

SAUCHIE AND BANNOCKBURN CURLING CLUB - MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (A.G.M.)

Held at FORTHBANK STADIUM, STIRLING on Wednesday 20th April 2016 at 7.00pm

1. Attendance

The following members were in attendance: Alan Watt, Derrick Douglas, Jim Kerr, Norman Ainslie, Jim Marshall, Joe Kincaid, Rory Mackenzie, Joan Anderson.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: John Brisbane, Joan Anderson (would be late).

3. Minutes of 2015 AGM

Minutes of the 2015 AGM were accepted and signed by President and Secretary.

4. President's report

Derrick Douglas gave the president's report as follows:

Thanks to everyone for your commitment throughout the season. Despite having fewer numbers there was a better turn out with volunteers readily available as substitutes.

Thanks to Joe for his efforts in his different roles.

5. Treasurer's report

Joe Kincaid gave the Treasurer's report:

1. Funds decreasing due to meal deal at bonspiels three times a season, free coaching session, commitment to Points.
2. Income decreasing due to drop in membership.
3. Payment scheme functioning well and all accounts up to date.
4. Difference between ice income and expenditure to be investigated.

Points to Note:

- Priorities for expenditure are 1) Points, 2) Coaching, 3) Meals as agreed at committee meeting. Unanimously agreed that all members be charged £4 towards the Points and £4 towards the coaching, to be billed £4 per year.
- Recommend funding only Christmas Meal for £5 per head, focus on coaching to improve satisfaction and enjoyment in curling and cut the expenses. This was also agreed.
- Big catch up in engraving, but used cheaper machine engraving.
- Club subscription could remain the same, as all other associations are freezing their subscriptions and the club funds are still healthy enough to pay the first ice bill.
- 6 people paid more than £60 in their final instalment, suggest increasing the first two payments to £70 for mother club members, £60 for other members. The meeting agreed this change as well.

Derrick thanked Joe for his work on the Club's accounts and Alan for auditing them. The accounts were proposed by Jim Kerr and seconded by Jim Marshall and accepted by the AGM.

5. Representative Member's Report

Joe gave the Representative Member's report:

There was little to report as no Curling Development Officer until recently. Hammy McMillan is now in post. Province and Area AGMs not held yet.

6. Development Officer's report

Joe gave the Development Officer report:

1. Development Plan for this season largely completed.
2. Outstanding tasks for role descriptions for officials' posts agreed by committee and published.
3. One new member introduced at the end of this season.
4. A practice/coaching sheet of ice booked for end of this season (Monday 25th April 6:15pm) and before beginning of next season (Monday 15th August 6:15pm) to get anyone interested ready for the start of play.
5. Points competition support required. 23rd November time with two sheets. The cost of this is included in your subscription, please come and try as it is very relevant to you as a curler.
6. Agreed to play the Hendry trophy as a mini-league of three teams for the less experienced members who want to try skipping a few games in a supportive atmosphere. These games are spaced out among the other tournaments in 2017 to offer some variety of play to everyone. The meeting agreed to decide the winner by shots up.
7. The website receives a small but consistent use. Newsletters on competition final results will be restarted to boost communication.
8. E-mails from the Google calendar for all external matches will continue. Any changes to these teams should be notified to the secretary so these online playing lists can be kept up to date. Personal calendars can also be updated by accepting the invites if desired.

Points to Note:

- Everyone must continue to seek out new players to try curling.
- The coaching days will benefit everyone.
- TryCurling evenings can be found on the internet, the club can support the new players on the night if you let the secretary know before hand.
- The new Development Plan was agreed at committee this year and will be an annual item on the agenda. Chartered Club status requires it.
- The development plan for next year was circulated around the meeting.

7. Match secretary's report

Rory gave the Match Secretary's report:

The club played two additional tournaments this season, the Indoor Grand Match and the Waldie Griffiths, both RCCC matches held at Greenacres. We won our IGM match against Druids but not the WG.

We played Area 6 (now called Forth Valley) bonspiel and knockout competitions.

We played in all the Stirlingshire Province bonspiels winning the Dunn Trophy this year.

Against our brother clubs Borestone and Stirling and Crossmyloof we had success, but not against Torbrex.

8. Membership report

Resignations received for season 2016-2017:

- None so far.

Membership change:

- Jim Neilson has indicated that he will be fit enough to resume playing next season. The meeting agreed that his club membership be carried over to next season. This was greeted as good news as he is a good player. The Secretary will need to manage his availability and hopefully he will provide a schedule for the coming season.

New members requests:

- Iain Gwynne, 15 Princes Crescent, Dollar, 07871875394, iaingwynne@icloud.com
- Dougie McKenzie, 07739 046881, Dougie63m@gmail.com

9. Election of office bearers

Members were re-elected to offices as follows:

- a) President – Derrick Douglas, final year.
- b) Vice President – Graeme Anderson. We will need a nomination for this role next year.
- c) Secretary – Joe indicated that he was happy to carry on in this role.
- d) Match secretary – Rory indicated that he was happy to carry on in this role.
- e) Treasurer – Joe indicated that he was happy to carry on in this role.
- f) Representative member – Derrick, Joe and Ann will cover the duties of this role.
- g) Committee members – Will remain as is. John Brisbane is in his final year.
- h) Auditor – Alan Watt will continue in this role.

10. Subscriptions 2016-2017

It was agreed that both subscriptions would be the same in season 2016-17, but that members will be asked for two payments of £70 per year for mother club and £60 otherwise, with any difference being collected from members at the end of the year.

11. Election of skips

Skips for coming season:

External Competitions

Murray Collins, Graeme Anderson, John Brisbane, Dougie McKenzie

Club Competitions:

Joe Kincaid, Rory MacKenzie, Derrick Douglas

Hendry skips:

Norman Ainslie, Jim Marshall, Alan Watt.

12. Programme for 2016-2017

a) Competitions

The request for ice for next season had to be submitted to the Peak prior to the AGM date. The Pairs competition has been scheduled in January as a single evening, Hendry made into a mini-league, otherwise the format and scheduling of Club competitions will be the same as 2015-16.

b) Social events

Another golf day will be arranged by Graeme Anderson.

13. Any Other Competent Business (A.O.C.B.)

The following general points were raised:

- Kilsyth CC 300 years celebrations, bonspiel in November 2016 some time. We can submit a team if there is no clash of fixtures. It was agreed to send one team.
- RCCC Former Area 6 to be renamed "Forth Valley" comprising Scottish Central, Stirlingshire, Forth and Endrick, and West Lothian Provinces currently having 1003 members with 2 Representatives.
- Trophy maintenance: Recommendations were accepted that once a trophy is no longer able to accept names that there will be no more engraving, due to the cost of extending another base onto the trophy. The filled up trophy would be returned to the donor if they were prepared to provide a replacement. Otherwise the trophy would be presented to the winners for the records only.
- There was a misperception that Sauchie and Bannockburn might have an Alloa base and this might discourage some people from joining. Will attempt to emphasise Bannockburn only in any communications with external organisations.
- Team listings for club competitions will specify the skip first, but all other players in the team have to be given the opportunity to play third. The team list is NOT in playing order except for the skip. This will apply to the next fixture list for 2016-17.
- The Secretary will pursue the opportunity to play the virtual club in a bonspiel.

Sauchie and Bannockburn competition winners 2015-2016

Morrison Trophy (Opening bonspiel)	J Anderson, J Kincaid, B Turner
McWattie Trophy	G Anderson, A Watt, A Kane M Collins
Hendry Trophy	J Marshall, R MacKenzie, B Turner
Mitchell-Wilson Trophy	M Collins, J Kincaid, N Ainslie, R MacKenzie, C Anderson
Bullions Trophy (Christmas bonspiel)	N Ainslie, M Collins, J Anderson, D Douglas, B Turner,
Corrieri Cup	D Douglas, G Anderson, J Anderson, A Kane
Muirhead Trophy	M Collins, N Ainslie, J Kerr and G Anderson.
Miller Trophy	J Brisbane, D Douglas, J Anderson, R MacKenzie, J Kerr
Hope Pairs	Murray Collins and Norman Ainslie
Points	D Douglas, J Anderson (Ladies)
Provost's Quaich	Jim Marshall on 34 points. Bob Turner, Joan Anderson and Joe Kincaid all had 27 points.