



SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday, 25th June 2015 at Hamilton Ice Rink

Present	Paul Webster	PW	Chairman
	David Wightman	DW	Vice-chairman
	Ian Archer	IA	Competitions Convener
	Gordon Rainey	GR	Treasurer
	Mary Bell	MB	Secretary
	Sheila Swan	SS	Head Coach Wheelchair Curling
	Gavin McLeod	GMcL	SDS Rep
	Michael Greaves-MacIntosh	MG-M	South Clubs Rep
	Jackie McLaren	J McL	North Clubs Rep
	Maureen Griffiths	MG	Minutes Secretary

The chair (PW) welcomed everyone.

1. Apologies
No apologies received
2. Minutes of previous meeting
Minutes of previous meeting were approved- proposed by DW and seconded by IA
3. Matters arising
No matters arising which are not covered later.
4. Chairman's Report PW
Congratulations to SS on her promotion to Head Coach Wheelchair Curling.
Attended British Curling meeting on Performance Management.
5. Financial Report GR
See attachment 1
Hand over from previous treasurer nearly complete – just waiting for bank.
The only thing that we should possibly mention regarding funding is due to the large unrestricted balance in the account it is going to be very difficult to obtain funding because on our current forecast we would have enough for 3 years.

On The 23rd June we are sitting with a balance of £13,514.56. For the 4 competitions we are looking at a shortfall of £2600 providing all places are filled. This would leave a balance of just under £10,900.

With regards to the Action Plan I wouldn't be happy spending any more than £4000, over and above the competitions costs, unless we are able to secure funding.

Six clubs have paid the £25 SWCA membership. I am still waiting on payment from Aberdeen, Borders, Dundee, Lockerbie, Lothian, Moray and Stirling. **Action GR**

As there is not a set process for joining SWCA & requesting payments it was decided that one should be set up. Invite to join SWCA to be sent to Lothian and Dundee **Action MB**

Borders may possibly re-consider joining SWCA. **Action MB**

6. Competitions Convener's Report IA

Ice allocations for all the competitions have now been confirmed.

National pairs

That pairs competition will run at a loss of £908 as sponsorship for it has been lost.

Allied Mobility have been approached but have not yet responded.

There are already 12 out of 16 entrants confirmed.

British Open

Last year TZ expressed an interest in running this competition under WCF rules over 8 ends. This would increase the costs but we would still be within budget. It has been established that timing clocks and the associated equipment are all available but trained volunteers are in short supply. IA to pursue options re timers with SS. IA also to discuss the possibility of SS providing some funding from her budget to offset British Open funding shortfall

Action IA SS

Scottish

This competition will break even.

It was noted that last year's winning team was 'top heavy' but it was acknowledged that this was unavoidable.

Friendship

All ice booked. J McL and MG-M will contact clubs early in the season to begin selecting their teams, and advise IA of their line-ups "in good time". **Action J McL MG-M**

Discussion ensued as to who was the final arbiter during competitions – the umpire or the tournament director. It was decided this would be covered in the rules. **Action IA/SS**

7. SDS Report G McL

The AGM will be held on 23rd Sept at the Stirling Management Centre. Anyone wishing to go to let GMcL know. Annual Awards will be presented so please put forward any suggestions.

New Strategy (2017 – 21) to be considered and will cover the whole country.

Priority Sports to be reviewed – curling is a priority.

Inverclyde site has been flattened and is to be rebuilt as 'Para Sports Centre of Excellence'. Completion is scheduled for Dec2016 and it is hoped that the summer camp 2017 will be held there.

This summer's camp will be held at Badaguish

8 National Coach's Report SS

Camp to be held in July. There are 11 curlers in the squad – podium to potential podium level. Priority will be given to preparation for the World Wheelchair B Curling Championship (qualifier for World Wheelchair Curling Championship) which will be held from 7th-12th Nov.

9 North Club Rep Report J McL

No report

Stirling Wheel Chair Curling Club volunteers were awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Services.

10 South Club Rep Report MG-M

No Report

11 Action Plan See attachment 2

PW contacted all members via club secretaries to ask if they had any suggestions for inclusion in the action plan. PW noted disappointment that he received only 1 reply. Discussion ensued on each element of the action plan. The action plan was amended to show progress, further action - and the committee member responsible.

12 SWCA Social Media Plans and Ideas

To avoid any problems with 'social media' SWCA will review media policy currently in use by SDS

Action G McL PW MB

13 SWCA On Ice Helpers

Instructions for on-ice helpers were e-mailed to clubs. It was pointed out by JMCL that instructions were a bit long winded and therefore off- putting for the helpers. It was agreed to try to precis them.

Action MG

14 Fundraising

GR approached Allied Mobility and is awaiting a response. PW has explored various grant applications, both statutory and private, but due to the large unrestricted balance in the account it is going to be very difficult to obtain funding as, on our current forecast, we would have enough funds for 3 years. PW would like to explore company sponsorship for the British.

Action GR PW

15 AOCB

None

16 DONM

The next meeting will be held on 18th August

There being no other business PW closed the meeting at 12.35hrs