

MINUTES OF PRE-LB AGM LSC MEETING

HELD ON: TUESDAY 14 MAY 2024

AT: STRANRAER ICE RINK AT 10.00 AM

Present

Kate Caithness (Honorary President), Gail Munro (Honorary Vice President), Maureen Parker (President), Ann Johnstone (Vice President), Ann Gibb (Interim Junior VP), Val Saville (Treasurer), Fiona Glascodine (Aberdeen), Mara Lindsay (Ayr), Caroline McClymont (Border), Sheila McNab (Border), Susan Morrison (Dumfries), Joan Simpson (Edinburgh), Janice Walls (Forfar), Shirley Jeans (Forfar), Clare McCormick (Greenacres), Fiona McLaren (Inverness), Sheona Reid (Kinross), Fiona Moffat (Lanarkshire), Christine Ross (Lockerbie), Isla Kinnear (Perth), Michele Hartley (Stirling), Kate Adams (Stranraer)

New Centre Representatives

Liz Paul (Greenacres), Trish Kennedy (Perth), Karen Jack (Waterfront)

Apologies

Alison Troup (Aberdeen), Lucy Tile (Border), Pamela Craigie (Kirkcaldy), Angela Watt (Waterfront)

Welcome *(President Maureen)*

A warm welcome to you all, to this, our final meeting. Thank you for making your way to Stranraer, it really does mean a lot to me that so many of you could come. For me it doesn't seem long since October when we are all here for our opening bonspiel. I just want to start by saying thank you for your support all year and that I will miss you all, but it's easier letting go knowing you are in good hands. Ann Johnstone, Ann Gibb and Isla Kinnear are a great combination of experienced curlers and enthusiasts of our sport. Good luck going forward.

Apologies

As above.

Previous Minutes *(13May2023)*

Pre-AGM meeting – There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

Proposed: President Maureen *Seconded:* Susan Morrison (Dumfries)

Treasurer's Report *(Val Saville)*

Val gave her report to the meeting for accounts up to 30/04/24 showing a balance of £5,671.33. The full report will be given at the AGM. In summary, income this year was £970 from centre donations, £140 more than previous year. There was no income from the sale of merchandise. Expenditure was for the honorarium payment to the minute secretary, donations and engraving of Morton badges and Scottish Championship brooches. There was also an unexpected additional expenditure of £720 as LB paid for the Morton Final games and, due to this, the accounts show a £366.90 deficit. There will be more details and discussion about this cost in the minutes under 'Morton Update'. Val thanked Nicola (SC Finance Officer) and Elaine (SC Administration Officer) for all the support they have provided over the year. President Maureen thanked Val for all her hard work.

Morton Update

There was agreement at last year's AGM that there should be a play-off game for 3rd/4th place in the Morton Final, so that teams who have travelled far can have more than one game and to allow more income for the hosting ice rink. Prior to today's meeting, a 'Morton Trophy Update May 24' report was emailed out to all LSC representatives following a recent Morton Secretaries' meeting and this report was read out at the meeting. Point 6. of the report referred to play-off games for 3rd/4th place at the Final, prizes and sponsorship. It was agreed at the meeting that prizes for 3rd/4th place are not necessary but could be considered along with sponsorship and that a 3rd/4th play-off will continue for next year. It was proposed and unanimously agreed that all participating centres at the Morton Final on 12 March 2024 would be asked to pay for their final and 3rd/4th game, as this information had been given to the Morton Secretaries of participating centres well in advance of the day. This is £180 per centre. It is unfair to organisers and LSC that such a dispute is raised on the day of an event and President Maureen asks that centres ensure they follow the correct complaint procedure and make LSC aware in advance of any potential issues in the future.

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The Morton sections for the next two years:

NORTH: Aberdeen, Dundee, Forfar, Inverness, Perth
 EAST: Borders, Curl Edinburgh, Kinross, Kirkcaldy
 SOUTH: Ayr, Dumfries, Lockerbie, Stranraer
 WEST: Greenacres, Lanarkshire, Stirling, Waterfront

Three bids have been received to host the competition in 2025 (cost includes 2 games and catering):

Dundee = £20.00pp
 Perth = £27.50pp
 Dumfries = £31.00pp (+ catering costs to be added).

Dundee have provided a very competitive quote (which they advise will not be available for future years). They are very keen to host in 2025, given they have just rejoined the Morton and are receiving full support from the ice centre to host the event. Following a show of hands at the meeting for each bid submitted, President Maureen proposes Dundee as Morton Finals host for 2025. President Maureen thanked Sheilagh Macfarlane (Dundee) and the other ice centres for their bid and welcomed Dundee back into the competition.

Competitions for 2024/2025

Henderson Bishop: Dumfries – Monday 24th - Thursday 27th February 2025

HB competition entry is done via the SC website, with the deadline of 30 June 2024. The entry form will be available on the SC website shortly. LSC reps can check how many teams have entered from their ice rink by contacting Elaine on 07762 334 233 or email her on elaine@scottishcurling.org. Please get as many teams as possible to participate and encourage your young women to take part as there is no age barrier for entry. There were 84 teams who took part last year. Request for organisers at Dumfries to send an invitation to Robin Henderson Bishop.

Morton Trophy: Dundee - Tuesday 11th March 2025

Open Competitions - reminder to all LSC reps to please email Elaine (SC Administrative Officer) of open competitions at your ice rink; elaine@scottishcurling.org

Ladies' Branch Business

LSC Opening Bonspiel: Dumfries - Tuesday 8th October 2024 - meeting in the morning, lunch and game in afternoon. Recommendation for accommodation will be sent out in due course by Ann Johnstone (VP).

LB AGM: Dumfries - Tuesday 13th May 2025

Proposers & Seconders (for LB AGM)

	Proposer	Seconders
AGM Minutes 2023	Maureen Parker	Lillian Carnegie
Accounts	Val Saville	Michele Hartley
President	Maureen Parker	Fiona Hardie
Vice President	Ann Johnstone	Margaret Pottie
Junior Vice President	Ann Johnstone	Trish Kennedy
Treasurer	Ann Johnstone	Corrie Lawrence
Vote of Thanks	Kate Adams	

Retirement of LSC Reps

Each outgoing LSC rep introduced their new LSC rep at the meeting:

Centre	Standing Down	New Representative
Waterfront	Angela Watt	Karen Jack
Perth	Isla Kinnear	Trish Kennedy
Greenacres	Clare McCormick	Liz Paul
Borders	Lucy Tile	Caroline McClymont

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President Maureen thanked the retiring reps for all their hard work and commitment and welcomed the new reps to the committee. She introduced Shirley Jeans (Forfar), who is taking over as LB Minute Secretary from Michele Hartley, who is standing down after 4-5 years. She thanked Michele for providing timely minutes for LSC and Joint ASC/LSC meetings.

RCCC Business

President Maureen requested that women curlers attend the RCCC AGM which is on Saturday 29th June at Hamilton Park Racecourse at 2.00 pm.

Tours

Incoming Canada Tour: November 2025 - organisation is well under way with all centres having booked their ice and organising activities. The tourists arrive on 1st November and there is an Opening Dinner on Sunday 3rd November at Stranraer, which is open for all LSC to attend.

Outgoing Canada Tour: November 2026 - an invitation from Curling Canada has now been received to 24 female members, to tour the west coast province of British Columbia for 3 weeks. Open to any female RCCC member. Approximate cost of the tour will be £5k. Elaine at SC will be sending out a link to the SC website, which will give information of the tour and entry form.

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Meeting dates:

RCCC AGM: Hamilton Park Racecourse - Saturday 29th June 2024 @ 14.00hrs

LSC & Joint Meetings: TBC for 2024-2025 season - see SC website for provisional dates;

<https://www.scottishcurling.org/about-us/ladies-branch/minutes/>

Past President's badges: 4 badges are on order.

The Betty Kitson Bonspiel: Aberdeen - Saturday 5th October 2024. Curl Aberdeen is delighted to reinstate this one-day competition after being on hold for a few years. Fiona Glascodine (Aberdeen) will welcome women's teams from over Scotland to enter and she will be sending out details and application forms to LSC reps in due course.

Vote of Thanks

President Maureen thanked all reps for attending today's meeting. Ann Johnstone (VP) thanked everyone on LSC committee. On behalf of LSC committee, Ann thanked Maureen for her hard work over the past year, attending meetings, competitions and travelling overseas. Ann presented Maureen with a thank-you gift from LSC committee.

The meeting closed at 11.18am