**Webmasters Personal Opinion
23rd October 2016**

**I have just posted the minutes of the Moray Province Committee meeting held on the 25th October 2016 in the Laichmoray Hotel Elgin.
Total attendance at the meeting was 7 including Province Office Bearers, a shocking turn out for a meeting called as per the Province constitution i.e. appropriate notification, appropriate agenda and in a pre-agreed location, what more can the Province Secretary do to call a recognised meeting (One to be held in October and the other in February).**

**Of those curlers present (7) 4 were from the executive and 2 representing clubs who were Buckie, Moray Firth Ladies and the other 1 as Vice President of the Ladies Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.
Apologies were received from 2 members of the executive and 1 club, Darnaway CC**

**If your club is not mentioned above then your club is being dilatory in its duties in being an inactive member of the Moray Province which oversees the indoor curling on your behalf year in year out as well liaise with the Highland and Moray Area Committee and the Royal Caledonian Curling club at their behest.**

**To be fair Clubs can no longer be blamed for such a desperate state of affairs the Province finds itself in, each and every curler is now responsible as the constitution was changed at the 2015 AGM to allow any club member to represent their club at Province level to encourage attendance and participation from all clubs to TWO meetings a year, (plus any others if required).**

**Personally as someone who has been directly involved with the Moray Province for 43 plus years and have been directly involved in instigating and bringing on 40 odd juniors over the past number of years, I have had assistance and assisted many curlers but unfortunately from only a very small percentage, IS IT NOT TIME YOU STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE, to keep curling as a prominent sport in MORAY.
If anyone wishes to discuss my opinion or pass comment then I will be please to field any questions, ideas etc. you may have, also feel free to contact the MORAY PROVINCE SECRETARY direct.**

**Bill Nicol. 25/10/16**

**The following is a copy and paste of the email the secretary put out to all clubs with the minutes of the meeting on 25/10/16.**Dear Club Secretary,

The Province Committee Meeting due to have been held on Sunday the 23rd of October at the Laichmoray Hotel in Elgin was not quorate. The Committee Meeting which should have been held on the 18th of October 2015 was also not quorate. I would like to remind you that the Province Constitution stipulates that a Committee meeting is to be held in October and February each year. In order to make it easier for clubs to be represented at these meetings, the Constitution was changed by a majority vote at the 2015 AGM, removing the requirement for club representatives to be elected onto the Committee and thereby allowing any club member to attend as the club’s representative.

It is very frustrating for the Executive who carry out the work of the Province throughout the year and those clubs members who do make the effort to attend, travelling from as far afield as Inverness, Nairn and Buckie, to discover on arrival that the meeting cannot go ahead. I would remind you that it is the Executive and the Committee that ensures that the Province functions throughout the year. As one member remarked, the lack of participation by the clubs in the Province's affairs is placing the infrastructure of the Province in danger of breaking down.

 Because I do not have email addresses for individual club members, may I politely suggest that it is your responsibility to ensure that all your members are kept informed about Province matters.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Pickthall

Province Secretary