

## **ROYAL CALEDONIAN CURLING CLUB**

# MORAY PROVINCE

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Held in the Knockomie Hotel, Forres**

**On Sunday 16TH of February 2020**

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| **PRESENT** | S. Rankin, M McInnes, A Maltman,  W Jaffrey, M Pickthall, E Milne,  W Nicol, A Stanfield, A Fraser,  S MacIver, L Hardy, C Bennett,  C Ross, S Seaton, J Rankin,  A McIntyre, S Pilkington. Irene Manson |  |
| 1. **APOLOGIES** | A Campbell, D Ross, M Pottie,  R Stewart, D McPherson, F McInnes, D Patterson. |  |
| 1. **CORRESPONDENCE** | Correspondence was received from Ann Gibb and Irene Manson requesting a funding grant for the incoming Canadian Ladies’ Tour and a supply of Province pin badges.  A letter of congratulation was sent to Jamie Rankin on his selection for Team GB in the Youth Olympics 2020. |  |
| 1. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27th OCTOBER 2019** | The Minutes were approved, proposed by Mike McInnes and seconded by Bill Nicol. |  |
| 1. **MATTERS ARISING** | Bill Nicol asked that it be minuted that the Province Data Protection Privacy Notice was available to view on the Province website. The Secretary stated that he had apologised to the Webmaster for the misunderstanding.  There was still no Match Secretary appointed for the West and Bill Jaffrey explained the difficulties he was having trying to scrutinise their league score cards. Mike McInnes has been very proactive in attempting to find a volunteer to take on the role. The President undertook to write to the clubs in the West setting a deadline for them to respond. In the short term, however, Bill Jaffrey was prepared to continue to oversee their leagues. He explained the difficulty he had scrutinizing the score cards properly. Arrangements have been made to have the cards collected by Keith Petrie who then forwards them electronically to Bill. | **SR** |
| 1. **FINANCIAL UPDATE** | Scott Seaton, who will be proposed as Alastair’s replacement as Treasurer at the AGM, was introduced to the Meeting.  Alastair gave a financial update (Appendices 1 & 2) He proposed that the Province subs should be increased from £3.20 to £3.60 which, with the addition of the Area 13 levy of 0,40p raised the total to £4.00 and asked for a show of hands in favour of the increase being put to the membership at the AGM.  Financial assistance by way of a grant had been requested to help towards the cost of the incoming Canadian Ladies Tour and he confirmed that up to £500 should be available, based on an established formula. He also confirmed that requests for Province pin badges could be met on a sale or return basis.  Stephen asked that the Minutes reflect the members’ appreciation for Alastair’s tremendous contribution over many years to the Province. |  |
| 1. **COMPETITIONS UPDATE** | The Match Secretary updated the meeting on the competitions in the East. (Appendix 3)  Bill agreed to place a notice in the ice rink to advertise Province competitions. | **BJ** |
| 1. **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION** | The proposed changes to the Constitution were summarised and questions about particular changes and their rationale were explained.  There was concern about the removal of club reps as a result of a previous change to the Constitution in 2015; it was thought that this removed a direct point of contact between the Executive Committee and the clubs. It was agreed, therefore, that the requirement for club reps should be reinstated and the Secretary agree that he would include them on the Province Annual Return. | **MP** |
| 1. **APPOINTMENT OF MATCH SECRETARY WEST** | The President undertook to write to all the clubs in the West to explain that they had a responsibility to find someone to fill the post. | **SR** |
| 1. **2020 INDOOR GRAND MATCH** | A subcommittee will be formed, with Stephen as chair, to organise the forthcoming 2020 Indoor Grand Match.  Members would be asked whether they wished to play at home or away. It was suggested that sub-committee members should elect to play at home. A grant of £28/player will be made available from Scottish Curling. A letter would be circulated to all the clubs asking for volunteers to sit on the  sub-committee. | **SR**  **MP** |
| 1. **AREA 13 SENIOR REP’S REPORT** | Appendix 4. |  |
| 1. **AOCB** | It was announced that George Pirie from Nairn Curling Club had sadly passed away. The Secretary to write to his family.  Gregor Ewan and Jim Gault were members of the winning rink in the British Open. The Secretary to write to them both. | **MP**  **MP** |
| 1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** | The next meeting will provisionally be arranged for Sunday 27th of September 2020.  The AGM will be brought forward to Wednesday 6th of May 2020. |  |

There being no further business, Stephen thanked all those present for attending and the meeting closed at 10.00pm

M A Pickthall

Province Secretary

**APPENDICES 1 & 2**

**Moray Province Treasurer’s Report 27th October 2019**

Current Balances – General £6,320.91 and Development £5,895.21

95% of Subscriptions, Fees & levy have been received. One payment due and I know it will be received shortly.

The balance is usually high at this time, most of the expenditure comes in second half of season. The prediction for the year end is in the region of £4,300/4,400.

Membership now stands at 261 (6% down on last season). I’ll continue to monitor the financial position and will provide an update in February so that any proposals to amend fees & subscriptions can be fully discussed and agreed prior to the AGM.

Alastair Maltman, Treasurer



**APPENDIX 3**

MORAY PROVINCE EAST MATCH SECRETARY COMPETITION UPDATE 16/02/20

The Mixed Knockout was won by Wilson Burnett’s rink of Fiona Ewen, Bill Jaffrey and Christine Wood. Unfortunately, the final was the only game played in a competition that had a mere 3 entries. The preliminary round game was conceded.

The Ladies knockout has been won by Fiona Steele, with Margaret Pottie, Janet Burns and Moira Clark, and the Open Knockout final will be contested by Ali Asher and Ali Fraser.

The Mixed Pairs will be played on Monday 16th March with the Province Points on Tuesday 24th March.

A mixed doubles night in December was successful and popular but a suitable follow up date has not yet been arranged.

In the Province League, apart from a small number of rearranged games, we are pretty well up to date, but West scorecard collection and administration has been challenging, with the continued absence of a Match Secretary. We are indebted to Mike MacInnes and Keith Petrie for their help in card collection. The 3 player trial has been utilised on several occasions and has helped to avoid concessions and difficult rearrangements and I would propose we adopt it as a permanent rule for next season.

Bill Jaffrey

**Appendix 4**

HIGHLAND & MORAY AREA 13 SCOTTISH CURLING

MEETING 13 JANUARY 2020

Welcome to the meeting and thank you for attending.

We, as the Area committee, should congratulate Jamie Rankin on his selection for the GB curling team for the Youth Olympics. I feel an email via Stephen would be appropriate.

The Tamnavulin match between Area 13 and the Areas Standing Committee (ASC) takes place here on 4 February. The lunch is due at 1.00pm with the curling starting at 2.00pm. White & Mackay,the parent company of Tamnavulin, has agreed to supply 5 bottles for the occasion, 4 for the winning rink and one for general consumption (either at lunch or stacking the brooms). I will supply another bottle and also prizes for the best rink in the losing side. Richard has suggested Area 13 subsidise the day to some extent; we can discuss this later. I still don’t know how many ASC members are coming, partly because quite a few are due to go on the Swiss Tour later this week and are due back just a few days before the 4th. I am lining up some volunteers to make up the numbers and have to thank Finlay for his help with this.

The Area 13 AGM is due in April at which time I stand down as Area rep. To keep a North representation at ASC level we need to persuade somebody or preferably two people to take up the posts. Any help with this would be most welcome.

The Indoor Grand Match will take place on 24th October. We will need to set up a sub-committee to organise the Inverness event and co-ordinate with Elgin to ensure we share ideas for best practice. As we will have to opt to play either home or away it would help if the main organisers opt for home. If we can find any sponsors to help with staging a good day so much the better.

Since our last Area 13 meeting in September there has been one joint ASC/LSC and one ASC only meeting. The subject of the Structural Review did not get much of a mention at these meetings, with little feedback from the Board of Scottish Curling. Meetings were held at various rinks around the country in November to explain the aims of the Review (not in Elgin or Inverness) but there has been no feedback to the ASC yet.

There are still 2 Area bonspiels to be played and Richard will update us on these.

The men’s Worlds will be played in the Emirates Stadium in Glasgow at the end of March/beginning of April. Ticket sales are going well but Glasgow Life, who have taken on the organisation of the event, seem to be using those who have volunteered for them in the past and very few curlers have been taken on. This is a concern in the curling community.

There is a Canadian Ladies’ Tour, due in November, to play at both Elgin and Inverness. No doubt Area 13 will be willing to help both financially and in other ways if required.

On financial matters (reporting as Area treasurer) the current bank balance is £7118.53. The two bonspiels have both shown a small surplus and Moray has paid it’s Area subs (without prompting!).

I keep forgetting to remind the Province Treasurers about the levy of 40p per member payable to Area 13. I would be grateful if you could ask your Province Treasurer to let me have a cheque for the appropriate amount soon.