



SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 27th January 2016 at Hamilton Ice Rink

Present	Paul Webster	PW	Chairman
	Gordon Rainey	GR	Treasurer
	Ian Archer	IA	Competitions Convener
	Fiona Kennedy	FK	RCCC Rep
	Jacky McLaren	JMcL	North Clubs Rep
	Michael Greaves-Macintosh	MG-M	South Clubs Rep
	Maureen Griffiths	MG	Minutes Secretary

The chair (PW) welcomed everyone.

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Sheila Swan, Mary Bell and Gavin McLeod.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting were approved - proposed by IA and seconded by JMcl .

3. Matters arising

None

4. Chairman's Report PW

DW has resigned on health grounds.

PW will resign at AGM having served the year between DM and DW as agreed.

PW had meeting with FK and GMcl re interaction/co-operation of RCCC and SWCA.

Minutes will be circulated

Action FK

5. Financial Report GR

Correction to Secretary's Report of 13/10/1 minutes – Grant application from Stirling should read £50

Comments have been made re “excessive bank balance”. This would not have been the case had all the projects in the Action Plan been realised.

After discussion, it was decided to cash in the bond within the 14 days decision period and add the proceeds to the bank account. Decisions on where/how to invest SWCA funds will be made by new committee after next year's Action Plan and financial commitments are set.

IA stated he thought the momentum of the SWCA had stalled –if not reversed. Discussion on reasons concluded that one of many reasons could be cost and current economic climate.

FK stated that the RCCC was hoping to recruit a development officer who could help to alleviate the scarcity of curlers. The idea of SWCA using some of their funds to support a development or admin officer was discussed. No decision was taken.

Pairs Competition Outgoings were:-

Ice costs £1600 , Lunch £ 125, Trophies £ 100 resulting in a profit of approx. £130.

Memberships: Aberdeen has paid but Borders and Dundee declined the invite to become members .

Financial Report for AGM in preparation.

Action GR

6 Secretary's Report

There was no report as MB is unwell and could not attend. The committee wish her a speedy recovery.

7. Competitions Convener's Report IA

National Pairs

The competition held at Braehead was a success.

The new sponsor –Mobility Solutions-was very time consuming to deal with but it is hoped this can be improved.

The British Open

This competition was fully subscribed with 8 international teams included in the 12 competing teams.

The competition went exceptionally well with only one little disappointment – there was no scoring posted on the internet.

Friendship Trophy

Scheduled for the 12th Feb at the Peak, Stirling. North has a full team of 10 and South has 9 + a possible so the competition will definitely go ahead.

The meal will be sponsored by Ann McGarva, who will also present the prizes. As the meal is being sponsored the cost has been reduced to £15 per head.

Scottish

To be held 3-5th March with 12 teams competing. It is sponsored by Fergusson Coal.

The umpires have been allocated by RCCC (unfortunately without notification to IA)

FK to request Aline keeps Competition Convener informed in future.

Action FK

Due to personal time constraints, IA will step down at AGM but has expressed his willingness to help the new incumbent.

RCCC has indicated they could take on some 'tasks' and liase with the local competition conveners.

8. SDS Report G McL

No report

9. National Coach's Report SS

No Report

10. RCCC Rep Report FK

Minutes of informal meeting with PW and GMcL to be circulated to the committee.

Action FK

Aline to be requested to liaise with local competition conveners.

Action FK

FK agreed to try to approach clubs directly to increase interest and participation. Help would also come from SDS with local clubs and the North and South reps being kept informed. FK will try to see all the clubs by end of season

Action FK

Disabled Curlers Scotland was discussed. FK advised that they are a multi disability group offering curling. Their activities do not appear to be in conflict with those of SWCA.

CamGlen radio contacted RCCC with a view to promoting disability sports on the radio. PW will handle.

Action PW

Disability inclusion course is being organised and will be available to all interested coaches.

The possible development of Junior curling sessions will be looked at again after development of existing clubs has been progressed.

Elgin are carrying out stick curling games.

11. North Club Rep Report J McL

Try Curling session held at The Peak attracted four people. Two were passed on to Braehead, one thoroughly enjoyed himself but was so severely disabled that curling was not at all practicable, so Stirling gained one new member.

Communication with clubs is difficult as correspondence is not acknowledged.

Friendship Games – see competitions convener's report

12. South Club Rep Report MG-M

Interest in wheelchair curling appears to be waning and it is difficult to get answers to e-mails, etc.

Friendship Games – see competitions convener's report

13. Action Plan

Current Action Plan to be abandoned. For next season it needs to be adjusted with tighter time frames and more realistic objectives.

14. AOCB

The AGM will be held on the 3rd March at 5.30 in Stirling. JMCL to book a location near the Peak. **Action J McL**

The following positions are vacant:- Chairperson, Vice- Chairperson and Competitions Convener. PW and FK will produce job descriptions for the vacant positions. **Action PW,FK**

All relevant information re the AGM will be circulated to the clubs. **Action MB**

15. DONM

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There being no other business PW closed the meeting at 12.25hrs