

Competitions Committee Meeting

12 August 2021 – 15:00

Zoom Meeting



Members Present: Susan Kesley (**SK**), Jayne Stirling (**JS**), Graham Lindsay (**GL**), Tom Kirk (**TK**), Bruce Crawford (**BC**), Keith Prentice (**KP**), Maggie Wilson (**MW**)

1. **Apologies**

Gail Munro (**GM**), Logan Gray (**LG** guest), David Murdoch (**DM** guest), Kyle Waddell (**KW** guest), Gina Aitken (**GA** guest)

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Approved as accurate. Proposed by **KP**, seconded by **SK**.

ACTION – **JS** to publish to website.

3. **Matters Arising**

None noted.

4. **Draws for 2021-22**

- a. Maxwell Trophy
- b. District Medal
- c. Waldie-Griffith
- d. Under 14 Slams – all events
- e. Under 17 Slams – all events
- f. Under 21 Slams – all events
- g. Confirmation of entries for Scottish Curling Junior Championships

The above draws were completed using an online generator and witnessed by the committee. **JS** had prepared a draft of the District Medal prior to the meeting making necessary amendments for geographical purposes.

District Medal draft has been circulated for approval with these minutes, along with copies of the draws made at the meeting.

5. **Scottish Championships Working Group Update**

MW gave an update on the committee's progress to date. It was confirmed that following much discussion, and a consultation survey with previous entrants, an incentive structure for Women's, Men's and Mixed Doubles had been agreed. **GL** requested that a written copy of the incentive structure was circulated following the meeting. **JS** noted that the group will continue its work in the months to come and that the incentive structure had been given initial priority so that entry forms could be released.

6. **Rules Updates**

a. **WCF Updates**

JS shared that the International Relations Group had met to review the WCF proposals for the coming season's rulebook, and had submitted some amendments. The majority of proposed amendments that would affect Scottish Curling are very minor/'tidy ups', aside from one additional rule covering the wrong placement of positioned stones in Mixed Doubles. A confirmed set of rule updates can be circulated following the WCF Annual General Assembly at the start of September.

b. **Maximising the Value Group Update**

SK and **JS** shared the three potential rules that WCF may trial at World Championships during the upcoming season, which included end by end timing, a no tick shot rule, and the removal of extra ends from round robin play. Although no immediate action required, the committee should be aware of these should amendments to Scottish Curling events be required to keep them in line with the subsequent World Championships.

c. **Coin Toss Scenario**

JS shared a proposal that had been put forward to amend rule C8(j), specifically looking at the stone allocation scenario where teams who had topped their respective groups met in a post-round robin game. The committee agreed with and approved the proposal to use DSA to determine which team has choice of either stone colour or first/second practice, but added that the whole of C8(j) could be reworded for clarity. **JS** will take this to Rules Committee and update accordingly.

7. **AOCB**

SK asked for an update on recruitment of new committee member. **JS** confirmed that this would be advertised next week along with a vacancy on the Coaching Committee.

8. **Retendering Bids for 2021-22**

JS shared the bids that were received for the Scottish Curling Schools Championship and Junior Club Challenge Divisions 1&2. It was agreed to award the former to Curl Aberdeen and the latter to Dumfries Ice Bowl, both for a period of 3 seasons. **BC** and **SK** both voiced their support of the longer contract length with the aim of moving the majority of events back to 3 year contracts.

During the discussions **JS** raised that Tom Brewster from Curl Aberdeen had voiced that he was keen to host, but did not want the allocation of a further junior age group event to have an impact on their potential to host the Scottish Curling Junior Championships in future seasons. The committee agreed that this would not be a discounting factor for any future bids for the Scottish Juniors.

Meeting closed 16:20