

JOINT MEETING NOTES

OF

AREA STANDING COMMITTEE & LADIES STANDING COMMITTEE

ON: TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2022 IN: LANARKSHIRE ICE RINK AND VIA ZOOM AT: 10:00

Present

Alan Chalmers (Perthshire), Albert Middler (North East), Alison Taylor (LB-P), Ann Johnston (LB-JVP), Brenda Macintyre (Highland & Islands), Bruce Crawford (CEO SC), Clare McCormick (Greenacres), David Haggart (Lanarkshire), Graham Lindsay (SC-Chair), Harry Brodie (Forth Valley), Isla Kinnear (Perth), Jane Paterson (), Janice Walls (Forfar), Jean Cousar (Inverclyde), Jim Hogg (Ruthwell), Jim Raeburn (Avondale Heather), John McDermott (Inverclyde), John McGowan (Greater Glasgow), Karen Jack (Waterfront), Kate Caithness (H.LB-P), Lillias Hyslop (Lanarkshire), Liz Paul (Braehead), Marion Murdoch (Lockerbie), Maureen Parker (LB-VP), Mike Caffyn (Fife & Kinross), Mike Ferguson (SC.P), Pamela Craigie (Kirkcaldy), Robin Copland (Edinburgh), Sheilagh Macfarlane (Forfar), Susan Wylie (Currie & Balerno), Tom Kirk (North East),

Apologies

Ann Gibb (Highlands & Murray), Fiona McLaren (Inverness), Kate Adams (Stranraer), (Liz Cullen (Border), Louise McCutcheon (Lanarkshire), Marion Malcolm (Aberdeen), Mary Anne McWilliam (Galloway), Michele Hartley (Stirling), Nigel Forrest (Pitlessie), Norman Ainslie (Forth Valley), Philip Ross (North East), Trevor Dodds (Edinburgh),

1. Welcome

Mike welcomed everyone. Apologies if technical issues have an impact on this meeting today on zoom.

2. Apologies

As above.

3. Previous Minute of last Joint Meeting (16 June 2022)

The previous joint minute was approved by Albert Middler and seconded by John McGowan.

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising

5. Updates

President Update (Mike Ferguson) – We had a very productive couple of board meetings recently. Also in Inverness to meet the Minister of Sport who also tried curling. Attended mixed championships in Aberdeen. Chaired the European selection meeting, a good meeting, very productive with open discussions. With the whole process being agreed. Thanks also to Alison for going along to meetings/competitions where I couldn't.

Ladies President (Alison Taylor) – Firstly thanks to Mike and Jim for working together with myself and Maureen for discussions going forward with ASC and LSC together. Great to see a successful start to Hamilton now opened. I have been co-opted onto the board in October and this is interesting and informative. I went to U21 in Greenacres, it's good to see everyone coming along. The Province numbers were disappointing, however the standard was really good and competitive. Stranraer for the Scottish Senior Mixed, Aberdeen for the World Mixed good competitions. LSC welcomed Elspeth with the meeting and a good discussion took place regarding sharing ideas along with Eilidh from SC. LB Bonspiel with thirty-two playing and thanks to Perth for the ice at short notice.

I attended Ladies past president Betty Loudens funeral which was very well attended, she was a great advocate for sport and especially curling. USA tourist meeting then waved them off at the airport.

6. Discussion (Mike Ferguson) – A lengthy discussion took place on the energy crisis with updates on all discussions had with SIRA, Minister of Sport, Government, Scottish Curling and Sports Scotland. Covering how important curling (sport) is to the community, mental well-being and exercise. Funding is not available for this this year, however there is funding to make buildings more efficient also through community grants. Reducing energy usage is being looked at in every way possible. It is more important than ever to support and help direct queries regarding the energy and footfall issues within all venues, to secure the rinks for future.

Local rink representatives also updated on the costs, competition entries some doing better than others. Social areas not being in some rinks for networking following games along with catering for the games taking place, this can cause issues. Also, the problems with some rinks privately owned against local authority owned. Along with the local incentives to increase interest and footfall.

7. Future meetings

Will be confirmed going forward, it would be good if we could have a meeting during Scottish to support this.

8. Close

This meeting ended due to technical issues, which were ongoing throughout with some areas of the recording not being clear for transcript.