2 x World Curling Events. I am indebted to Graham Sloan for making sure that our athletes had both good send off and welcome home receptions. I have decided not to go over everything that we have done in the last year as there are constant news e mails going out with news. Last weeks World Curling 'C' Division highlighted to me the limited curling facilities available in some countries and considering what has happened to certain rinks in Scotland, e.g. Ayr, Braehead and the uncertainty about Perth I believe that we are fortunate here in Dumfries to have a multi ice sport facility which is recognised as bringing a large volume of visitors and economic benefits to the area. I feel it is important to recognise that the success we have here at Dumfries only comes through hard work and effort and we are fortunate to have strong and energetic people in both our Ladies and Junior Sections and I am indebted to these Groups and also Gavin Kilgour, my Vice Chair and the current DIBCA Committee members for their enthusiasm and assistance over the past year. It is also appropriate to thanks the Facility Management and Staff who help our events to run smoothly. As you will be aware we are in the process of becoming a Registered Charity which will allow us to access funding streams currently unavailable to us. Many will be unaware of the fact that we are constantly looking for additional funding streams which allows us to keep costs low and ensure we can keep on the level of staff necessary to run the curling side of the facility. There are 2 main points which I would ask members of DIBCA take away with them – 1. While I would like to say that curling is strong here at Dumfries I am not sure that all Club Secretaries would agree with that and I believe DIBCA and curlers must consider thinking out of the box and look at ways in which we not only retain our curler numbers but look to increase these. Our Development Officer, Graham Sloan has over recent years mooted that we need to look at having a single club as opposed to having numerous small ones and I think that DIBCA and those clubs with e.g. less than 20 members perhaps needs to investigate how this would work and if it would help increase participation. 2. We now reside in a multi cultural society and here in Dumfries we have seen an increase in families from minority groups residing here however I do not think this is replicated in the number of new curlers taking on the sport whether at junior or adult level. I consider this disparity to be unsettling and I do not think it is healthy for our sport, I would like to see more curlers from minority groups taking part, particularly at junior level and over the last year we have made a few attempts to resolve this without great success. Mentioning Graham leads me to say I have never came across someone with his energy and commitment. Every season he continues to amaze me with his enthusiasm and new ideas which has allowed not only our Junior Curlers to increase but his new ideas have provided an increase in curling opportunities. What you may be unaware of is that has consistently sought to keep prices as

low as possible. Graham once said to me that the success we are seeing from our Dumfries originated curlers has been a 20 year investment by him. There is little doubt in my mind we would not be where we are here at Dumfries without him leading – or pushing. As a volunteer myself I know how dependent curling here at Dumfries is on people giving up their time, however there are less of us than before and a number, like myself, are in the older age bracket. I urge our curling population to consider coming along and volunteer either to help at events or even as a basic coach, you would be very welcome. Having a look through the Scottish Curling website identifies our many successes in Season 23 -24, and I noted a few of these – I apologise for any I missed. Megan Hutchison and Carla Morris who were chosen to be one of 13 young people to be Future Leaders of Scottish Curling. Sophie Jackson who was chosen to represent Scotland in the World Mixed Doubles in Sweden with Duncan McFadzean and came a very credible 6th . Grant Hardie who in Team Mouat represented Scotland in the World Men’s in Switzerland and finished 4th overall missing out on a bronze medal to Italy. Sophie Jackson represented Scotland in Team Morrison at the Womens World Championship in Canada but didn’t make the cut and were ranked 8th Dumfries Under 13 Team of Joe and Callum Morrison, Finlay Pederson and Euan Brown won at the Funspiel at Perth A St Joseph’s team of Zac Trotter, Jessica Trotter, Jason Mann and Teagan Smith were runners up in the Scottish School Competition at Aberdeen. Charlie Gibb and Logan Carson became the Scottish Pairs Champions at Stranraer. Jack Strawhorn and Hamish Gallacher in Team Strawhorn won the Asham Under 21 Men’s overall title. There were a considerable number of Dumfries players who also played in this event. Dumfries platers Tia Laurie, Hannah Farries, Kirsty Gallacher along with Holly Burke won the Asham Under 21 Slam women’s over all title; gain there were a large number of Dumfries players and teams in this event. In the Henderson Bishop, the Cherrystone Trophy was won by the Dumfries Team of Ann Johnstone, Caroline Donaldson, Marion Mather, Susan Morrison and Fiona Hardie Sophie Jackson and Duncan McFadzean were the Scottiah Mixed Doubles Champions. Hannah Farries was in Team Munro representing Scotland at the World Juniors in Finland and Orrin and Logan Carson, Archie Hyslop and Charlie Gibb were the mens team and won a spot in next years World Juniors. Ross Whyte became the Scottish Champions here at Dumfries in a tense game which went down to Ross’s last shot. Fay Henderson’s Team became Scottish Women’s Champions here at Dumfries. Gold medals from the Winter Youth Olympics were brought home by Tia Laurie, Logan Carson and Archie Hyslop along with Holly Burke. Two Teams from Dumfries came out top in the Junior Club Challenge Divisions. Team Carson won the Scottish Junior Title but only after a close final against our own Jamie Strawhorn and Hamish Gallacher.

Appendix B

DIBCA TREASURER'S Report 2023-2024

The Year End Balance at the 31st March 2023 was £44,567.52 for the year which is a decrease on the previous year of £1,036.37.

We have negotiated a new agreement with the Holywood Trust amounting to £25,00 per annum, we have currently received two instalments totalling £12,500. This will be transferred to Dumfries Curling Ltd in due course.

Our income from grants and advertising sponsorship was down by £10,207. In addition, the ice levy still needs to be transferred from Dumfries Curling Ltd. Despite this reduction in income, we still have a very healthy reserve.

A huge thanks to Margaret Carruthers for once again auditing the accounts, it is greatly appreciated.

INCOME

It is encouraging to see the number of curlers continue to grow and we are slowly recovering from the effects of Covid, and this is very reassuring, especially as we appear to currently bucking the trend Scotland wide.

We will continue to actively pursue grants from new funding sources, this will enable us to continue our current and future programmes. We will also actively pursue new avenues of sponsorship from local sources going forward.

EXPENDITURE

We are extremely grateful for all our volunteers, they are the backbone of all ice rinks if they are to succeed, and we thank you for all your efforts.

There is an item of £13,000 for Development Officer funding from the Holywood Trust. This relates to the season 2022-2023 with payment being made in August 2023. There will be a similar payment for this season when we transfer the Holywood Trust funding to Dumfries Curling Ltd.

Finally due in part to a continued increase in our membership numbers this year, together with the continuing input from the funding group, we are currently in a financially secure position, however we can never be too complacent.

Rosemary Lenton

Treasurer