

MINUTE OF LADIES STANDING COMMITTEE

HELD ON: TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2022

AT HAMILTON GOLF CLUB & VIA ZOOM

AT 11.00 AM



Present

Alison Taylor (President), Maureen Parker (Vice President), Ann Johnstone (Junior Vice President), Yvonne Birnie (Treasurer), Marion Malcolm (Aberdeen), Mara Lindsay (Ayr), Jane Patterson (Dumfries), Rona Craig (Edinburgh), Janice Walls (Forfar), Liz Paul (Glasgow), Fiona McLaren (Inverness), Debbie Weir (Kinross), Pamela Craigie (Kirkcaldy), Lillias Hyslop (Lanarkshire), Isla Kinnear (Perth), Michele Hartley (Stirling), Kate Adams (Stranraer), Karen Jack (Waterfront), Bruce Crawford (RCCC CEO)

Apologies

Kate Caithness (Honorary President), Sheilagh MacFarlane (Forfar)

1. Welcome

President Alison welcomed all those in attendance at Hamilton Golf Club and to those joining on Zoom. Also joining is RCCC CEO, Bruce Crawford, who as you know is standing down from his position at the end of the year after 12 years. On behalf of LSC, President Alison thanked Bruce for his contribution and help at LSC meetings and wishes him good luck for the future. Bruce Crawford thanked the LSC and said it has been an honour and pleasure to work with Ladies Branch, which is the "heart of curling and that Ladies Branch is here to stay". Bruce will remain in his position until the end of December and thereafter he is resuming consultancy work, which Bruce did prior to his position with the RCCC.

2. Apologies

As above.

3. Previous Minutes (from 04/10/2022)

Minutes of previous meeting were circulated to all reps. Thanks to Michele Hartley (Minute Secretary) for a comprehensive set of minutes of this meeting. President Alison apologises for the lack of minutes from the LSC/ASC joint meeting on 25/10/22 at Hamilton Ice Rink. Due to technical issues, attendees could not Zoom in to join the meeting and the meeting could not be recorded so President Alison is formally declaring that there will be no minute of this meeting. **Proposer:** Maureen Parker (Vice President) **Seconder:** Janice Walls (Forfar)

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising

5. President's Report (President Alison)

Since our last meeting, the World Mixed Championships have been held at Curl Aberdeen which was won by Canada and Runners Up were the Scotland team of Robin Munro, Lisa Davie, Cammie Bryce and Scott Hyslop. Congratulations to them and well done to Curl Aberdeen for hosting.

The Province Championships were held in Greenacres and well done to the former pupils' team from Kelvinside Academy representing Dunbartonshire Province who won beating Scottish Central Province in an extra end. The Priestfield Cup was played following the LSC/ASC meeting on 25 October at Hamilton Ice Rink and President Alison is delighted to announce that Ladies Branch won the trophy. Thanks to Maureen Parker (Vice President) for organising the event.

The Four Nations draw has been made and published and is available on the SC website; <https://www.scottishcurling.org/2023-four-nations-team-announcement/>. The competition will be held at Curl Aberdeen on 28 - 29 January 2023. This year's host nation is Ireland.

On 17 October 2022, President Alison waved the USA Tour off at Edinburgh Airport and was also there to welcome them back on their arrival at the airport on 12 November. The Tour was a huge success and they came back with the Marguerite Roberts Quaich. Well done and congratulations to them all.

Scottish Junior Championships were held at Curl Aberdeen. Congratulations to Fay Henderson and her team who now go out to the Juniors B Qualifiers in Finland to hopefully get through to the World Junior Finals in March in Fussen, Germany. The LSC wish them well and President Alison will send a card. Edinburgh Senior Ladies

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Championship was won by Jackie Lockhart and her team. Congratulations to them and well done to Liz Paul (Glasgow) and her team who were Runners Up.

A highlight for President Alison was her trip to the European Championships in Sweden. There were gold medals for the Scottish men and, for the women who had had a shaky week, came through brilliantly to take bronze medals. Well done to all the supporters who turned out to cheer the teams on. It was a great competition and good fun. President Alison enjoyed a recent 2015 Canadian Tour Reunion to Harrogate at the weekend after 7 years when she relived many memories and made lots of new ones.

6. Treasurer's Report *(Yvonne Birnie)*

As at 1 December the bank balance is £5,350.63. Income had been expected from donations from ice rinks to Ladies Branch Fund and there is expenditure for engraving of Morton pins. Merchandise available to purchase at the meeting; 4 packs x 6 cards (assorted curling designs) for £10 each and a large stock of Ladies Branch canvas bags for sale at £5 each. 125 badges purchased for Morton and 52 brooches for Championship. Merchandise sold at meeting Cards £20 and bags £75. If any rep is sitting on a stock of unsold merchandise, please let Yvonne know for end of year stock-taking purposes.

7. Competitions/Tours *(President Alison)*

Morton Trophy – a couple of Morton secretaries' meetings have been held and they proved successful and worthwhile, with any issues resolved. Thanks to everyone who accommodated the changes and have done their best to get teams together. There is request from Perth to see if sections will be reviewed in the future due to geographical issues and getting ladies to commit to a whole day's travelling to/from Inverness to play in a match. President Alison said this would be resolved next year when Inverness will travel away to Perth and ladies should look at it positively as a good day's curling and socialising rather than a chore. President Alison thanked everyone for pulling teams together and it seems that everyone enjoys the both the curling and social experience. The ethos of the Morton is to encourage new curlers to play, meet other curlers and experience curling in different ice rinks and reps are asked to promote this to hopefully attract new curlers to the competition. Morton pins have been ordered (125 pins = £367.50). Enamelling is expensive, so President Alison took the decision to get the pins produced without the year engraved. It was decided to get the years engraved each year.

Henderson Bishop – qualifying rounds are well under way and results have been sent to Elaine at Scottish Curling and posted to Ladies Branch fb page as they are received. Congratulations to those successful ladies. President Alison distributed badges to those reps in attendance at the meeting and others will be posted out. In previous years the host centre has paid for Robin Henderson Bishop and his wife to attend the dinner and Maureen Parker confirmed that Stranraer has the funds to cover this. Gail Munro (Honorary Vice President) has been in communication with Mr and Mrs Henderson Bishop regarding the arrangements and President Alison will send a letter of invitation to the Finals dinner. President Alison will check on all 4 trophies for Henderson Bishop – where they are and if they have been engraved. She will also check that Scottish Curling has the medals for HB. The draw of teams for the Finals is undertaken at today's meeting and is noted below. There are 4 sections of 5 teams. The guidance that the furthest travelled centre in each section will get a bye in the first game will apply for 2023.

Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4
Lanarkshire 2	Dumfries	Lanarkshire 1	Dundee
Forfar	Edinburgh 2	Kirkcaldy	Ayr
Lockerbie	Kinross 2	Inverness	Kinross 1
Stranraer	Greenacres	Aberdeen	Perth
Borders	Edinburgh 1	Stirling	Waterfront

There was a query about cost to teams, so once this is confirmed a formal email giving full details of HB Finals will be sent by Scottish Curling.

Incoming Canadian Tour – 6-26 November 2024 (dates TBC) – the Canadians are still committed to coming to Scotland for their 21 days in 2024. They would like a mixture of hotel accommodation and home hosting. President

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Alison will speak to previous organisation committee and revisit the plans. Reps are asked to make ice rinks aware of this tour.

Outgoing Swedish Tour 3-14 November 2023 – arrangements are going well with their next meeting 14-15 January 2023. Pia Hasselberg is looking forward to the tour. Tour Captain Terry has been in contact with travel agents regarding flights.

Outgoing USA Tour – 17 Oct–12 Nov 2022 – Mara Lindsay (Ayr) gave a presentation of the recent tour to USA with lots of fantastic photographs. President Alison said it was an honour to wave off the tour from Edinburgh and delighted to see them return looking very happy. She thanked Mara for a very informative and interesting presentation.

Local Competition Information – a reminder to email Elaine at SC office: elaine@scottishcurling.org about your ice rink competitions. So that ladies can support other ice rink competitions, reps are asked to try and co-ordinate competition dates with nearby centres to avoid any clashes.

8. AOCB

Scottish Championship brooches have been ordered at £677.02. Last year's brooches are still to be presented to Team Morrison and they have said that they would like them to be presented at the Ladies Branch AGM, Alison will send invitation out to them in plenty time to ensure they attend.

President Alison asked each rep attending the meeting and on Zoom to give a brief update on what's happening at their ice centre. No issues were reported from any of the reps.

As Zoom continues to be used as a regular platform for running meetings, Bruce Crawford said that the RCCC are currently looking at the purchase of an Owl microphone system for Zoom meetings which costs over £1k. This system can be used by Zoom meetings for all Scottish Curling committees.

Bruce Crawford (CEORCCC) advised that in the New Year there is the opportunity for candidates to come forward for nomination for the roles of Director and Vice President. Janine Wilson and Keith Prentice will both have completed their 3 years' term as Directors and it is hoped that they will come forward to continue. Following Susan Kesley's time as President, it would be positive for a woman to come forward for the position of Vice President for 2023-2024, leading to President from 2024-2025.

9. Future Meetings

Tuesday 21 February 2023 – Joint Meeting – 11.00 venue TBC. This will NOT be on zoom.

Tuesday 28 March 2023 – LSC Meeting – venue TBC

Tuesday 11 April 2023 – LSC Meeting – venue TBC

Ladies Branch page on SC website to be updated to show above dates.

Maureen Parker (Vice President) thanked President Alison for a successful meeting.

The meeting closed at 13:00