

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

Held at FORTHBANK STADIUM, STIRLING on Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 7.00pm

1. Attendance

The following members were in attendance: Joan Anderson, Graeme Anderson, Caroline Anderson, Anne Kane, Iain Gwynne, John Brisbane, Jim Marshall, Derrick Douglas, Jim Kerr, Norman Ainslie, Alan Watt.

The following visitors were in attendance: Alex Frew, Ian Mackie.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Rory Mackenzie.

New member Alan Hadden also gave apologies as he had intended to join at the meeting.

3. Minutes of 2016 AGM

Minutes of the 2016/17 AGM were accepted and signed by President and Secretary.

Matters arising from the minutes: None.

4. President's report

Graeme Anderson gave the president's report as follows:

- Remarked at the great turnout over the season and thanked everyone for their effort and commitment.
- Deemed our entry into the Small Curling Clubs Alliance (SCCA) League a success not only by our winning it but also because of the variety of play it offered over the season to everyone at the club.
- Emphasized that the club still needs more members and that everyone needs to be actively involved in bringing people in.

5. Treasurer's report

An updated account was circulated at the meeting.

Joe Kincaid gave the Treasurer's report:

1. In March the club had less than £300 in its account after paying the ice fees for that month. Reason was higher bills for playing the SCCA league and the first two season payments not covering the playing bills, because it includes RCCC and club fees leaving a bigger bill at the end of the season.
2. Increase in payments to £75 and £65 has not been enough last season. Suggest front loading payment next season. £100 initial payment, then £75 for mother club, £65 all others.
3. Coaching, Points and Pairs still subsidised along with Christmas meal.
4. Club paid £30 per player towards competing against Canadian tourists in January. Club has history of doing this and it should continue as beneficial for players and profile of the club. This is every ten years. There may be other tours from other countries.

5. Four years ago took the decision to reduce the surplus by subsidising meals and coaching. The surplus is now at a level where we want to keep it, at roughly £1500, so we need to agree the way forward for the coming seasons. Club costs such as engraving and membership of RCCC organisations and clubsportstirling will increase over time.

Points to Note:

- Proposal from Torbrex to run a joint Points competition with Borestone and Stirling also a possible partner to share the cost.

There followed a discussion about possible funding solutions, including raising the club membership fees, raising the ice charge to £8.50 per person and accepting the Torbrex offer.

It was agreed to use the new ice fee of £8.50 and to accept the Torbrex offer. Secretary will notify them and book the ice for an agreed date.

Treasurer's report was proposed by Iain Gwynne and seconded by Derrick Douglas and accepted by the AGM.

6. Representative Member's Report

Joe gave the Representative Member's report:

Attended ClubSportStirling AGM where affiliation fee set at same as last year.

Attended Stirlingshire Province and Forth Valley Area AGMs where affiliation fee set at same as last year. Collected Dunn Trophy.

Stirling is hosting the World Wheelchair Curling Championship next year. This has impacted ice availability at the beginning of March. We should support this event as part of the development plan.

7. Development Officer's report

Joe gave the Development Officer report:

1. Development Plan for this season completed. The development plan was submitted to the meeting.
2. Members survey undertaken in March with 11 responses. Wednesday's still the best night for most people, with Monday being the favoured alternative. Most responses indicated that the variety of play and the amount of matches was at the right level and coaching is still to be delivered and everyone agreed we should continue to play in the small clubs alliance league. Everyone felt connected to the club and 6 respondents indicated they could bring people in to try curling. This survey result is now the basis for the next development plan and has guided the booking of ice next season as well as the selection of teams.
3. Survey was also done for weekend curling, only 3 people indicated they would be interested, playing afternoon once a month.
4. There will be new notices for the club and TryCurling in Bannockburn and St Ninians Libraries for next season.
5. Points competition had 8 members participating and 7 disciplines were completed due to the enthusiastic support of the players. Next season will be a joint exercise with Torbrex.

6. Three bonspiels with player rotation gives everyone experience of different positions. We rotate every end, Joan Anderson suggested rotating every other end. The meeting discussed the point and agreed it would be possible, however, with more people it wouldn't work unless we used two sheets and smaller teams. It was agreed to start the season with a single sheet but list everyone to play in two teams rotating every end. The other two bonspiels would be two sheets with everyone in four teams rotating every second end.

Points to Note:

- Everyone must continue to seek out new players to try curling. It has been suggested that prior to the season starting, we could book a sheet to bring along potential new members for a taster. Does anyone have a date in mind? This would be more benefit to the club in the long run than relying on TryCurling and Virtual club.
- The coaching days will benefit everyone. It is not a test, it will increase your enjoyment of the sport.
- TryCurling evenings can be found on the internet, the club can support the new players on the night if you let the secretary know beforehand when they have booked to appear.
- 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 proposed development plan for next year was circulated around the meeting.

There were no questions regarding the development plan circulated prior to the meeting. Coaching and TryCurling were discussed and it was decided that two sheets of ice be booked before the start of the season. The Secretary will send round an email to identify the best dates and whether members will bring people interested in trying curling.

8. Match secretary's report

Iain gave the Match Secretary's report:

Another successful year with all matches being played internally and externally.

Internally

There were a good variety of different winners of the various Team Trophies.

- The new skips Trophy (The Hendry) was won by Norman Ainslie.
- The pairs competition was won by the two Jims, Marshall and Kerr.
- The points competition was won by John Brisbane.

So – the spread of winners in all competitions shows that the level of curling in the club is consistent throughout, this coupled with the constant changing of team members makes for competitive (fun) matches.

Externally

RCCC Games

- In the Stirling Province and Forth Valley Knockout competitions we were knocked out in the first round of both competitions.

- In the various province games we won the vast majority and in the main the matches were closely contested – but in most cases the other clubs in our province weren't quite as successful as us.
- The Canadian Tour – the club entered a team, which thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Sauchie and Bannockburn's reputation as a friendly club has grown internationally – mainly due to the skip gifting the Canadians a 'peel' when the game was already won.

Interclub Games

- We won the Dunn and Cairn Elder Trophies and acquitted ourselves well in the other three competitions without managing to get over the winners line.
- Small Curling Clubs Alliance – In our first year of entering this league. We won all our games bar one (14 in total) and were announced as winners of the league with three games still to play. A great result for the club as teams were constantly changed.

In Summary

- We continue to be competitive internally and externally.

Iain then presented screenshots to the meeting of how to use the calendar invites that are sent out to everyone playing in external games. He explained that it is a simple process to accept the invite and it then enables the player to see who is in the team from their own calendar as well as allowing the match secretary to check that everyone is available to play and no follow up is required. Iain indicated that he would find substitutes for those who replied that they could not play. It is still a member's duty to make sure a substitute is found. The screenshots are included in an appendix at the end of this document.

9. Membership report

Resignations received for season 2017-2018:

- None so far.

Membership change:

- Jim Neilson will resume playing next season.
- Murray Collins was absent for the whole season and will remain so next season.
- Anne Kane will be attending university next season and wishes to be a pool player.
- Iain Gwynne is now a made curler.

New members requests:

- Ian Mackie agreed to join.
- Alex Frew agreed to join.
- Norman Ainslie indicated that Alan Hadden still wished to join even though he couldn't make the AGM.

10. Election of office bearers

The President explained the process for nominating people for positions at the meeting. It is only possible to nominate members who attend the AGM unless they have been approached beforehand and had agreed to be nominated.

Members were re-elected to offices as follows:

- a) President – Graeme Anderson has another year in post.
- b) Vice President – John Brisbane has another year in post.
- c) Secretary – Joe indicated that he was happy to carry on in this role. No other nominations were received. This was accepted by the meeting.
- d) Match secretary – Iain Gwynne is in post.
- e) Treasurer – No nominations were received after discussion around the table. Joe agreed to continue for one more year only. This was accepted by the meeting.
- f) Representative member – Derrick and Joe will continue to cover the duties of this role. Norman Ainslie agreed to be a backup.
- g) Committee members – Jim Marshall could stand down if he wished but indicated his desire to continue. Alan Watt has another year in post.
- h) Auditor – Alan Watt will continue in this role.
- i) Club coach - Norman Ainslie. Iain Gwynne agreed to coach and submitted the signed paperwork to accept the role.
- j) Development Officer - Norman Ainslie took on this role after a hand over from Joe Kincaid and submitted the signed paperwork to accept the role.

Proposed by John Brisbane and seconded by Alan Watt.

11. Subscriptions 2018-2019

The RCCC subscription will increase to £20.

Club subscription would be £20 in season 2018/19.

Three payment schedule.

Initial payment of £100 at the start of the season (August).

Second payment of £75 for mother club members and £65 all others (January).

Third payment will be any outstanding balance at the end of the season (April).

The individual ice charge is £8.50 per person.

12. Election of skips

Skips for coming season:

External Competitions

Graeme Anderson, John Brisbane, Joe Kincaid. Derrick Douglas indicated he wished to step down.

It was agreed that the club skips listed below would be called upon for external competitions if required.

Club Competitions:

Alan Watt, Rory MacKenzie, Jim Marshall, Norman Ainslie.

Hendry skips:

Iain Gwynne, Joan Anderson and Jim Neilson (to be confirmed).

13. Programme for 2018-2019

1. Curling Season

- There will be a gap in availability in March due to World Wheelchair Curling Championship. PEAK rink will be unavailable from Monday 25th February through to Tuesday 12th March 2019
- The curling season for 2018/19 will commence on Monday 3 September 2018 and run until Friday 5th April 2019. Ice request avoids the October school holiday week 11-15th.
- There will be four teams for the Muirhead Knockout competition.

2. Weekend curling

- As survey indicated there were not enough people interested, but it was noted that with reduced weekly ice, no Thursday night or Friday in main ice rink, we might have to use it. No weekend ice will be booked in ice allocation, but the club could consider it for coaching or Try Curling.

3. Summer bonspiel

- A summer bonspiel was discussed but didn't have enough support.

4. Social events

Golf. Norman Ainslie agreed to explore the possibility of playing Dunblane Golf Course over the summer.

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

The following general points were raised:

- 5 stone free guard zone will start in RCCC and WCF tournaments next season, do we adopt it now, given the rest of the curling world will adopt eventually? It was agreed to start using it.
- 7 ends the norm rather than 8 recorded in scorecards. Curling Etiquette is one solution and document already circulated to members. Secretary will review next season's scorecards to see if there has been an improvement.
- It was 10 years since the club organised the purchase of jackets. The club thanks Alan Watt for arranging the fleeces and jackets for the membership. It has been a welcome boost to the club profile overall. Alan agreed to let new members know the details for ordering and the current prices.
- Thanks to Jim Marshall for raising the club profile on Bannockburn community website and getting an article published in the Stirling Observer with the help of the President, Graeme Anderson. A copy of the article was circulated round the meeting as it had appeared in the Friday county version. Jim Marshall indicated that we can advertise on the community website. A discussion about the use of Facebook and Twitter followed. Anne Kane confirmed that she could set up a page. Secretary to send her an image of the club badge. We can then use this Facebook page to advertise the club using video and photos and announcements.
- Club submitting a team to the Stirling Curling Group league was discussed, but as several members were already in teams there was no desire to enter one for the club.

Trophies were awarded after this by the President, Graeme Anderson.

Sauchie and Bannockburn competition winners 2017-2018

Morrison Trophy (Opening bonspiel)	Jim Marshall, Norman Ainslie, Joe Kincaid and Duncan MacKenzie.
McWattie Trophy	Rory MacKenzie, Norman Ainslie, Alan Watt, Jim Marshall
Hendry Trophy	Norman Ainslie, Anne Kane, Jim Marshall
Mitchell-Wilson Trophy	Rory MacKenzie, Graeme Anderson, Bob Turner, Jim Marshall
Bullions Trophy (Christmas bonspiel)	Graeme Anderson, Jim Marshall, Joe Kincaid, Joan Anderson
Corrieri Cup	John Brisbane, Jim Marshall, Alan Watt, Joan Anderson
Muirhead Trophy	John Brisbane, Joe Kincaid, Jim Kerr, Joan Anderson
Miller Trophy	Caroline Anderson, Alan Watt, Jim Marshall, Anne Kane, John Brisbane, Joe Kincaid
Hope Pairs	Jim Marshall, Jim Kerr
Points	John Brisbane
	Joan Anderson (Ladies winner)
Provost's Quach	Jim Marshall



Attendees with the Cairns/Elder, SCCA League and Dunn trophies.

Appendix

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Invitation: SCCA v Larbert @ Tue Mar 13, 2018 9pm - 11pm (GMT) (iaingwynne@icloud.com)

To: Iain Gwynne, Bob Turner, joan.anderson3@tesco.net, John Brisbane,

Reply-To: gwynnysg@gmail.com



SCCA v Larbert

When Tue Mar 13, 2018 9pm – 11pm London
Where NCA, Stirling Sports Village, Forthside Way, Stirling FK8 1QZ ([map](#))
Calendar iaingwynne@icloud.com
Who

- gwynnysg@gmail.com - creator
- Bob Turner
- joan.anderson3@tesco.net
- gartclush@hotmail.co.uk
- iaingwynne@icloud.com

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Going? **Yes** - **Maybe** - **No** [more options »](#)

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The invite as it appears in your inbox. Simply select the Yes you are going and an update will return to the event on Google Calendar for everyone to see. There is an attachment of the invite too that you can use to create an entry in your own calendar if it does not create one automatically.

gwynnysg@gmail.com

Canceled event: SCCA v Lauriston & Falkirk @ Tue Mar 27, 2018 8:30pm - 10:30pm (BST) (iaingwynne@icloud.com)

To: Iain Gwynne,

Reply-To: gwynnysg@gmail.com

This event has been canceled.

SCCA v Lauriston & Falkirk

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Where The Peak, Stirling Sports Village, Forthside Way, Stirling FK8 1QZ ([map](#))
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Who

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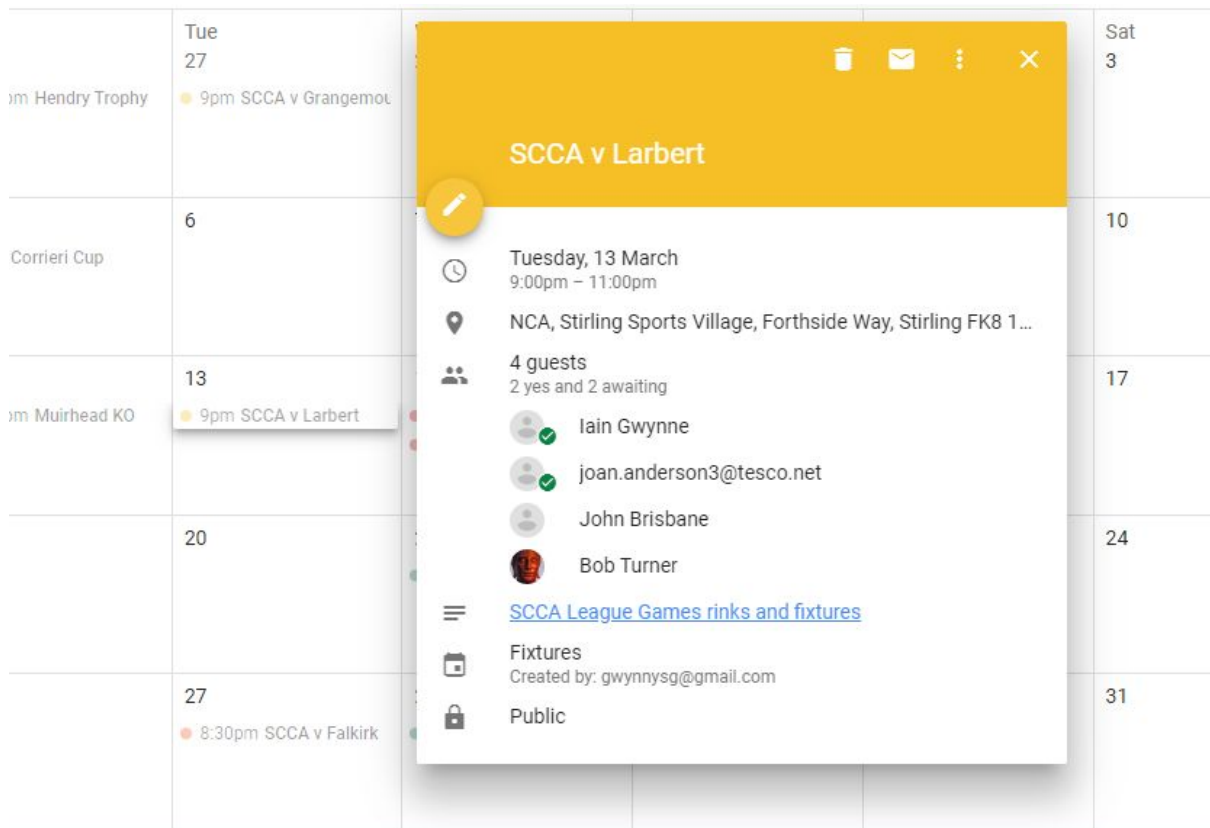


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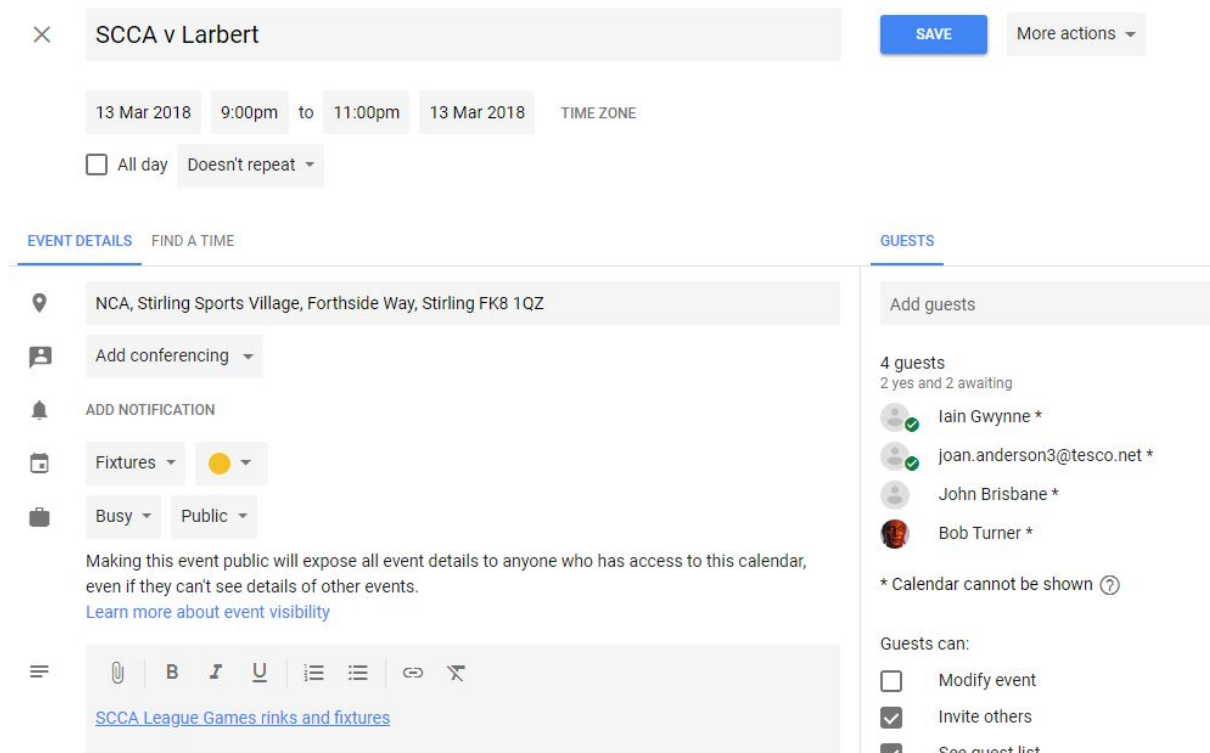


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You will be notified if you are removed from the event, where you have been substituted for example.



Without opening the event in Google Calendar, you can see the details and follow links if necessary.



The input screen for a game on Google Calendar. Two people have accepted the invite.