# DUMFRIES ICE BOWL CURLING ASSOCIATION

# MEETING: 11th January 2011

**Present: Jim Hogg, David McKie, Colin Freeman, John Graham, Andrew Whyte, Robert Sommerville, Andy McLean, Alex Bryden,**

**Apologies:** David Owen, Mike Baird, David Hardie, Derek Archibald, Ruariadh Whyte, Hazel Wales

**Chair:** Fiona Hardie **In Attendance:** Kenneth Green

**Minutes:** Graham Sloan

| **Item** | Action |
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| **2. Minutes of previous meeting**  The minutes of the meeting held on 14th December were accepted as accurate  **3. Matters Arising**  Lockerbie Presidents Day – Dumfries Ice Bowl Curling Association had been invited to enter a team. Fiona Hardie would pass invitation on to see if a team could be entered.  Step on Sliders Invoice – An invoice had been received for 10 step-on sliders. This was passed on to the treasurer to pay from a grant received earlier in the season.  Sports council financial protocol – The Association had applied for funding and was required to sign a financial protocol to meet with conditions as the current constitution did not meet all necessary requirements. These requirements would be addressed at Extra Ordinary AGM next month. It was agreed to sign the document and the treasurer would return to sports council.  **4. Council Business**  Colin Freeman addressed the committee in the absence of Facility Manager.  TV Monitors and Cameras to enhance the viewing within the new curling hall would not be possible within the Capital Project Budget, however CF suggested approaching the discretionary grants budget to see if there was any opportunity to raise funds for the system.  Carpets would not be put into the changing rooms but mats could be put in place at the doors into the curling hall and at the changing room doors.  CF was informed that the new hacks were leaving black marks on the ice and increasing the number of pick ups. It was pointed out that the whole surrounds of the ice pad were contributing to the dirty ice, the lack of cleaning around the surrounds with a hover, outside contractors being allowed in the building and on the ice with footwear covered in mud. The new club brushes needed to be cleaned by the members after using them and also the staff to help with cleanliness.  CF stated he would look into these issues.  CF asked the committee what was meant by Members Tickets Books.  Ticket books would be sold to members at the start of the season and each ticket could be used for games of curling. Money up front and tickets handed in for each game. This suggestion was to help ease congestion at the till when skips were paying for the game.  CF would go back to finance to discuss the option.  CF asked Robert Sommerville how regular the Association would like the levy contribution. RS asked for a monthly payment along with a calculation on the amount. A.McLean stated that he would also look to set up the curlings cool programme levy to a monthly payment.  Scoreboards would be fitted by 12th Jan. Coat hooks for changing rooms and ice hall, brush holders and notice boards were all being pushed forward but the reason for the delay was due to the 12month defect period that was in place for additional work to the building. All additional work needed to be passed through the Architect and the jobs had to be offered the project contractors first. It was hoped that these areas would be covered shortly. The committee requested a shelf above the coat hooks in the changing rooms to help create more space.  This would be added to the list.  **5. RCCC**  No report. It also looked unlikely that a Grand Match would take place due to the thaw and snow.  **6. Coaching & Development**  GS produced a new template for the coaching and development. An invitation to DIBCA was expressed to join discussions with the council and Royal Club regarding curling development at the ice bowl on Friday 14th at 10.30am. John Graham & Andrew Whyte would attend.  A.Mclean reported on the successful primary tournament held on 7th Jan with Noblehill winning the event. Thanks went out to all who helped.  **7. Junior Club**  The Junior Club had successfully gained promotion from the Junior Division 2 Challenge and would play in Division one next season. As special mention went to Ruariadh Whyte who organised the teams for the event and looked after all the players over the challenging weekend of games. All players were a great credit to the Club and Dumfries Ice Bowl  **8. Treasurers Report**  The balance at the start of the meeting was £832.70.  Christmas Cracker expenses were £48 and the income from the cracker raffle was £74. RS thanked Hazel Wales and those involved on the night for running the raffle.  Sponsors were still to pay for the season events. John Graham was asked to speak with Ted Mckie regarding the mixed pairs.  It was agreed to sign the financial protocol from the sports council to meet the requirements of applying for funding. Changes to the current constitution at the next meeting would ensure future grants were easier to apply for.  **9. Competitions Report**  Leagues running well good competition. Club Championship coming up and entries required from all clubs. Mixed pairs draw would be coming up soon as well so entries required.  Scottish Junior Championships taking place in Aberdeen this week with Local representation in Grant Hardie and Fiona Telfer.  **10. Ladies Report**  The Thursday fun league is continuing to live up to its name and we have had very few call offs to date.    Friday 7th January two teams played in the Stranraer Lady President's day. This was a really great day. Dumfries 1 was 2nd in their league, Dumfries 2 won their league.  Unfortunately it was decided to postpone the Lady President's day at Dumfries  -- enteries were hard to get, most were reluctant to travel this distance with the weather so severe.   We are thinking about a Sunday in March hopefully this will be better for more people.  **11. Sub Development Group Report**  GS reported back on behalf of the sub development group. The group had drawn up some guidelines and these were presented to the committee who approved the document. See attached document.  It had been suggested that the current stone sponsorship be updated. It was suggested a 5yr deal be put in place. Stones could be sponsored in Pairs - £60, Half Sets - £100, Full Sets £175 and a Full Rink £300. Current sponsors would be written to, to explain the reasons for changes and given the opportunity to renew. Recent new sponsors would be written to, to explain the 5yr deal. A chart of availability would be created with clear dates for renewal. Boards would be created by the Ice Bowl to record periods of sponsorship for those sponsors who decide not to renew sponsorship deal for a further period. This was approved by the committee.  Kenneth Green had been helping to produce a document to sell sponsorship and had presented this to the group. Further investigation was required into price of materials before final prices could be decided to complete the document. It was hoped that this would be completed by middle of Feb.  The committee were also asked to provide the sub development group with topics to develop and work on. Sponsorship and weekend events were to be worked on over the next month.  **12. AOCB**  **GS informed the committee that he would step down as Secretary at the end of the season.**  **RS would step down as Treasurer at the end of this term and would look to find someone to shadow the position over the next few months.**  **Date of next meeting – 8th Feb 7pm Dumfries Ice Bowl**  **- Extra Ordinary AGM** |  |