

## **ROYAL CALEDONIAN CURLING CLUB**

# MORAY PROVINCE

**EXECUTIVE MEETING NOTES**

**Held at the Laichmoray Hotel, Elgin**

**On Sunday 23rd October 2016**

**PRESENT**

M Fraser, M Pickthall, A Maltman, W Jaffrey, A Campbell, S MacIver,

 M Pottie.

1. **APOLOGIES**

N Durno, M Clark, I Dawson.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence

1. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21ST FEBRUARY 2016**

The Minutes were noted.

1. **MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising.

1. **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Appendix 1.

1. **MATCH SECRETARIES’ COMPETITION PROGRESS REPORTS**

Appendices 2 & 3.

1. **AREA 10 REPORT**

No report.

1. **MORAY PROVINCE CURLING DEVELOPMENT GROUP REPORT**

Appendix 4.

1. **PROVINCE WEBSITE UPDATE**

Appendix 5.

1. **UPDATE ON RE-LOCATION OF PROVINCE WINNERS’ BOARDS AT MLC**

Not discussed.

1. **UPDATE ON PURCHASE OF PROVINCE LAPEL BADGES**

250 Province lapel badges have been purchased and priced at £3 each.

1. **PROGRAMMING OF LATE ICE FOR PROVINCE EAST JUNIORS**

The subject of late ice for juniors was discussed. It was confirmed that, as far as it was practically possible, the programme would be arranged to ensure that juniors in Division 5 only played early ice. It was agreed that once a junior team progressed to the higher Divisions it was reasonable that they should be expected to play late ice if required. Sandra MacIver asked that a note of thanks to Bill Jaffrey for the excellent job he was doing in his new role as Match Secretary East be recorded.

1. **AOCB**

Alan Campbell, in his new role as the Province ICE4ALL Rep, updated the meeting on the group’s recent activities. He reported that ICE4ALL had held two full meetings since their AGM and stated that previous members of ICE4ALL had done an excellent job of looking after the interests of the MLC ice users; a meeting with two of the new MLC Board Members was due to take place this coming Tuesday. He reported that the new Board seemed very willing to talk to ICE4ALL which they believed was very encouraging. The MLC management have concerns about the establishment of a new gym at the Springfield Business Park which could have an impact on their business. In conclusion, ICE4ALL were encouraged by the recent changes to the MLC Board.

1. **DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The February Province Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday the 19th of February 2017.

M A Pickthall

Province Secretary

**Appendix1**

Treasurer’s report – Province committee meeting, Sunday 23rd October 2016

We started the year with £3,330 in the General account and as at 19th October we have £4,450.

Almost all the subs & fees have been received and the two sums outstanding are being actively pursued. Expenditure so far has been engraving, entry to national Province championship and new enamel badges.

We now have 250 Province badges which are on sale at £3 each.

The Development account currently stands at £8,270.

A Maltman, Province Treasurer

**APPENDIX 2**

**MATCH SECRETARY EAST REPORT**

There were a few "teething " issues with Province league draws,initially. Some of these were due to the new match secretary and some due to communication issues when a team pulled out of division 3,requiring rehashing draws for divisions 3,4 and 5.
In future,I will ensure that communication on late changes is sent directly to skips rather than match secs.
Bill Nicol has been very helpful in setting me up with a results template which should update league tables automatically.
Report on initial results was sent to and published by The Northern Scot and the Forres Gazette.

**APPENDIX 3**

**MATCH SECRETARY WEST REPORT**

The first Moray Province West games of the season got under way on Wednesday 5th October at the newly refurbished ice centre in Inverness. The improvements mean the ice rink is much brighter and the ice conditions were good, albeit tricky at times.

Unfortunately, David Torrance one of the 2nd Division skips discovered the team he had intended to play were not all available and he was not going to manage to find players for the season so withdrew his rink the evening before the first games were due to be played. A hasty revision of the fixture list was done and the third placed team in Division 3 from last season have been promoted to fill the resulting gap which means Fiona Steel will be playing in Division 2 this season. As she was only made aware of this at the last minute (originally she had a bye for 5th October) it was too late for her to organise her rink and will therefore play their first game against Bob Pottie at a mutually convenient time when ice is available. This means there are now only 4 teams in Division 3 who will play each other 3 times during the season. This was the best arrangement that I could come up with at the last minute and if rink numbers remain the same it might be worthwhile looking at alternative league structures for next season i.e. 2 leagues of 8??

The results from the first round were wins in Division 1 for Ali Asher, Neil MacArthur and Larry Kerr whilst Rob Craigie and Ian Thompson won the Division 2 games. Seamus McArdle won the Division 3 game that was played with the other fixture being postponed until a later date. The ice rink in Inverness only opened on Monday 3rd October so it wasn’t possible to re-arrange this match before the scheduled date.

The first round of our Open knock-out will be played on 3rd November and there are 8 teams entered in this.

The league winners competition due to be played in Inverness on Saturday 15th October has been cancelled due to lack of numbers and Mike Jack will try to run this on a different date if he can get sufficient entries.

**APPENDIX 4**

Report for Moray Province.

The MPCDG is well prepared for the commencement of the new season and I highlighting some of the items as follows;
Try Curling dates confirmed as  22nd Nov
Follow on Beginners courses confirmed as 29th Nov,6th, 13th Dec and 20th Dec
Students Try Curling day was completed in line with the National Sports a Day on 28th Sept. 7 students attended and it was well received .
Wheelchair Try Curling session to be offered on the 22nd Nov.
Stick Try Curling session agreed but confirmation of date required.
The RCCC has been subject to much change during the summer with a number of faces moving on and a few newcomers joining.
Our new head of Development is Jane Booth and the Committee have met with her in order to finalise our Target Plan for 2016/17.
This plan involves all curlers , not just coaches, and our main driver is to increase the number of participants to curling. This could be junior, Adult or any individual with mobility problems. Please encourage any individual to come along and try the sport in one or more of the courses available. [www.trycurling.com](http://www.trycurling.com/)
Another priority for MPCDG is to encourage more of our existing curlers to come along to the free coaching. Although much is done to advertise this,we still only have had a couple of Moray Province teams coming forward to increase their skills. It may be that existing curlers feel they are too long in the tooth to learn something new or change their style but we cover any subject from fault finding,delivery,sweeping to tactics. At each discipline , the individual can choose which level to ascend to and unless they wish to change their delivery, we would not encourage it.
Also, some Moray Province clubs have very small number of curlers and although the coaching is free, the ice charges are as normal. We acknowledge that arranging eight curlers for a coaching session may be difficult and costly and we are considering a possibility that any member from any club can apply to have a coaching session and put their names forward. Once eight curlers names are received we will arrange a coaching session.

Many of you will know that the MPCDG were successful in our bid for a grant from Awards for All and £3,456 was given to us to purchase equipment for all to use during coaching lessons. Part of the funding included financial help for travel to and from the ice rink for schools.

Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) has also been high on the agenda of RCCC and a refresher course took place in Elgin in Nov.

As every year, help in coaching is such an important part of our success and I ask the Moray Province Committee to once again help where and when they can. The more helpers and coaches, the easier it is to spread the load. Unfortunately , I sustained a serious leg injury during the summer and cannot step on the ice for coaching this year. My aim is to try and coach from the edge. I look to you all to help me as much as possible.

The growth of the Virtual Club has been a tremendous success and has resulted in this group moving to a Tuesday night at 5pm. Sandra McIver has kindly agreed to take over the coaching of the Virtual Club with help from Gordon Fraser and Sandy Howie. Again, help with their coaching would be very much appreciated.

Courses are always available through the MPCDG and those interested in becoming a level 1 or level 2 coach should contact me for further details.

On behalf of the Committee, I look to the Province to assist us again this year and look forward to the challenges ahead this season.

Yours in curling,

Campbell

**APPENDIX 5**

The Webmasters report for 23rd October 2016 holds no revelations just the usual appeals.

There are synced calendars both on the web site and face book and are very nearly completed, dates can be put on this through the webmaster either under the province or under MPCDG or both.

More participation in general is required on the web site from the Province Committee, Clubs and individual curlers to keep it up to date for anyone who may refer to it.

1/ Area 10 Competitions? Have they happened are there new dates.
2/ Has Moray Province done any promotional work and effort due to the promised return of the Johnston and Carmichael to Moray Leisure Centre.

1/ Are any clubs running promotional events to encourage curlers to join them?
2/ Are any clubs planning outside curling and who are the contact people if the weather turns for the better
3/ Each club has a space on the web site do they want to enter information against their name either to date or historical.

The lay out of the website can be discussed should anyone think there could be improvements

It’s a bit embarrassing preaching about a Web site / Calendar as we all know what it is and what it is for.

Please try and supply material

Thanks

Bill Nicol 23/10/16