



VIA: ZOOM PLATFORM

1	Welcome President Corrie welcomed everyone with special thanks to Ann Gibb, who is standing in for Sandra MacIver (Inverness) who is only able to attend part of the meeting. President Corrie welcomed honorary Vice-President Gail and hoped that Kate Caithness (Honorary President) would be able to join the meeting later.	Action
2	Apologies received Mary-Anne McWilliam	
3	Minutes of previous meeting (16 November 2020) Approved: <i>Proposed by:</i> Corrie Lawrence <i>Seconded by:</i> Michele Brodie	
4	Matters Arising (by President Corrie) Morton Alternative Fun Game Due to the ongoing Covid restrictions, it was decided to abandon this. Operating Manual Update The Branding and Logos working group report is currently with the CEO of Scottish Curling for final action. The report was completed prior to Christmas, so we await confirmation when this can be published on the SC website. The LSC Executive added a caveat to its Operating Manual, explaining that, in line with the report, we refer to ‘Royal Caledonian Curling Club’ (RCCC) throughout the Operating Manual with the exception to the competitions section which refers to ‘Scottish Curling’ (SC). There are no substantive changes to the Bylaws. The revised document will soon be uploaded to the SC website.	
5	President’s Report There is no report as President Corrie has given updates within other sections of the minutes.	
6	Treasurer’s Report Only item to report was money reimbursed by RCCC for postage of Past President brooches. There is currently circa £6.5k in the account.	
7	Report on Ladies Branch Competitions (report by President Corrie) Henderson Bishop Dates for 2021-2022 Ladies Branch has been working closely with the SC Competitions Committee and Jayne Stirling, Competition Manager, to ensure that the dates for the HB don’t clash with World Championships, which was an issue if the HB had taken place this year. The proposed dates for 2021-2022; Monday 28 February - Thurs 3 March 2022 at Forfar. LSC Ladies Competitions for 2021 - 2022 President Corrie reminded all reps that there is a page on the SC website, which allows centre reps to	All All



	advertise local competitions. When reps have confirmation of ladies open competition dates from their ice rink for 2021-2022, they should email Elaine at SC who will post the information on the SC website. (elaine@scottishcurling.org)	
8	Ladies Branch Business LSC Levy for 2020 - 2021 President Corrie thanked the ladies of Perth who contributed to the levy fund at the start of season. She invited Perth ladies to have their donation reimbursed or to carry it over to next year. President Corrie stressed that the levy is not expected from other ice rinks for this year. However, reps are asked to consider asking ladies to slightly increase their contribution for next year? Selection Consultation President Corrie, the LSC Executive and some of the LSC reps attended this webinar last week which was very informative, enjoyable and the breakout sessions were particularly useful. President Corrie and Lillian Carnegie will work together to see if they can use breakout sessions for Ladies Branch next year. USA Tour Report (from Shirley Jeans, Tour Captain) By now we should be home recovering and reflecting on the joys of our tour to the USA. However, our feelings are hopeful and full of anticipation that we have still the best to come! Since our last report in November, we have held three more Zoom Meetings one of which was a Christmas fun meeting where we met up to share games and quizzes as we wished each other a Happy New Year. There have also been the usual Executive group meetings and Double Up Rink meetings to help build relationships further. Val our treasurer shared her spreadsheet with everyone at our January Zoom and we discussed the need to keep a close eye on expenditure. Recently we purchased our outdoor jackets and managed to secure a bargain in the sales with everyone ordering online on the same day then being reimbursed from the tour fund. This process worked well and may be one we use again with the opportunities to meet up in person to try things being currently impossible. Our blazers are still being delayed by the lockdown but our tailor now has the badges and buttons so as soon as people have the permission to travel that will be our first priority. We have our Tour recipe book ready to go to print which will be part of our gift bag to USA home hosts with extra copies being available to sell to friends and family in our home ice rinks. Our tour song book is also taking shape and this will be something we can work with so when we can meet up, we at least know some of the words! We have also had some umbrellas made, printed with the RCCC tartan and badge ready for our own use as well as the gift bags and a few extra for sale. Some other items we already have; RCCC Tartan silk scarves (fabric bought and being made up by Natalia), brooms, carry-on luggage, formal dress, boots. Our tour tartan skirts will be measured and made up in the summer by Strathmore Woollen Mills in Forfar. Our on-ice kit has been designed by Foxglide and we hope to get hold of a set of every item in all sizes which we will then move around the country to let everyone try them on. This will let us get ahead with the ordering without having to wait until lockdown is over. We have been in touch with Donna our contact with the USA and they are still very excited about our visit and keen to give us the very best experience when we are there. Val has also been in touch with their treasurer to try to establish the estimated costs for our tourists while in America and to get more detail about what we will be paying and what the USA side will cover. Until this is known we cannot say if we will come in on the £4,000 budget we set, but I have shared the fact with everyone that there may be a call for funds later in the day. One thing concerning us all is the unknown factor of where ice rinks will be after the summer and whether we will be able to have much practice together before our trip. Because of this we have put out feelers to see if there would be a possibility of procuring some ice time at the NCA rink in Stirling. While this trip will be a trip of a lifetime for us all, we are still aware it is a curling	J Lynch



	competition with great historical background and we would love to bring back the Marguerite Roberts Quaich to Scotland. President Corrie asked reps to encourage committed lady curlers at their respective centres to consider going on a tour as it is a wonderful, life-enhancing experience. The next tour is likely to be to Sweden in 2023.	All
9	RCCC/Scottish Curling Business Ladies AGM Format Due to ongoing Covid restrictions the AGM this year will again be on Zoom. Please note the date given at the end of the minutes. In Memoriam (Anne Gumley) President Corrie has sent a sympathy card on behalf LSC to Anne's family. With regards to the AGM, can reps please ensure that any deaths of lady RCCC members at their ice facility, have been notified to Scottish Curling in time for the AGM, to ensure these are listed in the booklet at the AGM. Junior Vice President Appointment President Corrie announced the nomination for JVP of Ladies Branch, Mrs. Maureen Parker of Stranraer. Known to many, Maureen is a farmer's wife and her family has been involved in curling with both her mum and dad being Presidents of the RCCC in previous years. Maureen is a committed curler and is currently the first lady President of Stranraer. She is also a previous member of LSC, having served in recent years. A photo of Maureen was shown at the meeting and this will be posted onto the Ladies Branch fb page. President Corrie requested that LSC reps and lady curlers share the post as widely as possible. The announcement will also be on the SC website and in the February issue of Your Curler magazine. A warm welcome to Maureen from all. LSC Reps for 2021 - 2022 President Corrie hopes that most LSC reps will continue into next year. However, she asks each rep to individually confirm this, or give details of replacement, by email to her as soon as possible. It is customary to introduce new reps at pre-AGM meeting. Structure Review Update & LSC Lady President Seat on SC Board - Next Steps. Background: LSC President Corrie was appointed to the SC Board on 9 Dec 2020, which is a significant step in our pursuit of gender equality within the organisation. However, this appointment is only until the end of President Corrie's term in office. After that, there is no guarantee that the next President of LSC will have a place and vote on the Board of SC. The Structure Review has been ongoing for some considerable time and its progress and outcome has been hampered due to Covid. The chair of the Structure Review group is keen to move forward to a conclusion and the Board of SC and funding partners are also keen for this to happen. However, any change to the structure of Scottish Curling demands that 75% of people who vote at the AGM in June, have to be in agreement. The Ladies Branch needs to prepare for two possible outcomes and to safeguard our rights going forward with both scenarios:- • If the Structure Review is successful and receives 75% of the vote at the June AGM, then we will have no LB President and no Ladies Branch from June 2022. The current draft proposal suggests there will be one President, one VP and one Junior VP of RCCC and the recommendation is that one of these should be of another gender. There would be a 1-year transition period, during which time existing ASC/LSC reps would amalgamate into a Members National Committee and after that ice rinks would elect their own rep for the National Committee (one male and one female from each ice rink). However, discussions are still ongoing whether representation will be by ice rink and/or proportional representation. • If the Structure Review fails to achieve 75% of the vote then the status quo will prevail for LSC and it is important that Ladies Branch retains the advantage we have achieved by having a Lady President with a seat on the Board with a vote. This would require us to take a motion to our AGM in May (in advance of the Structure Review proposal at the June AGM). There would be a show of hands to	All All All All



	change the articles and memos of the RCCC and our motion would state simply that the LB President would be a voting Board member as long as there is a Ladies Branch. We have been offered legal help with the wording of our motion. There was much good discussion at the meeting and President Corrie would now appreciate all reps emailing or telephoning her individually with any ideas and suggestions on the way forward. Scottish Curling move from Ochil House, Stirling to Cairnie House, Ingliston, Edinburgh The decision to relocate has been made and refurbishment of Cairnie House is progressing with a view to work being completed by 1 March 2021 and the move completed on 10th March. The main reason for the move is that SC pay rent for Ochil House in Stirling, whereas they own Cairnie House, so the money saved in rent is paying for the upgrade to Cairnie House. Future LSC meetings are unlikely be held at Cairnie House, due to lack of space, so we will need to look at alternative venues once we can start to have physical meetings again. One possibility is that meetings could perhaps be held in the conference centre at Ingliston Highland Showground and another suggestion is that we use different venues, so that the same people aren't always having to travel to meetings. Curl-Up Webinars with Scottish Curling during next few weeks for members to brush up on tactics, etc. Here is link, or information is also on SC website: https://www.scottishcurling.org/clubs-members/curl-up/	All
10	AOCB Michele Brodie gave an update at The Peak, Stirling about how curling will be booked and paid for and the impact these changes may have on club curling at Stirling. Janine Wilson has been involved with these issues and has been in discussion with Maggie Scott and will get an update from Active Stirling. Michele Brodie to keep LSC informed of progress. WCF Women's Worlds in Switzerland Kate Caithness (WCF) was sad to announce that this has been cancelled. She gave the meeting a quick update on the situation and said that the focus was now on qualification for the Olympics which has to be on the ice.	
11	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 9 March, 10.00am - TBC Tuesday 4 May, 10.00am - Pre-AGM meeting to introduce new reps and say goodbye to old reps. Tuesday 11 May, 2.00pm - AGM (via Zoom). President Corrie thanked Gail Munro (Honorary Vice President) and Kate Caithness (Honorary President) for their attendance and input and all the reps for their ongoing support at the meeting.	All

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