

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

Held at FORTHBANK STADIUM, STIRLING on Wednesday 24th April 2019 at 7.00pm

1. Attendance

The following members were in attendance: Graeme Anderson, Caroline Anderson, Joan Anderson, Jim Kerr, Iain Gwynne, John Brisbane, Alan Hadden, Dougie Chalmers, Jim Marshall, Norman Ainslie, Joe Kincaid, Rory MacKenzie.

The following visitors were in attendance: None

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Ian Mackie, Paul and Luisella Mosley, Alex Frew, Bob Turner, Derrick Douglas, Iain Gilmour.

3. Minutes of 2018 AGM

Minutes of the 2017/18 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 stating he was delighted to see 4 teams out at bonspiels, play on the whole was very good with a few trophies won, especially the Province Aitken, however after winning the SCCA League last season, the games were much tougher this time. The Points competition worked well sharing with Borestone & Stirling and Torbrex despite less disciplines completed.

5. Treasurer's report

An updated account was circulated at the meeting.

Joe Kincaid gave the Treasurer's report:

1. The front loading of payments this season with £100 initial payment, then £75 for mother club, £65 all others were successful in bringing a better balance to the accounts and meeting all the bills without fear of running out of money.
2. Joint Points competition with Torbrex and Borestone & Stirling removed the subsidy from the Points competition. So financially a success.
3. Pairs Final still subsidised along with Christmas meal.
4. Club Fees covering 90% of charges to the club.
5. Amount remaining at end of season is now better balanced, small profit, £220.66. Turnaround of almost £600 over last year's loss.

Treasurer's report was proposed by John Brisbane and seconded by Jim Marshall 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.

New Scottish Curling Membership database launched. The meeting was asked who had accessed their records and many said they had. It was suggested that everyone post a picture of themselves in their record to indicate that they have looked at it for the benefit of the secretary.

Action: Members to access their record and post a photo for the start of next season.

Scottish Curling started dialogue regarding future organisation, again many reported they had responded.

Glasgow is hosting the World Men's Curling Championship next year. We should support this event as part of the development plan.

Norman Ainslie attended the Stirling Curling Group AGM. Affiliation fee same as last year.

7. Development Officer's report

Norman gave the Development Officer report:

We have managed throughout this season just finished to attract more new members to the club which might mean we will be able to field 4 teams in our internal competitions however we will be two down this season with Bob Turner giving up and Anne Kane not playing next year due to work commitments so we need to find ways of attracting more new playing members.

The Virtual Club has been good for us over the last 6 years and I will keep my eyes and ears open for any that are looking for a club and I must thank Ian Mackie and Alan Hadden for promoting the club to the latest members who have joined us. We are also booking ice at the end of August for members to bring along a friend or two to Try Curling so please think about who you might invite.

We are also booking two sheets in October to showcase Mixed Doubles with a view to introduce this enjoyable form of curling into the clubs future schedule as a stand alone competition.

More of our members are now playing in the Peak Leagues with varied success with three of them involved in winning the 2nd division last season this should be encouraged as it is generally of good standard and the club should benefit in the long run in external matches with the experience they have gained.

Two of our members also played in the British Open narrowly missing out on winning the Consolation Final these things are all good for the club as they improve the standard

We are always looking for new ways to attract members so if anybody has any ideas let us know

There has still been no contact made by Hammy Macmillan the club development officer and I don't

think that will change anytime soon given their success.

8. Match Secretary's report

Iain gave the Match Secretary's report:

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

Internally

- Once again there were a good variety of different winners of the various Team Trophies. Which will all become apparent when the trophies are presented for the photo shoot at the end of the meeting.
- The new skips Trophy (The Hendry) was one by Jim Neilson (that's how you make a come back).
- The pairs competition was won by Norman and Caroline.
- The points competition was won by Jim Marshall.
- The level of curling in the club shows that throughout the membership there is a high degree of competence, 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 the former and made it to the quarter finals of the latter, progress.
- In the province games we lost all our matches in the Dunn Trophy and Waldie Griffiths against stiff opposition, the situation wasn't helped by the fact that we couldn't furnish two complete teams for the later, but Grangemouth very kindly offered assistance and provided two players.
- In the Murray Trophy we won both our games and were 5th out of 9 teams. It may have been different if we had fielded two complete teams!
- We had convincing wins in the Aitken Trophy which resulted in the club winning the Trophy, it has been a while since it has seen the inside of our trophy cabinet, (i.e. Joe's lock up).
- Interclub Games –
- Cairns Elder Trophy v Crossmyloof– We won.
- Polmaise Trophy v Borestone & Stirling – We lost
- Dunn Trophy v Fintry v Kilsyth– We won
- Swanswater (Button) Trophy v Torbrex. We won
- Alex Reid Memorial Trophy – We came third out of 8 teams.
- Small Curling Clubs Alliance – Oh how the mighty have fallen. If last year got off to a fantastic start, this year was a disaster. We lost our first seven games on the bounce but then came the come back! Not losing any of the remaining 7 matches and finishing in the middle of the table.
- External Games Confirmation Procedure – We are getting there, to improve the system, I will in the future put out one month's notice of these games prior to the start of the season and there after one week in advance. So, this should alleviate members getting swamped with

invites at the beginning of the season. In addition, a reminder will be sent out 24hrs in advance was agreed at the meeting.

In Summary

- Due to the commitment of all members of the club we had FUN without embarrassing ourselves and I feel we are getting stronger as each season goes by.

Action: The Secretary will circulate instructions about how to accept calendar invites and the rules around external competitions.

9. Membership report

Resignations received for season 2018-2019:

- Bob Turner.

Membership change:

- Murray Collins will continue to be absent for the whole season.
- Anne Kane has indicated she will not play but remain a member next season. To resume the season after.
- Derrick Douglas has indicated he wants to cut down on his curling.

New members requests:

- Paul Mosley joined late last year.
- Luisella Mosley and Dougie Chalmers were made members in March. Dougie will be a substitute for games as he is a Kippen member.
- Iain Gilmour played with us at the closing bonspiel and has joined for next season with our club as mother club.

10. Election of office bearers

Members were re-elected to offices as follows:

- a) President – Graeme Anderson has finished his 2 years as president. John Brisbane took over.
- b) Vice President – John Brisbane became President. He nominated Alan Watt to be his successor. Seconded by
- 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 continues in post.
- e) Treasurer – No nominations were received after discussion around the table but two names were suggested. Joe agreed to approach them both.
- f) Representative member – Derrick and Norman Ainslie will continue to cover the duties of this role.
- g) Committee members – Jim Marshall could stand down if he wished but indicated his desire to continue. Alan Watt moved to vice-president. Alan Hadden indicated he would like to become a committee member. Proposed by, seconded by.
- h) Auditor – Alan Watt will continue in this role.
- i) Club coach - Norman Ainslie. Iain Gwynne.
- j) Development Officer - Norman Ainslie.

11. Subscriptions 2019-2020

The RCCC subscription will be £20.

Club subscription will be £20.

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 but this will change. ActiveStirling will be phasing a change to the existing discount levels received by implementing a 5% year on year reduction in discount across facilities, from this season 2019/20. This will result in a new discount level of 10% for Clubsport Charter Clubs by the 2021/22 season;

Charges will be:

2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
25% discount	20%	15%	10%
£64.50 per sheet	£68.80	£73.10	£77.40
£8.50 pppg	£9.00	£9.50	£10.00

Impact Analysis

	Games	2019	2020	2021	2022	Difference
Average	25	£215.16	£227.81	£240.47	£253.13	£37.97
Maximum	35	£297.50	£315.00	£332.50	£350.00	£52.50
Scheduled Payments		175	200	225	250	
Average Final Payment		£40.16	£27.81	£15.47	£3.13	
Maximum Final Payment		£122.50	£115.00	£107.50	£100.00	

The new fees were discussed around the table. It was stated the above assumes no actual increase in ice fees, currently £86.00 per sheet. It was agreed that next year would remain front loaded as this season, with £100 and £75 paid in advance and then the remainder cleared at the end of the season. The aim will be to try and balance out playing to stop large final payments. At the next AGM, the result of the payments will be reviewed again.

12. Election of skips

Skips for coming season:

External Competitions

Graeme Anderson, John Brisbane, Joe Kincaid, Alan Watt.

Club Competitions:

Rory MacKenzie, Jim Marshall, Norman Ainslie.

Hendry skips:

Alex Frew, Ian Mackie, Alan Hadden.

It was agreed that following next season, we would run with 4 skips.

13. Programme for 2018-2019

1. Curling Season

- The curling season for 2019/20 will commence on Monday 26th August 2019 and run until Friday 3rd April 2020. Ice request will avoid the October school holiday week 14th-20th. Mixed doubles try out will be that week with 2 sheets.
- Meal after Torbrex will be continued. Borestone & Stirling agreed to arrange a meal after Polmaise Trophy game
- Next season we will travel to Braehead to play Crossmyloof. Thursday 21st November at 6:00pm has been requested. Meal afterwards will be in Prezzo restaurant.

2. Social events

Alan Hadden agreed to organising a summer golf event.

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

The following general point was raised:

7 ends norm for games, 21 v 6 8 enders & 1 6 ender (injury to Graeme)

Means whoever wins toss most likely to win game.

Speed up game by:

- Start playing as soon as possible
- Getting player's stone ready
- Skip deciding on shot in advance
- Everyone being ready to play

Trophies were awarded after this by the President, John Brisbane.

Sauchie and Bannockburn competition winners 2018-2019

Morrison Trophy (Opening bonspiel)	Alan Watt, Jim Marshall, Joe Kincaid, Norman Ainslie, Alan Hadden
McWattie Trophy	Alan Watt, Joe Kincaid, Caroline Anderson, Alan Hadden
Hendry Trophy	Jim Neilson, Jim Kerr, Bob Turner, Rory MacKenzie
Mitchell-Wilson Trophy	Jim Marshall, Joe Kincaid, Derrick Douglas, Alan Hadden
Bullions Trophy (Christmas bonspiel)	Jim Marshall, Graeme Anderson, Iain Gwynne, Alex Frew
Corrieri Cup	Rory MacKenzie, John Brisbane, Ian Mackie, Joan Anderson
Muirhead Trophy	Alan Watt, Graeme Anderson, Jim Kerr, Caroline Anderson
Miller Trophy	Alan Watt, Alan Hadden, Derrick Douglas, Rory MacKenzie
Hope Pairs	Norman Ainslie, Caroline Anderson
Points	Jim Marshall
Ladies Cup	N/A
Provost's Quaich	Jim Marshall with 39 points, Joe Kincaid and Alan Watt had 36.



Jim Marshall receives Provost's Quaich



The 3 external competition trophies captured.