



## MINUTE OF LADIES STANDING COMMITTEE

HELD ON: TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022

VIA: ZOOM AT 10.00 AM



### Present

Lillian Carnegie (President), Alison Taylor (Vice President), Maureen Parker (Junior Vice President), Janine Wilson (Treasurer), Marion Malcolm (Aberdeen), Jane Patterson (Dumfries), Rona Craig (Edinburgh), Sheilagh Macfarlane (Forfar), Madeleine Sharp (Glasgow), Clare McCormick (Greenacres), Fiona McLaren (Inverness), Debbie Weir (Kinross), Lillias Hyslop (Lanarkshire), Marion Murdoch (Lockerbie), Isla Kinnear (Perth), Michele Brodie (Stirling), Mary-Anne McWilliam (Stranraer), Karen Jack (Waterfront), Ann Johnstone (Nominated JVP), Bruce Crawford (CEO, SC)

### Apologies

Kate Caithness (Honorary President), Gail Munro (Honorary Vice President), Corrie Lawrence (Ayr), Lucy Tile (Border), Jennifer Kubrycht (Kirkcaldy), Janet Lynch (Perth), Michele Hartley (Minute Secretary)

### 1. Welcome

President Lillian welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies

As above.

### 3. Previous Minute/Matters Arising

Previous minute has been seen with points raised:

From Alison – can we clarify that it was 346m tests not coaching, JVP is nominated not proposed and the Morton was changed to Curl Edinburgh due to a plant failure at Hamilton. The finals ice is paid by Ladies Branch as the agreement was different for Hamilton ice from the previous bidding.

Following amendments, the minutes were proposed by Lillias Hyslop and seconded by Debbie Weir.

### 4. Updates

**JVP Proposal** (*Lillian Carnegie*) – I would like to introduce Ann Johnstone as our proposed new JVP. Who is an avid curler and has previously been on the LSC. Unfortunately, she will be unable to make the LB AGM due to prior commitments.

**Morton** – Thank you to Rona and Curl Edinburgh for taking the Morton competition at the last minute. Also, to Maureen for going along and presenting the prize to Stranraer who won. The event went well and very smoothly.

### 5. Competitions/Tours

**Swedish Tour** (*Lillian Carnegie*) – Invitation from Sweden for an outgoing tour in November 2023. Everyone was happy for this and Lillian will confirm acceptance to Pia. Tour numbers and details will be confirmed. Entries will be through an online application in due course. Details will be circulated through LSC and local meetings meantime.

**Morton Areas** (*Lillian Carnegie*) – We need to look at teams of five and I'd like to check if anyone feels they may not have a team for this year. Marion (Lockerbie) standing down as unable to field a team for this season. Marion (Aberdeen) also struggled to get teams however may work will see what is happening with rink. Stirling was part of five in 2015/16. Braehead is now playing as Glasgow and managed to get more numbers than expected, with new members taking part. With Layla starting in Aberdeen this should also help numbers.

Morton secretaries have had meetings and will look at that again for this year as well as the feedback from them was positive.

Following discussion this will be reviewed for next season, the teams available and how to help numbers in all centres. Rules will be checked and update will follow.

**LB AGM** (*Lillian Carnegie*) – Can you please email Elaine in the office with details for clubs that you are aware of that have disbanded and for In Memoriam.

**Canada** (*Lillian Carnegie*) – When Alison and I were in Canada they were playing Stirling which is suitable for all ages and abilities, which is two people in a team playing six ends and you don't change ends. This competition doesn't involve sweeping, so this is something that you could let everyone know about in your areas, along with your ice rinks. More information [here](#). I will have a full report from Canada at the LB AGM in May.



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Marion Murdoch also mentioned that in Lockerbie they have a competition for stick players with a round robin, four sections, six ends and this works very well.

**CEO** (*Bruce Crawford*) – Updated on the RCCC Memorandum & Articles that were being discussed with the working group for changes and best practice going forward. This will be discussed at the next board meeting for the AGM in August this year. If there are any changes/updates that the Ladies Branch would like to put forward then please let Lillian or myself know.

Also, an update on the concerns that lots of the ice rink managers have at the moment on the impact to their businesses with the energy increases. We are doing what we can to try to influence government to find support. There is no cash support to help so the solution will hopefully come from energy saving and renewable options that are available. We need to try to support and promote our sport and help our ice rinks through TryCurling, Skill Awards, Competitions and encourage more people to start or return to curling, which will also help with business for them.

**Treasurer** (*Janine Wilson*) – The honorarium has received funds from Scottish Curling to cover the additional work involved from the minute secretary for the joint meetings, over and above the LSC meeting minute. Some expenses still have to come out including ice/gifts etc, which will see a deficit for this year. We will need to look at fund raising for next year to help with the ladies' branch funds going forward.

**Meeting Dates** (*Michele Hartley read by Lillian*) – To review the meeting times and dates to avoid any clashes with other competitions/local events. There was a discussion on the meetings always being held on a Tuesday as this has been brought up before due to local curling.

Following a discussion, a combination of in person only and zoom only meetings to ensure the best outcome from all, as there is a lot of merit in a face-to-face meeting. Also mentioned that we don't need to stick to the tradition of a Tuesday at 10am. Agreed to look at this going forward and a doodle poll will be sent from the office to establish the most popular day(s) that would be suitable within the week for these meetings.

The executive will have a look at the dates and doodle poll outcome, taking all preferences into consideration. As in person is felt more helpful, so a combination of both, rather than blended going forward would possibly be the best.

**Joint Meeting** (*Lillian Carnegie*) – scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> June, details will follow for this from Susan.

**LB AGM** (*Lillian Carnegie*) – To speak with Forfar and finalise details for streaming the AGM for those unable to make it on the day.

**Four Nations** (*Rona Craig*) – Just to say that the Four Nations was very successful and a big thank you to Ayr for hosting it, it worked very well. Next year will be hosted by the Irish and will be held in Aberdeen

**Henderson Bishop** (*Lillian Carnegie*) – We do have a bid for this and the competition manager also has a copy of it. Entries, for teams, have to be in by end of June. The entry form will be on the Scottish Curling website as usual for anyone wishing to enter this competition.

## 6. AOCB

### Updates from ice centres

**Dumfries** – there was mention at previous meeting from the development officer to have a place on RCCC website for ideas, to encourage new curlers from previous meetings. This was from the development manager to keep everyone in the loop. Bruce will ask about this and ask her to come back on this.

**Forfar** – very successful with the TryCurling and hopefully that this will continue following the summer.

**Greenacres** – we've weather through the season and looking forward to next season.

**Inverness** – at end of March we had a very successful Highland week with teams from all over, USA/Austria/Germany/Scandinavia did manage to come in. It was really encouraging. Curling season has now finished and the ice rink carries on with other activities over the summer

**Kinross** – very busy with lots of curling in March due to date changes. All went very well and looking forward to good summer getting back on ice next season.

**Perth** – busy last week or so. Good junior prize giving, Mili Smith came along and answered a lot of questions. We had finals night and reception that the Olympians came along to as well. Anne-Marie, our development officer, has



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done a fantastic job with the TryCurling had a beginners bonspiel with forty-six. Hoping to get them to join the beginners course for next season. Also, the rink project is going ahead to create the link between the rink and swimming pool to create the heat transfer and green credentials for energy efficiency planned for 2027-2028.

**Waterfront** – trying to encourage more ladies to play the Morton and Henderson Bishop at local level. So ladies clubs will be bringing this up at individual meetings, along with establishing future competitions they wish to play in the new season.

**Stranraer** – TryCurling had been very successful with new faces starting out and loads of people joining curling. This was shared on social media and good to see the positive following the Olympics.

### 7. **Close** (*Lillian Carnegie*) – thank you everyone for joining us today and we will see you at the LBAGM

*Duration of meeting = 1.35 hrs*

### **Future Meetings**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May** – LB pre-AGM & AGM

**Joint Meeting** – 16th June 2022