

DALCROSS CURLING CLUB

Minutes of A.G.M. held on 20th April 2010
at the Inverness Ice Centre

Present: Neil Anderson, Bill Fraser, Ian McPhail, Margaret McPhail, John Smart, Dawson Lamont, Elaine Hillis, Alistair Bennie, Ian Thomson, Fraser Johnstone, Alan Duncan, Brian Spence

1) Apologies: Ronnie Baird, Chris Brogan, Alison Cornfield, Maureen Fraser, Mark Fraser, Mile Halley, Wilma Halley, Neil Hampton, Michael Hulse, Murray Menzies, Fiona Maclachlan, Lindsay Smith, Tom Pendreigh, Thomas Pendreigh, Blair Fraser, Ross Fraser

2) Last Year's Minutes: Bill Fraser corrected the reference at paragraph 3 to him having played 3 American and 3 Canadian tourist teams over one year and pointed out that this had been during his curling career as a whole. With reference to paragraph 5 it was noted that the Ice Centre did not charge for juniors over the 09/10 Season – this has benefited the Club. Subject to the foregoing correction, the Minutes were proposed for adoption by Bill Fraser and seconded by Dawson Lamont.

3) President's Report: President Ian gave his Presidential Report for the Season and this will be published on the Club's website. Highlights of the season included the amount of outdoor ice available due to the bad winter, our participation at outdoor bonspiels at Kingsmills and Muir of Ord, disappointment at the Grand Match not proceeding and much improved ice at Inverness Ice Centre thanks to Keith Petrie and his team. Ian also mentioned the problems being faced by Elgin Ice Centre, Blair Fraser's participation in the Scottish Junior Team at the recent world championships and Tom Pendreigh's coaching of the International Disabled Squad.

Ian also passed the Club's good wishes to Ellis Allan and Moira Hutcheon and urged the importance of getting new and younger curlers into the Club as we approach our 50th anniversary.

Ian concluded by indicating he had very much enjoyed his Presidency and thanking the Committee members for their help in running the Club over his two year tenure.

Ian's Report was proposed and adopted by general consent.

4) Match Secretary's Report: Margaret McPhail gave her Match Secretary's Report. Results over the season were as follows;

Moray Province

Division 1 – Blair Fraser's team narrowly missed out on winning the League

Division 2 – regrettably problems with raising a team led to Bill Fraser's Team being demoted

Division 3 – No promotions for Ian Thomson, Alan Duncan or Fraser Johnstone

Moray Province KO

Ian McPhail's team lost to Nairn in the first round

Torness Friendly

Ian McPhail's Dalcross 1 Team won

Bonspiels

No wins

Club

Points – Not played due to mix up with Kingsmills

Pairs – Not played

Ellis Allan – Ian McPhail's team (skipped by Roddy Cormack) – Donald Douglas and Mike Halley were the other members

Christmas Bonspiel – Janet Brodie, Stuart MacCallum, Alan Matheson, Dianne Malone

George Philip – Ronnie Baird, Elaine Hillis, Linda Hoskins (3 only in team due to injury)

Margaret's Report was accepted by general consensus.

5) Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

John Smart reported that his year Secretary had gone smoothly, correspondence being routine with the RCCC and neighbouring Clubs. We were able to send teams to the bonspiels were been invited to. A letter of thanks was sent to Highland Curling Club for their various invitations to join their outdoor ice sessions at Kingsmills.

John reported that Roddy Cormack has resigned from the Club due to the arrival of a baby daughter earlier in the year but it is hoped he will re-join in the future. Eleanor Lamont has also resigned, but again it is hoped she may re-join in the future. Both are happy to stay on as social members.

John presented the annual accounts as verified by Dawson Lamont, highlighting our year end bank balance of £929.00. John also produced a rough budget for the coming year. These were proposed by Bill Fraser and seconded by Alistair Bennie.

John also mentioned the proposed Curling Development League. This is an initiative being set up for next Season by Jim Brown, RCCC Curling Development Officer for new starts. The idea is to have a League which will play fortnightly consisting of teams of 3 new start players with one experienced player playing Lead. Games will commence at 5.30, going onto 7.00pm. Coaching will be on offer before the League starts and also during play.

John advised that he had spoken to a number of prospective entrants, and he has a firm commitment from **Iain Dunbar** who was proposed by Alison Cornfield. Elaine Hillis indicated that her son Stuart would also like to play in the Development League (see 9 below). John has a couple of other new starts in mind and will ascertain their position over the Summer.

We have reserved a place for one Dalcross team in the league. Ian McPhail suggested that anyone playing for this team should also be signed up to the Club.

It is important that we keep a watch on this over the Summer to ensure that a Dalcross team participates.

6) Election of Office Bearers: The following office bearers were proposed, seconded and elected:

		Proposed	Seconded
President	Neil Anderson	Ian McPhail	Bill Fraser
Vice President	Brian Spence	Ian McPhail	Fraser Johnstone
Honorary Secretary/Treasurer	John Smart	Ian McPhail	Brain Spence
Match Secretary	Margaret McPhail	Ian McPhail	Neil Anderson
Web-master	Ian Thomson	Ian McPhail	John Smart
Management Committee	Office Bearers plus Ian McPhail, Bill Fraser and Alan Duncan	General consensus	
Independent Verifier	Dawson Lamont	Ian McPhail	Neil Anderson

It was agreed that in future the retiring President would automatically become a member of the Management Committee for the forthcoming Season.

Thanks were expressed to Ian Thomson for updating and maintaining the website. Ian emphasised the importance of forwarding information to him concerning the Club's activities.

7) Election of Representatives to RCCC/Moray Province/NCL

		<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
RCCC	Neil Anderson/Brian Spence	General consensus	
Moray Province	Neil Anderson/Brian Spence	General Consensus	
Northern County Ladies	No representation		

8) Election of Skips

Due to difficulties in the turn-out of our Division 2 team and a shortage of willing substitutes in the 09/10 Season it was decided to reduce the number of Moray Province Teams from 5 to 4.

Moray Province League

Division	Nominated Skip
1	Blair or Mark Fraser
3	Brian Spence
3	Ian Thomson
3	Alan Duncan

Other MP Competitions

Competition	Skip(s)
MP Ladies Knockout	No entry
MP Knockout	Ian McPhail
Mixed Knockout	No entry
Mixed Pairs	No entry

Area Bonspiels

It was agreed that Dalcross should enter one team in each of the area bonspiels.

Bonspiel	Nominated Skip(s)
Johnstone - Carmichael	Bill Fraser
Dennis Ice Bowl	Mike Hulse
Bookless Quaich	Alan Duncan
Macgregor Kettle	Ian McPhail

Coaches

Tom Pendreigh,

Neil Hampton

RCCC Competitions

Competition	Nominated Skip(s)
Grand Match	Not discussed
RCCC Knockout	Ian McPhail
District Medal	No entry
Indoor Grand Match	Bill Fraser and Michael Hulse (see 2009 minutes)

Ellis Allan Club Competition

Skips will be **John Smart, Neil Anderson, Murray Menzies** and **Ian McPhail** but teams have permission to nominate other players from time to time as skips if they so choose.

Torness Friendly

Ian McPhail and **Neil Anderson** will skip teams.

9) NEW MEMBERS AND PROPOSERS:

John Smart indicated that **Brian Grant** of Druid Temple Farm has been proposed by Donald Douglas. Brian's membership was seconded by Fraser Johnstone.

John Smart proposed **Stuart Hillis** as a new Junior Member, and this was seconded by Ian McPhail. Stuart will play in the Development League (see above) and in the Ellis Allan competition ideally in a team with Elaine, or at the same time as Elaine is playing

John Smart also indicated that Morag Bramwell had indicated a desire to rejoin the Club as an Associate member (her Mother Club is the Fifteen Club). John will clarify with Morag and the meeting consented to her joining if she still wishes to do so.

10) ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION:

John proposed no increase in Club Subscriptions on the basis that he had telephoned the RCCC yesterday and they had indicated no intention to increase subscriptions and on the basis that the Ice Rink did not propose increasing subscriptions.

Full Membership		£45
Junior Membership		£10
Reduced membership for new members		£22.50
Associate Membership		£10
Social membership		£0
Honorary Membership		£0

These were approved by general consensus.

11) Election of Members of Management Committee

See 6 above

12) 50th Anniversary

The Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2011, having been founded in 1961. The Club's first full playing Season would have been 1961/62, so a celebration in 2011/12 would be appropriate.

John Smart will visit RCCC's HQ in Edinburgh and obtain details of the Club's Founder Members.

John mentioned that from a brief survey of the Club's members, the ideas of a "Golden Bonspiel" or Dinner with Speaker/Dinner Dance were proving the most popular ideas. One or two were also interested in the prospect of a curling trip abroad.

13) Honorary Membership for Ellis Allan

The proposal for Ellis Allan being made an honorary life member was approved by general consensus. Fraser Johnstone will contact Ellis to let him know this decision of the Club.

14) AOCB

The next Skips' Meeting was scheduled for **Tuesday 11th May**. Margaret and Ian McPhail kindly agreed to host this at their house.

The condition of the Ice Centre plant was discussed briefly. Ian McPhail indicated that although the plant is old, it works well. The Ice Centre also obtained a new ice cutting machine recently.

Fund raising events for the Ice Centre were also mentioned.

Neil Anderson paid tribute and thanks to Ian McPhail for his successful two year Presidency of the Club.

John Smart agreed to look at the Club's Constitution with a view to updating it with the consensus of the Club in due course

15) Prize Giving

John Smart presented the Ellis Allan trophy to Ian McPhail. Trophies for the other competitions were all presented previously in the Season.

16) Close of Meeting

The meeting then duly closed.

John D Smart
Secretary