

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

Minutes in lieu of an actual Meeting, cancelled due to Covid19

1. Minutes of 2020 AGM

Minutes of the 2018/19 AGM previously circulated for comment, to be signed by the President and Secretary when possible.

Matters arising from the minutes: None.

2. President's Welcome

Welcome to Sauchie and Bannockburn 2020 AGM. This has to be the strangest AGM ever held in the long history of the club. I hope everyone agrees that this is the only way we can hold this year's AGM.

We were lucky enough to have completed most of the season before lockdown . S & B had a successful season with the external matches and I hope all the members enjoyed the club game's at the peak.

A special thanks to Joe for all his hard work in keeping the club running and making my job easier.

The future is uncertain but hopefully we will be able to get back on the ice at some point next season.

Yours

John Brisbane [President]

3. Treasurer's report

An updated account is included with this minute. It has not been audited due to restrictions but will be conducted online when all documentation has been made available there.

1. The front loading of payments last season with £100 initial payment, then £75 for mother club, £65 all others continues to be successful in bringing a better balance to the accounts and meeting all the bills without fear of the club running out of money.
2. Points competition with Torbrex and Borestone & Stirling will not run next season. It will be up to the club to successfully support this event to make sure it is not a loss. All members charged a basic fee of £4.00 for the event. The cost of playing will be £5.50. The Match Secretary will notify everyone with an invite.
3. Pairs and Mixed Doubles Finals will both be subsidised along with the Christmas meal.
4. Club Fees covering 90% of charges direct to the club so no change needed for membership.
5. Amount remaining at the end of season was a loss. Because of the enforced shut down, the carry over of funds was significant at £145.55. This will offset some members' expenses next season.

If there are any questions, please contact me directly.

Yours

Joe Kincaid [Treasurer]

4. Match Secretary's report

Iain has submitted the Match Secretary's report:

Another successful year cut short by the closure of the Peak due to the coronavirus pandemic. Only the last couple of weeks of the season were lost.

Internally

Once again there were a good variety of different winners of the various Team Trophies. However our Head Coach Norman Ainslie skipped several winning teams this season and was especially proud to win the Muirhead Trophy with the best drawing side in the club. Team Ainslie, Derrick, Sally-Ann, and Alastair, (their first season involved with the club).

Points – Won by Paul Mosley, equalling the score achieved by Derek Young, the Virtual Club Head Coach who played for Borestone & Stirling.

Pairs – Won by Graeme Anderson and Alex Frew against an unusual playing style from Paul Mosley and Ian Mackie.

Sadly, the Hendry Trophy was not completed and the Closing Bonspiel for the Miller Trophy was not even played.

Externally

RCCC Games

Stirling Province Knockout – Team Ainslie, Iain Gwynne, Ian Mackie and Luisella Mosley made it all the way to the final (well done), only to be beaten by Kilsyth.

Forth Valley Knockout competition – Team Ainslie, Jim Marshall, Joe Kincaid and Alan Hadden. Once again we made the quarter finals to be beaten by Kilsyth!

Rink Championship – Team Ainslie, Jim Marshall, Joe Kincaid and Alan Watt made it to the final to be beaten by Keir. The team were invited to play at the

rink championships at Forfar and acquitted themselves very well for a first time playing in an event like that.

In the province games

Dunn Trophy – The teams had a no show on the first match and a peel on the second.

In the Murray Trophy we won both our games and played eight ends in each game, which was mentioned as we were presented with the Trophy (Ya beauty!).

We had convincing wins in the Aitken Trophy but unfortunately the teams needed one more end to tie for the trophy but would have won it on shots. A good effort in trying to retain the trophy.

Forth Valley Bonspiel – We had a great win over Buchlyvie (and much enjoyed by all that took part). Just failing to win overall.

Interclub Games –

Doune Rosebowl v Round Robin. We won the evening session, just not good enough to take the trophy from an afternoon club.

Cairns Elder Trophy v Crossmyloof– We won convincingly.

Polmaise Trophy v Borestone & Stirling – We won it back after a three year absence.

Dunn Trophy v Kilsyth and Fintry (No show) - We won against both Kilsyth teams.

Swanswater (Button) Trophy v Torbrex. We lost

Alex Reid Memorial Trophy was cancelled.

Small Curling Clubs Alliance – Another barely successful year winning 50% of our games with the last two being unable to be completed.

External Games Confirmation Procedure – We are getting there, the new system seems to have worked well and it is my aim to leave it as is. It only remains for the one offender (not using it) to amend their ways – you know who you are!

In Summary

Another successful year, new (competent) members have joined and added value. We continue to have strong competitive internal leagues and are able to field strong teams externally. Indeed we had entered the Indoor Grand Match and the British Open. Watch this space.

Yours

Iain Gwynne [Match Secretary]

5. Development Officer's report

Norman has submitted the Development Officer report:

The season which finished abruptly due to Covid 19 was a great success from a development point of view with most of our goals that were set at the beginning of the season in the Development Plan were achieved. The Development Plan is attached.

I have listed below where we have achieved this:

We set ourselves a goal of increasing our membership which we have managed to do for the second year in a row. We managed this by having a bring a friend session at the beginning of the season. Initially we had 4 people who caught the bug with that being reduced to 2 due to work commitments. We had another development session at the end of the year from which we hope to pick up at least 2 more.

More of our members are now involved in peak league activity with varied success which is good for club development also as these players are honing their skills against a high standard of opposition benefiting the club in their external games throughout the season.

We also showcased the mixed doubles format with a view to add this to our calendar next season showing that we are developing new forms of curling within the club.

We as a club are always looking to find new ways to develop. We are thinking of having a Whatsapp group within the club which could make it easier to find a sub etc. It will only succeed if everyone takes it up. So this is up to the members.

ACTION Members: Will you use Whatsapp on your phone to support the faster resolution of finding substitutes for club games? Yes/No

There has not been much use of the Facebook page with a low volume of traffic so we want to delete it.

ACTION Members: Does anyone have any objections to the Club Facebook page being deleted? Yes/No

All other parts of our plan are continuing next season e.g. meetings with the development officer for Active Stirling etc.

For next season we are looking to buy equipment to aid beginners try the sport as getting Active Stirling equipment is not possible. We are applying for funding to do so.

If anybody has any other ideas as to where or what we could develop next season please let me know directly.

Yours

Norman Ainslie [Development Officer]

6. Membership report

Resignations received for season 2019-2020:

- Jim Kerr

Membership change:

- Derrick Douglas has indicated he wants to become a pool member only next season.
- Jim Neilson has a shoulder injury that will keep him out of playing till next year.
- Anne Kane ?

New members requests:

- Sally-Ann and Alastair Christmas will join us this coming season.

7. Election of office bearers

Given the situation, committee members were re-elected to offices as follows:

- a) President – John Brisbane.
- b) Vice President – Alan Watt.
- c) Secretary – Joe Kincaid.
- d) Match secretary – Iain Gwynne.
- e) Treasurer – Joe Kincaid.
- f) Representative member – Derrick Douglas and Norman Ainslie.
- g) Committee members – Jim Marshall and Alan Hadden.
- h) Auditor – Alan Watt.

- i) Club coach - Norman Ainslie. Iain Gwynne.
- j) Development Officer - Norman Ainslie.

There is a requirement for the club to supply a treasurer to Stirlingshire Province next season 2021-22, so please consider this important duty and submit a nomination to the secretary. The club must provide someone as it is our turn in rotation with all the other clubs. The work required deals with the subscriptions for all the clubs in the Province and money for 4 tournaments, so is not onerous.

ACTION Members: Nomination for Province Treasurer.

8. Subscriptions 2020-2021

The RCCC subscription will be £20.

Club subscription will be £20.

Three payments are scheduled.

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

Second payment of £75 for mother club members and £65 all others (January). This will depend on the amount of games played.

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

The individual ice charge is £9.50 per person as agreed at previous AGM. See the calculations below. 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

9. Election of skips

Skips for coming season:

External Competitions

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

Club Competitions:

Joe Kincaid, Graeme Anderson, Iain Gwynne, Jim Neilson.

Hendry skips:

Alex Frew, Ian Mackie, Alan Hadden, Paul Mosley.

It was agreed at the last AGM that next season, we would run with 4 skips.

10. Programme for 2020-2021

1. Curling Season

- The curling season will commence on Monday 24th August 2020 and run until Sunday 4th April 2021.
- Points competition will be club only (Torbrex have an option to join us).
- Mixed doubles competition will run after the Pairs.
- Meal after Torbrex, Dunn Trophy with Kilsyth and Balfron and Borestone & Stirling games
- Next season we play Crossmyloof in Stirling. Thursday 19th November at 6:15pm has been requested. Meal afterwards up in the Restaurant. We will need to ascertain where we will play them the season after and if it is feasible to continue.

2. Social events

Given the situation, none are advised.

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

Website.

The club website continues to be well used, but by members?



Note: Analytics switched on at the end of September 2019.

25% of all users are return visitors.

23% of browsers have Stirling as their location.

They stay on the website for more than 2 minutes and look at 3 pages on average.

63% of users come directly to the site.

Half of all users enter the site by the home page.

External Games pages are most looked at outwith the home page.

Current website <http://sauchieandbannockburncurlingclub.moonfruit.com/> is an Adobe Flash site, this technology is being decommissioned by December 2020, thus the need to move to a new one. The subscription is £26.99 pa and expires January 2021.

3 options have been evaluated and a different service provider is being recommended for next season.

Weebly is a US Provider. It can be free but there is a limit on what can be done, it would cover most of the club's requirements. However, the Weebly footer is a major annoyance as it is meant to encourage users to move to a plan. There would be two plans of interest.

(Note: Connect - Connect to a custom domain £48 billed annually.

Pro - Build a professional, branded website for your business £108 billed annually.

Both unlock greater levels of functionality.)

Connect is the least expensive option, an increase of £21 over the current Moonfruit site. As it is a relatively small increase the Connect option is favoured.

The development site can be viewed here: <https://sauchiebannockburn.weebly.com/>

Remember, this is in development, any data for next season is not factual.

This has been approved at Committee level and the new site is in the process of being built.

The goal is to be ready prior to the new season. It is proposed that the new website address be sauchiebannockburncc.org if it is available.

Sauchie and Bannockburn competition winners 2019-20

Morrison Trophy (Opening bonspiel)	Norman Ainslie, Joe Kincaid, Jim Neilson and Luisella Mosley
McWattie Trophy	Norman Ainslie, John Brisbane, Paul Mosley, Jim Marshall
Mitchell-Wilson Trophy	Rory MacKenzie. Iain Gwynne, Alex Frew, Alan Hadden
Points Cairns Trophy	Paul Mosley
Ladies Cup	Sally-Ann Christmas
Bullions Trophy (Christmas bonspiel)	Norman Ainslie, Iain Gilmour, Luisella Mosley, Graeme Anderson
Hope Pairs	Graeme Anderson and Alex Frew
Corrieri Cup	Norman Ainslie, Ian Mackie, Alan Hadden, Luisella Mosley.
Hendry Trophy	Was not completed due to Covid19 shutdown.
Muirhead Trophy	Norman Ainslie, Derrick Douglas, Sally-Ann Christmas, Alastair Christmas
Miller Trophy (Closing Bonspiel)	Was not played due to Covid19 shutdown.
Provost's Quach	Paul Mosley

