



DIBCA
Minutes

Date of Meeting	Time	Location	Minutes Taker
Monday, 21 st of April	19:00	Dumfries Ice Bowl/Microsoft Teams	Luke Wedge

Present	Apologies
John Graham – Chairman Graham Sloan – Development Officer Rosemary Lenton – Treasurer David Kingan – Committee Member Michael Kyle – Committee Member Jim Hogg - Committee Member Gordon McKnight – Dumfries Curling Robert Carruthers – Committee Member Tony Lenton – Committee Member Gavin Kilgour – Vice Chairman Susan Morrison – Ladies Chair Luke Wedge - Secretary	Stuart Armstrong – 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 Tony Lenton and Susan Morrison.	
Correspondence	No Correspondence.	

Reports	Discussion	Action
Chairman's Report	<p>One person has registered their interest in the DCL director role. For confidentiality purposes, names will remain anonymous until an official proposal has been finalised.</p> <p>Woodlands Hotel has been provisionally booked for the DIBCA AGM on Tuesday, 20th of May. GM to get back to the committee regarding cost and any additional details. A Trustee Report and Accounts need to be completed before the AGM.</p> <p>DK to let the committee know regarding DIBCA Constitution Trustee formalities for the AGM.</p> <p>All committee members are reminded to share the DCL advertisement within their clubs and curling community to maximize reach.</p>	
Treasurer's Report	<p>To view the full Treasurers report, view Appendix A.</p> <p>RL thanks SM for her support before and during the Scottish Wheelchair Championships held it April.</p> <p>RL to phone the bank to stop service charges as DIBCA are a registered charity.</p> <p>DIBCA have received a reply from The Hugh Fraser Foundation regarding an application that was submitted. They are pledging £3000.00 towards the Curling's Cool program, which is currently running for free. It is noted that a match funder is needed to receive these funds.</p>	
Dumfries Curling Limited	<p>GS & GM have organised a meeting with the DCL Directors next week to discuss short term issues/solutions. The outcome of this meeting will be shared back to the committee.</p> <p>Facility works have begun around the building and communication with the onsite manager has been positive regarding progress in the curling hall. GS has thanked the various volunteers that have helped the last 2-3 weeks with ice removal and getting ready for summer closure.</p> <p>New best practices for ice removal have been learned and implemented.</p>	

	Dumfries Curling are looking to engage with members and clubs throughout the summer to keep the communication open. It is important to inform clubs to keep/increase ice bookings for next season, regardless of opening later in the season.	
Competitions Report	Most of the Competitions Report has been done. It is difficult to split the curler of the year women's category so there may have to be multiple winners.	
Ladies Section Report	The ladies AGM will take place on Tuesday, 13 th of May at the Woodlands Hotel. Janice Craig will be the new Ladies President for the upcoming 2025/26 season.	
RCCC	A meeting with the working group has taken place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer base is small, looking to increase. • Looking to be ice rink based instead of area based • The Indoor Grand Match is currently being scheduled for November 15th, 2025, which is National Curling Day. 	
Curling Development Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Olympic 2026 group chat has been created on What's app to plan for the Olympic season in 2025/26. • Discussions have taken place with the college for 360 floor curling by Scottish Curling's promotion. • Several clubs have been in discussions for next season regarding booking coaching & development plans. • 4 members of staff and some coaching volunteers are travelling to Stirling's NCA on Friday for a wheelchair coaching course. • 6 new curlers took part in the Scottish Wheelchair Championships which was great to see. <p>The second year of the development plan (2024 – 2027) will focus on the Olympic season and how we can benefit from the Olympic bounce going into 2027.</p>	
Dumfries's Young Curlers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Dumfries Young Curlers AGM will be held on Sunday, 11th of May at St George's Church at 2pm – 5pm. • Discussions are taking place within the junior club to implement direct debit to members. • A float for Guid Nychbarris has been organised 	

AOCB	Action
<p>Preparation for Scottish Curling Championships 2026 has started with an organising committee needing to be organised. This is to stay on the agenda in future meetings.</p> <p>The facility works around the curling hall may create more opportunities for sponsorship.</p> <p>It has been raised by a DIBCA member that while umpires are volunteers and their efforts are appreciated; the umpiring can be inconsistent in Scottish Curling competitions. GS will feed this back to SC.</p> <p>The committee has agreed that the DIBCA Levy will increase from £15.00 to £20.00 for an adult and £10.00 to £15.00 for a junior to match inflation costs.</p> <p>The next DIBCA Committee meeting will be held on Monday, 12th of May to discuss any important matters before the AGM on the 20th of May.</p>	

Date of next Meeting

Monday, 12 th of May

Appendix A

DIBCA Meeting 21 April 2025

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance

£26,378.79

This includes the £1000 donation from the ladies Henderson Bishop to the Wheelchair Group, of which £200 has been spent on their entry fee to the Scottish Wheelchair Championships which were held here very recently.

Susan mentioned at the last meeting that a group she is involved with has been hit by Bank Service charges, I can report that we also are now having to pay £4.25 in service charges.

The accounts for the year 2024-25 have now been compiled, I now need to contact Margaret Carruthers to see if she is willing to Audit them again this year. The final yearend balance is £25,583.04.

Rosemary Lenton

Treasurer