

MINUTE OF LADIES STANDING COMMITTEE

HELD ON: TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2022

AT: LANARKSHIRE ICE RINK & VIA ZOOM

AT: 10.00 AM

Present

Alison Taylor (President), Maureen Parker (Vice President), Ann Johnstone (Junior Vice President), Gail Munro (Honorary Vice President), Marion Malcolm (Aberdeen), Mara Lindsay (Ayr), Rona Craig (Edinburgh), Sheilagh Macfarlane (Forfar), Liz Paul (Glasgow), Clare McCormick (Greenacres), Fiona McLaren (Inverness), Debbie Weir (Kinross), Pamela Craigie (Kirkcaldy), Lillias Hyslop (Lanarkshire), Marion Murdoch (Lockerbie), Michele Hartley (Stirling), Karen Jack (Waterfront), Bruce Crawford (CEO RCCC)

Apologies

Isa Kinnear (Perth), Kate Adams (Stranraer)

1. Welcome

President Alison welcomed the Area Reps present and to Bruce Crawford (CEO SC) for making journey to Hamilton and to the Area Reps joining via Zoom.

2. Apologies

As above.

3. Previous Minutes *(from 09Aug2022)*

Minutes of previous meeting had been circulated to all reps **Proposer:** Lillias Hyslop **Seconded:** Ann Johnstone

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. President's Report

President Alison and Past President Lillian Carnegie recently met with the 2023 Swedish Tour Captain, Terry Paterson and her Executive, Mhairi Baird (Vice Captain), Isla Kinnear (Tour Secretary) and Karen Jack (Tour Treasurer). They met at Dunblane GC and offered guidance and advice to Terry and her team for the tour to Sweden in November 2023. Thanks to Past President and Past Swedish Tour Captain, Corrie Lawrence (Ayr) who has also produced an informative booklet for the Tour Executive on what needs to be done prior to the group departing. Tour Captain Terry will give updates on progress for future LSC meetings.

Alison attended the RCCC AGM at Curl Edinburgh on 20 August, which is the first in-person and blended AGM in 3 years. Serious matters were discussed and the Board faced a 'Vote of No Confidence' from Crockettford CC. The Board survived this vote and we now hope that all the issues raised will be addressed and that the same issues will not arise again in the future. Susan Kesley stood down on completion of her one year's term as President of RCCC and Ladies Branch will now look forward to working with new President, Mike Ferguson, Vice President, Jimmy Raeburn and the rest of the SC Executive. LSC would also like to congratulate Susan Kesley (now Wyllie) and Jim, on their recent wedding and best wishes for their future together.

6. Treasurer's Resignation *(President Alison)*

President Alison is sorry to announce that Janine Wilson has offered her resignation as Treasurer with immediate effect. President Alison read the resignation letter to the attendees at the meeting. Janine found that the job was difficult due to a conflict of interest as Treasurer of LSC and also her position on the Board of Directors. Janine is offering her support to anyone who is interested in the role. The job is not an onerous one and support is provided from Nicola in RCCC office, who does all the transactions for Ladies Branch. President Alison thanked Janine for all her help and support to Ladies Branch which she has given over the years. Ladies Branch will be looking to fill this role, which is open to ladies in all ice rinks and Area Reps are asked to speak to anyone they feel may be interested and to let President Alison know.

7. Treasurer's Report

The balance of the account as at 8th August 2022 is £6,074.17.

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8. Competitions/Tours

USA Tour – 17 Oct - 12 Nov 2022 – the departure date is approaching fast and they are all excited about going. President Alison will post the flight time for departure from Edinburgh Airport and welcomes anyone to come along and wave the Tour ladies off.

Swedish Tour – 3 - 14 Nov 2023 - the Tour Executive are meeting via Zoom on 4 October to move a few things forward and the first tour get-together with lunch and curling is booked at Perth for 2 November, with 15 tour members being able to attend. A tour bank account has been set up, a blazer fitter/tailor has been appointed and the team members have now indicated the tasks they would like to be involved in.

Morton Trophy – there doesn't seem to be any issues with the Morton. We have now run out of the Morton badges which were ordered and paid for by Ladies Branch in 2013 Morton badges and we need to look for a supplier. Debbie Weir showed the meeting what her Morton badge looked like, with year engraved at bottom. Mara Lindsay (Ayr) will enquire at Tradition in Ayr, for quote for 100 badges.

Henderson Bishop – order of HB cloth badges is in hand by Scottish Curling. Ladies Branch does not pay for these. The cost of gold medals for HB winners are £35.70 and £33.70 for silver HB runner up medals. The RCCC competition budget covers the cost of umpires and covers their expenses such as overnight costs and transport. Two/three umpires are usually required.

Ladies Scottish Championships – Alison showed gold plated curling stone brooches which have been presented to winners of Scottish Championships in the past. LB has paid for these since 2008, when RCCC decided to stop funding. Alexander Kirkwood is the company which produces the brooch and prior to Covid these were priced at £45+VAT and are now £80+VAT, so total cost will be +£400 per year. Quotes have been sought from other suppliers who all give the same increased cost. Mara Lindsay (Ayr) will speak to Tradition in Ayr to get a quote. President Alison received unanimous agreement from the meeting that we should continue to present these brooches to the winners and that we continue with Alexander Kirkwood as supplier. There was question if LB could claim back VAT? However, Bruce Crawford advised that LB would only be able to claim back VAT if we have a commercial sponsor. President Alison then asked if the SC Executive would be willing to contribute towards the cost of brooches and Bruce Crawford said he will take this forward to the Board. To cover brooch costs in the future, LSC will need look at fundraising as the only income LB receives is from International Fund and sale of merchandise.

Team Morrison has still to be presented with their brooches. President Alison will find out if this can be done at the Priestfield Cup on 25 October.

Local Competitions – details of local rink competitions can be found [here](#) updates/changes to be emailed to [Elaine](#)

9. AOCB

Kate Caithness (Honorary President) – Kate is standing down as President of World Curling Federation later this month after 12 years in the role. Ladies Branch sends congratulations and best wishes on a job well done. President Alison will organise recognition of this achievement to formally present to Kate. Maureen Parker to check if Kate can attend the LSC Opening Bonspiel on 4 October. Once Kate's availability is known, a decision will be made on a formal presentation.

SC Competitions Co-ordinator – Bruce Crawford (CEO RCCC) confirmed that Charlene Graham has now been appointed as Competitions Co-ordinator – details are available on the SC website [here](#)

Grassroots Coach of the Year – Congratulations to Elspeth McCrae Burton in receiving this award by SC. President Alison would like to Invite Elspeth to a LSC meeting along with Eilidh McCall-Lawrie (Head of Development) to discuss ideas regarding grass roots/coaching. Michele Hartley (Stirling) to get contact details for Elspeth.

Presentation of RCCC 50th Anniversary Medal – LB to look at the option for ladies to have option of a small presentation with their 50th Anniversary medal at the LB AGM, as this medal is an RCCC medal and would be officially presented at the RCCC AGM. President Alison will liaise with Elaine at RCCC who deals with this. Bruce will also liaise to look into the possibility of a list of recipients on the website.

RCCC AGM – discussions about RCCC representative on the selection committee. Bruce confirmed that the selection policy has been written by SC following input from members. The selection panel of two reps from British Curling and one from Scottish Curling will be required to follow this policy. Also, there is concern as to why we need 75% of voters to pass a vote. Bruce Crawford confirmed that 75% is law and therefore cannot be changed.

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LSC WhatsApp – Vice President Maureen will set up a WhatsApp group for LSC reps to make communication more effective and reduce the number of emails sent. Area reps asked to download the WhatsApp app and send Maureen their mobile number so she can add them to the group. It is stressed that this must only be used for LSC communication, i.e., no social chit-chat or jokes please!

10.Future Meetings

4 October – LSC Meeting.

Due to the ice rink plant not being ready at Hamilton, the bonspiel and lunch will now be held at Perth Ice Rink. Meeting 10.00-12.00, lunch 12.00-1.00, curling 1.30-3.30pm.

Cost = £25pp. 18 names so far. Open to LSC reps plus one other.

Names to Vice President Maureen – see email details below.

25 October – ASC/LSC Joint Meeting & Priestfield Cup at Lanarkshire Ice Rink

LSC reps to confirm attendance by 4 October to [Vice President Maureen](#)

The meeting closed at 11.35