



RCCC Board meeting minute

25 November 2024 -online

Adopted on: 2025.01.27
Last reviewed on: 2025.01.23

Attendee	Role	Attendance
Fraser Montgomery	Chair	Online
Vinny Bryson	CEO	Online
Alan Hannah	Director	Online
Janine Wilson	Director	Online
Keith Prentice	Director	Online
Liz Burton King	Observer	Online
Keith Wilson	Director	Online
John Slater	Independent Director	Online
Eilidh McCall-Lawrie	Head of Sport and Communities	Online
Suzy Wakefield	Head of Operations	Online
Ali Asher	President, Director	Online
Fiona Lilley	Observer sportscotland Partnership Manager	Online
Wendy Loudon	Co-opted Director	Apologies
Ann Johnstone	Observer	Online
Lorna Hyslop	Independent Director	Online
Mairi Milne	Director	Online
Scott Andrews	Academy Manager	Online
Charlene Graham	Major Events Manager	Online

1. Welcome, Apologies, Updated Declarations of Interest, Minutes Approval FM

Apologies from WL

☒ Minutes Approved from October

2. Items for Decision

a. Approve new Scottish Curling Trust trustees – JW

JW discussed the report previously circulated. She would like to ensure this is an annual discussion. 4 new proposed trustees.

☒ Board Approved the new Scottish Curling Trust trustees



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b. Approve revised Risk Register – VB

VB discussed the Risk Register

☒ **Board Approved Risk Register**

c. Competition Calendar 2025-26 – KP

CG joined the meeting for this item.

Board discussion regarding the Competitions Calendar 2025-26: Several directors emphasised the importance of maintaining regular competitions as a priority, rather than freeing up ice time exclusively for potential new members.

The Chair expressed his view that recruiting new members must be a key focus during the post-Olympic 2026 period.

While the Board supports the goal of attracting and fostering activity for new members, this should not come at the expense of existing competitions.

LH to work with VB and SC staff on communications plans.

A Olympics Planning 2026 to stay on agenda for continued discussions. [25/11/2024.01]

☒ **Majority of Board felt the need to keep regular competitions for existing members in 2026.**

Discussion around National Curling Day 2025 (15th November). FM recommends using that date for Indoor Grand Match.

A EML & KP to work together on plans for Indoor Grand Match 2025. Date agreed as 15 November 2025 [25/11/2024.02]

3. Items for Discussion

a. CEO Report – VB

VB gave an update with good progress in two areas, club accreditation and workforce delivery.

b. Facilities Report - VB

VB gave an update on Ayr, Inverness & Perth rinks.

c. Academy – SA

SA presented on the Academy and its future plans, providing an overview of its structure, a breakdown of each level's benefits, and highlighted supporting events. He outlined challenges such as increased applications, limited ice availability and rising costs, and the geographic distribution of Regional athletes.

SA also shared eligibility criteria for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 seasons, and briefly discussed the "What It Takes To Win" initiative.

AH acknowledged positive feedback from British Curling regarding SA's collaboration and inquired about the potential inclusion of wheelchair athletes in the Academy, to which SA confirmed early discussions.



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FM enquired about athletes' mental wellbeing. SA noted it had been a difficult year but that all athletes had been given extra support and more 1:1 time with him.

FM thanked SA on behalf of the Board on the positive impact he has been making and on his professionalism in the past few months.

d. World Wheelchair – LBK

The competition draws have been announced. Packages for players have been finalised and offer great value for money. Twenty-three countries will be participating. Press releases are forthcoming. There are currently 70 volunteers, but could do with more.

KP suggested asking clubs to email their members directly, as not all members check social media.

- **A** LBK to send calendar invite to Board for the weekend of World Wheelchair Competition [25/11/2024.03]

e. Technical Committee Update – AH

AH referred to previously shared deck and explained the key terms of reference.

- **D** Board Approved Terms of Reference for Technical Committee.

f. Rink wheelchair accessibility – VB

Push towards Scotland no longer being the points carrier. VB shared decks regarding accessible rinks and potential for others. Discussion about the pipeline of wheelchair curling and how to maximise potential.

g. European Championships 2025 update - AA

AA provided feedback on his time at European Championships. Good support from the families of teams.

Board recorded their congratulations to the two teams and their medals.

4. Governance

a. Safeguarding – EML

EML gave an update on PVG.

b. KPMG Audit Actions – SW

All on target.

c. Finance and Q2 – JW

Q2 summary has been sent. Moving to monthly monitoring from December.

d. Review of outstanding actions – FM

Some have been discussed tonight. Will have an update on Marketing in January.



AOB

FM thanked everyone on the Board for their contributions this year. Special thanks to the staff team for their hard work this year which has seen a lot of change.

Next Meetings

Monday 27 January 2025

Monday 31 March 2025

A *Action Summary*

- A** Olympics Planning 2026 to stay on Agenda for continued discussions. [25/11/2024.01]
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D *Decision Summary*

- D** Minutes Approved from October
- D** Board Approved the new Scottish Curling Trust trustees
- D** Board Approved Risk Register
- D** Majority of Board felt the need to keep regular competitions for existing members in 2026.
- D** Board Approved Terms of Reference for Technical Committee.



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