



RCCC Board meeting minute

15th January 2024 - online via Zoom

Adopted on: **Approved**
Last reviewed on: 2024.02.27

Attendee	Role	Attendance
Fraser Montgomery	Chair	Online
Vinny Bryson	CEO	Online
Alan Hannah	Director	Online
Maureen Parker	Co-opted Director	Online
Eilidh McCall-Lawrie	Head of Sport and Communities	Online
Suzy Wakefield	Head of Operations	Online
Janine Wilson	Director	Apologies
Jim Raeburn	Director	Online
Keith Prentice	Director	Online
Liz Burton King	Director	Online
Logan Gray	Director	Online
Mairi Milne	Director	Apologies
Alister Asher	Vice President	Online
John Slater	Independent Director	Online
Susan Nimmo	Independent Director	Online
Fiona Lilley	sportscotland Partnership Manager	Online
Rebecca Murphy	SSA support (minutes)	Online

1. *Welcome, Apologies, Declarations of Interest*

Welcome to Scott who will give a presentation on the Academy, Apologies from Janine and Mairi. No changes to DOI.

2. *Items for Approval/Decision*

- Inverness Ice Centre

Vinny - shared a paper with the Board regarding removal of security at Inverness Ice Centre to facilitate sale of area of land.

☒ Board are happy to support the sale of the land and phone mast at Inverness Ice Centre (subject to assurances from Harper Macleod Property Team).



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- WCF Rep Nominations

Vinny - There is now a full complement of WCF Reps, we have an opportunity to nominate a candidate for the World Curling Nominations Committee. Mike Ferguson is the preferred World Curling Rep.

☑ Board Approves for Mike Ferguson to be the candidate for the WCF Nominations Committee

3. *Items for Discussion*

- People - Academy Presentation by Scott Andrews

Scott discussed his achievements including monthly coaching network meetings and meetings with NA teams, becoming an Anti-Doping Educator and more.

Scott discussed some challenges he has faced including the regional split across Scotland and costs of Ice Rinks amongst others.

Some new ideas he suggested included introducing a new tier to the academy and a rename as well as editing/creating new WITTW and WITTP programmes

Scott discussed the Academy Member Pathway from Emerging to Podium. He discussed their expectations and opportunities.

Scott discussed the areas where support is needed including the rewriting the proposal of new programme, Selection Criteria/ Documents and Board representation on selection committee

🗳 Board to consider how they can help Scott and the Academy with some of the proposals he made in his presentation [15/01/2024.01]

- Places

Ayr - Alan gave a verbal update on Ayr to the board

Perth- Vinny gave a verbal update on Perth to the board - there is an external report that Perth & Kinross council are going to debate, where the Ice Rink would be demolished as part of a wider demolition programme. The rink would not be reinstated by the new facility envisaged.

The Board agreed with the Chair's proposal to work together to facilitate Perth's survival.

Vinny would take the action to influence political outcomes as part of a local and national curling team effort.

🗳 Maureen and Jimmy - Will discuss the situation at Perth with the LSC and ASC members at their next meetings to see if members are willing to assist RCCC in facilitating Perth's survival [15/01/2024.02]

- Waterfront

Inverclyde has committed to an investment to refresh the facilities at the Waterfront, including upgrades to the changing facilities. The management are very open and welcoming to Scottish



Curling input, are willing to adapt the ice hall to allow international competition and hire the space as a “blank canvas”.

- World Wheelchair

As part of her work for RCCC, Liz has secured a provisional booking with the sportscotland Inverclyde national sports training centre for the use of their fully accessible accommodation during a potential World Wheelchair Curling and Mixed Doubles Championships in March 2025. She has completed a site visit to the Waterfront and arranged a visit with Auchenhavies to assess their viability as venues within easy reach of the accommodation and attended a meeting with UK Sport and Event Scotland who can be approached for funding. Liz will work with Vinny to create a draft budget and will report back to the Board in due course.

4. Governance

- CEO Flash Report

Vinny - thanks everyone for the response on Inverness, membership had a short uptick, which is great. Appointed North Development Manager.

Eilidh - Rhiannon started on the 11th of December and hit the ground running, she is employed on a full time basis, she is prioritising the disability, equality and inclusion plan. From Monday we will have a full cohort of staff with the Northern Development Manager starting then. Perth is part of her remit. Year by Year membership comparison we are not too far behind pre-covid numbers. We are also working on analysing the numbers of those who have left, which rinks are doing well and those who may need a bit of help.

- Approval of Previous Minutes - Minutes, after the board have approved them, will be uploaded onto the website later this week

5. AOB & Any Other Feedback

Vinny - we have engaged with a data specialist so, hopefully have more information regarding membership and data and I will present something for the board in February.

Fraser - Scottish Championships coming up at Dumfries, we are looking forward to it, and would love to see you there. The Central Development Manager will do a presentation at the next meeting.

🇬🇧 Board - Will share with Fraser and Vinny whether they will be attending the Scottish Championships in Dumfries and on what days [15/01/2024.04]

🇬🇧 Action Summary

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