



Sauchie and Bannockburn Curling Club

Annual General Meeting 19th April 7:00pm at Stirling Cricket Club

Attendees: Norman Ainslie, John Brisbane, Sally-Ann Christmas, Alastair Christmas, Ian Mackie, Iain Gwynne, Alan Hadden, Luisella Mosley, Rory MacKenzie, Graeme Anderson, Joe Kincaid
Apologies: Alan Watt, Alexandra Frew, Iain Gilmour, Paul Mosley, Jim Marshall.

1. Minutes of 2021 AGM

Minutes of the 2020/21 AGM previously circulated for comment, was signed by the President and Secretary. Minutes for AGMs 2019 and 2020 were also signed.

Matters arising from the minutes: None.

2. President's Welcome

Welcome along to Sauchie & Bannockburn Curling Club 2022 AGM.

It is great to see such a good attendance at this our first face-to-face AGM for 3 years, my first and last as President!

I hope everyone has enjoyed their curling this year despite the covid restrictions.

John Brisbane

3. Treasurer's report

An updated account is included with this minute. They are unaudited, Alastair Christmas will audit them when all documentation received.

ActiveStirling online payment system in operation over the season. Ice had to be paid a month in advance. This had several impacts:

- a. Advance payments from members did not cover all the charges, reserves were used.
 - b. Secretary was given access only so made the payments (conveniently also treasurer)
 - c. Personal card used for payments, subsequent reimbursement from treasurer.
 - d. Need for a bank account with a debit card to avoid transfers.
- Signatories for the cheque book have still to be changed. Existing signatories Joe Kincaid, Graeme Anderson and Rory MacKenzie to be replaced by Ian Mackie, Norman Ainslie and Alan Hadden. To be changed along with the move to an account with a debit card.
 - Three payments are still scheduled for every member.
 - a. Initial payment of £200 at the start of the season (August).
 - b. Second payment of £100 (January). This will depend on the amount of games played.
 - c. Third payment will be any outstanding balance at the end of the season (April).
 - d. As per the ActiveStirling proposal for pricing, curling will fall into step with every other activity at the Peak with calendar year prices. This means that ice will remain at £77.50 per sheet (with 10% discount), but from the 1st January rise to £80.
 - This season's trophy engraving completed for £83.46
 - Refund for unplayed District Medal requested 13/4/2022



Sauchie and Bannockburn Curling Club

Joe Kincaid

The meeting discussed the new payment arrangements and agreed to take forward the payment plan proposed by the Treasurer.

The season ended with a minor profit of just over £90. This was achieved by charging £80 per sheet which cost £77.40. This offset to some extent the losses made for the start of season coaching ice, Points, Pairs and Doubles finals. The club subscription surplus funded the rest.

The price increase for 2023 was discussed and it was agreed to keep the ice charge at £80 and evaluate the profit/loss at the next AGM and make any changes for the following season.

4. 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 won by Alex Frew rink.
- The pairs competition was won by John and Alex.
- The doubles competition (for the first time) was won by Iain Gwynne and Iain Gilmour.
- The points competition was won by Sally-Ann, a tremendous result, given her
- short time playing.

The level of curling in the club continues to improve and 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 both competitions but won the game
- in the province in actual game time but lost the game due to fielding only 3 players.
- In the province games we lost in the Dunn Trophy.
- In the Murray Trophy we finished 2nd out of seven teams entered.
- In the Aitken Trophy we did not perform to our best and ended up 8th out of the nine teams entered.

Interclub Games –

- Cairns Elder Trophy v Crossmyloof– We won.
- Polmaise Trophy v Borestone & Stirling – We lost.
- Dunn Trophy v Kilsyth and Fintry - We lost.
- Swanswater (Button) Trophy v Torbrex. We lost
- Alex Reid Memorial Trophy – We won our game 4 – 3 on ends but were nowhere near the winners enclosure..
- Small Curling Clubs Alliance – 50/50 in wins and losses and slightly better points tally than last season. This competition is used to give as many members in the club a chance to play externally and in different positions and as such it is enjoyed by those taking part.

Daytime League – Four members took part in the competition and rotated their playing positions for each game. A good win in the last game to finish second in



Sauchie and Bannockburn Curling Club

the league. The four players have agreed to play again next season. The issue of poor ice for Monday afternoon session was raised with Stirling Curling Group who will follow up with Active Stirling.

British Open – We did enter a team in this and it was a big step up in class! We didn't manage a win but all enjoyed the experience.

District Medal - This was due to be played against Forfar at Forfar, but despite the Secretary emailing several officials of the club, was not able to organise a game. A big disappointment. Hopefully we will get a match next season.

External Games Confirmation Procedure – 98% of the club answer their invites to external games promptly and the other 2% needed prompting. However, we still had a few games with missing players due to human error. A 24hrs reminder will be sent out for next season to help alleviate that happening again.

In Summary

A full season's curling with two additional competitions took place and due to the procedures in place and the prompt actions of the members there were very few incidents of missing players (but one is too many). Like the government's zero carbon emissions policy, I am aiming for a zero players missing policy by 2024!

The club continues to field competitive teams in internal and external matches, giving a broad range of participation from the membership and in all cases the S&B teams conduct themselves "in the spirit of curling".

Iain Gwynne

Everyone at the meeting committed to using a calendar on their phone for alerts and to respond to invites as soon as possible.

5. Development Officer's report

There has not been a lot to report this year. We had one coaching session at the beginning of the season which was well attended and most of the attendees were glad to shake off the cobwebs after such a long break due to Covid.

I and a couple of our members have been trying to persuade some Gateway Club members to join us. With one of them coming along to our Closing Bonspiel rotating between teams to get to know everybody and seeing what our club is all about. He will become a member for next season.

We introduced Doubles to our fixtures this year with great success and it will become a permanent addition

During the early part of the year Alan Watt and myself got together to attempt to change our development plan and make it more fit for purpose. We have streamlined it a good bit and it will be reviewed every year and updated if needed.

Alan has also produced a Welcome sheet for new members to the club helped by myself Alastair and Sally Ann who gave us good input being recent new members of the Club.

Norman Ainslie

The Development Plan was accepted by the meeting and it was agreed to continue it. There was feedback on the Welcome Sheet as a few details will be different next season. It was



Sauchie and Bannockburn Curling Club

also agreed to put more web links into the document. There is an online form for joining the club for example. These changes will be added to the Welcome Sheet. The meeting agreed this was a valuable document for new members.

Opportunities to increase the membership were discussed. Norman will work with Alan Watt to get some more people signed up. There are clubs that are struggling and may well fold. Anyone who knows people impacted by a club closure should seek to get them into the club to continue playing.

Neighbourhood apps are springing up, if anyone has signed up to one should consider posting an advertisement for the club using the Welcome Sheet material.

There was a detailed discussion regarding new members. It was quickly identified that there are two different audiences that need to be addressed separately. People who have played before and those who are brand new to the sport. Experienced players have knowledge of how a club and the sport operates. To on board these people is relatively simple. For brand new players it is very different. They have no perception of the sport, of being in a club and the financial requirements may well put many people off. It was decided that these people should only become members of Scottish Curling and the club and pay on a pay when play basis until they complete a season.

6. Membership report

Resignations received for season 2022-2023:

- Derrick Douglas

Membership change:

- Dougie Chalmers continues as a pool member only next season.
- Jim Neilson, injured, no response as to whether he will play again.

New members requests:

- Marek Iwan intimated he wants to join the club next season. Has already been on boarded into club membership in RCCC Membership database and email sent with all details regarding website, club emails etc.

Try Curling opportunity:

- 30th August at 6:00pm has been requested for introducing potential recruits to the club and curling.

7. Election of office bearers

Changes this season as follows:

- a) President – John Brisbane stepping down. Alan Watt taking over.
- b) Vice President – Alan Watt stepping up to President. He nominated Jim Marshall.
- c) Secretary – Joe Kincaid stepping down, Norman Ainslie taking on the role..
- d) Match secretary – Iain Gwynne.
- e) Treasurer – Joe Kincaid stepping down, Ian Mackie taking on the role.



Sauchie and Bannockburn Curling Club

- f) Representative member – Ian Mackie, Norman Ainslie.
- g) Committee members – Sally-Ann Christmas and Alan Hadden.
- h) Auditor – Alastair Christmas
- i) Club coach - Norman Ainslie.
- j) Development Officer - Norman Ainslie.
- k) Covid19 Officer - Ian Mackie
- l) Website will continue to be edited by Joe Kincaid

In the absence of Alan Watt, John Brisbane remained in the chair for the meeting.

Covid19 Officer will remain in place until deemed not necessary. It is recognised that covid19 will still be around and that hygiene precautions will still be operating. It would make sense to continue them next season regardless. Vaccination is not 100% effective. Our Covid Officer will be expected to ensure the club is ready to play to mitigate any risks identified and any others the Covid Officer may deem appropriate.

8. Subscriptions 2021-2022

The RCCC subscription will be £25.

Club subscription will be £20.

9. Election of skips

Skips for coming season:

External Competitions

Norman Ainslie, John Brisbane, Jim Marshall, Alan Watt.

Club Competitions:

Iain Gwynne, Rory MacKenzie

Hendry skips:

Ian Mackie, Alan Hadden, Paul Mosley, Luisella Mosley

It was agreed at the last AGM that next season, we would run with 4 skips. Norman Ainslie suggested playing this in autumn as well as spring, but secretary explained that the calendar was already full with games every Wednesday of the season and many Monday games too. So it was agreed to keep it a spring only competition.

10. Programme for 2022-2023

1. Curling Season

- The curling season 2022-23 will commence on Monday 29th August 2022 and will run until Sunday 2nd April 2023. Please note that over the Festive period for weeks commencing 19th & 26th December 2022, curling ice will only be available in the National Curling Academy (NCA) (excluding Christmas Day and Boxing Day and 1st & 2nd January 2023).
- The PEAK Rink
 - Monday – Thursday: 10.00am – 12.00pm (excluding Monday)
 - 12.30pm – 2.30pm



Sauchie and Bannockburn Curling Club

- 3.00pm – 5.00pm (excluding Thursday)
- 6.00pm – 8.00pm (Thursday 5.30pm – 7.30pm)
- 8.30pm – 10.30pm (excluding Thursday)
- National Curling Academy
 - Monday – Friday: 9.00pm – 11.00pm
 - Saturday: 8.00am – 10.00am
 - 11.00am – 1.00pm
 - 2.00pm – 4.00pm
 - 5.15pm – 7.15pm
 - Sunday: 6.00pm – 8.00pm
- Doune Trophy on 31st August. This is the opening game for the Peak and we usually play with club officials in the team. To be continued, team to be announced. £44 entry fee. Lite buffet/tea/coffee after.
- The club curling season will commence on Monday 30th August 2021 and run until Sunday 3rd April 2022.
- Points competition will be club only.
- Mixed doubles competition will run in Spring. Pairs will move to Autumn.
- Meal after Torbrex, Dunn Trophy with Kilsyth and Balfron and Borestone & Stirling games if restaurant available.
- Next season we play Crossmyloof in Glasgow. It will only be one rink.
- The Alex Reid will play over 2 nights as there are reduced numbers within other clubs for a single night event played with two teams.
- SCCA League will again be run by SCG Linlithgow played last season and were successful. Doubts about Larbert's future may mean another replacement required.

2. Social events

A golf match could be organised. 26th June or 3rd July suggested by Luisella Mosley. To be played at Buchanan Castle, where the Mosleys are members.

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

Club Website: can be viewed here: <https://sauchiebannockburn.weebly.com/>

- Clubsport Stirling AGM on 25th April, 7:00pm @ TBD
- Stirlingshire Province AGM, 29th April, 7:00pm Stirling Cricket Club followed by Area AGM at 8:00pm.
- A permanent National Curling Day is also being proposed for St Andrews Day 30th November to be confirmed.



Sauchie and Bannockburn Curling Club

SEASON 2021-2022 WINNERS

Morrison Trophy	Iain Gwynne, Luisella Mosley, Derrick Douglas.
McWattie Trophy	Graeme Anderson, Alan Watt, Alan Hadden, Sally-Ann Christmas
Mitchell/Wilson Trophy	Iain Gwynne, John Brisbane, Alastair Christmas, Alex Frew
Bullions Trophy	Graeme Anderson, Ian Mackie, Sally-Ann Christmas
Corrieri Cup	Iain Gwynne, Norman Ainslie, Ian Mackie, Luisella Mosley
Hendry Trophy	Alexandra Frew, Jim Marshall, Paul Mosley, Alastair Christmas
Muirhead Trophy	John Brisbane, Jim Marshall, Alastair Christmas, Alan Hadden
Miller Trophy	Iain Gwynne, Graeme Anderson, Ian Mackie, Alastair Christmas
Hope Pairs	John Brisbane and Alex Frew
Doubles	Iain Gwynne, Iain Gilmour
John Cairns Cup	Sally-Ann Christmas
Ladies Cup	Sally-Ann Christmas
Provost's Quaich	Sally-Ann Christmas