

LADIES STANDING COMMITTEE
HELD ON: TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST 2025
AT: KINROSS AT 11AM



Minutes

Present

Honorary President Kate Caithness CBE, Honorary Vice President Gail Munro MBE, President Ann Gibb, Vice President Isla Kinnear, Junior Vice President Jane Drysdale, Alison Troup, Aberdeen, Elizabeth Shaw, Ayr, Mary Shaw, Ayr, Jackie McQueen, Dundee, Marion Duthie, Forfar, Helen Jamieson, Greenacres, Elaine Semple, Inverness, Kim Dalland, Kinross, Lynda Blackwood, Lanarkshire, Christine Ross, Lockerbie, Trish Kennedy, Perth, Moira Forman, Stirling, Karen Jack, Waterfront

Apologies

Caroline McClymont, Borders, Jane Bruce, Edinburgh, Sheilagh Macfarlane, Dundee, Janice Craig, Dumfries, Fiona Glascodine, Aberdeen, Kate Adams, Stranraer, Shirley Jeans, Minute Secretary.

1. Welcome - President Ann welcomed everyone to our First Ladies Branch meeting of the season. As this was our first time together and we had several new faces round the table, everyone was asked to introduce themselves by name and centre they are representing and say a bit about how they communicate at their centre.

2. Minutes of the Pre AGM meeting -

Amendments:

The Canadian Outgoing Tour are raising money for Breast Cancer

Lynda Blackwood – name to be added

Maggie Scott misspelt

The President had not agreed to a Zoom meeting of Morton Secretaries but this will take place in the next few weeks. (These are not necessary if no changes to sections.)

Minutes circulated and taken as read.

Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all reps with the Agenda

Proposed: Jane Drysdale

Seconded: Mary Shaw

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Treasurer's Report

Val is unable to attend.

Bank balance -Total £8934.07. Outgoings: 3 months service charges

The Treasurer should have online access to LB funds. These funds are available to all centres to decide individually what they can contribute. This is generally about £50. Historically merchandise topped up this fund. The fund is also to ensure that the Ladies President is not under financial burden during her presidency. The fund provides the main gift for incoming tours.

5. President's Update

Over the last few weeks the President has received several emails which must be discussed:

1. Alison Young from Ayr contacted Vinny Bryson [CEO] asking for approval to keep Ayr Ladies Centre operating. Bye Law 8.5 which concerns Ladies Branch, but does not appear within the Main Articles of Association of the RCCC states - Any rink which closes may still be represented for a limited period [of not more than 3 years] on the Ladies Standing Committee. Committee agreed that Ayr should continue until 26/27.

The meeting agreed that an extension in operations should be agreed at the discretion of the committee as it is important to allow time for business plans etc to be put in place. This amendment must be passed at LB AGM then at RCCC AGM.

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2. The Rules Committee review and update rules across all Scottish Curling competitions and try wherever possible to keep rules in a standard form. Alan Stanfield who is on the Rules Committee has been in touch as they wish to replace the last sentence of Section 22(c): In the event of the winners of a section being unable for any reason to compete in the final stages of the competition, the runners up of that Section shall compete in their place.

With : Should one of the qualifiers be unable to play then the next available will take their place.

The meeting agreed to this.

3. Henderson Bishop update - 82 teams entered. The draw was made at the beginning of July and letters sent to ice rinks and lady reps on or around 15th July. There are 16 centres, 20 teams required for the final. Curl Edinburgh, Kinross and Lanarkshire: top 2 teams qualify as they had 8 entries. Dumfries: top 2 teams also qualify as they had 7 entries. Stirling had 2 entries and rather than ask them to play at another centre, they will play the best of 3. Reps please ensure that the teams are aware of the rules of the competition.

4. Four Nations entries open soon, close 30th Sept.

Grand Match over 230 entries so clubs will be notified asap.

5. Tours

Outgoing tour Captain will give update at next meeting

Incoming American tour- Nov 2026 - There has been little change from last briefing as the selection process is still ongoing. Date of arrival is still to be confirmed,

They arrive in Edinburgh and Jane Bruce and the previous tour ladies are working on arrangements. The organising committee are working on a route including opening and closing banquets and reps have been asked if centres will home host etc. A lot depends on which ice rinks will be open. A zoom call with Lisa and Donna will hopefully happen within the next few weeks.

6. Fiona Harfield has a list of courses available for coaching and umpiring and she and Scottish Curling would like to see more Lady coaches and umpires. If you or any of your centre ladies are interested please go on to the Scottish Curling web site and sign up.

6. Proposed name change of the LSC

This was brought up by Past President Ann Johnston. There was plenty of discussion at the meeting and reps were asked to go back to their centres and discuss this then come back with the views from their centres.

7. President's Bonspiel- Inverness 7th October.

JVP Jane will be asking you about this during lunch. Ice and Lunch is 25.00.

Ann asked that everyone try to come as it gives us all a chance to not only play in a different ice rink but to meet and socialise with new ladies which is one of the aims of Ladies Branch.

Priestfield Cup

Isla as Vice President is liaising with Robert Anderson who is the new Vice President of RCCC, to organise this and will be asking for names.

8. AOCB

Lillian Carnegie gave Ladies Branch the printing plates for curling stone cards which in past years have been printed and sold for funds. Lillian's sister was the graphic designer and she has been approached by someone to produce them. Lillian asked if LB would give the plates back to her so her sister could then print and sell them for her business. The meeting agreed.

9. Dates for future meetings

- Tuesday 2nd September - 10.30 Dunblane Golf Club
- Tuesday 7th October 10.30am - Inverness President's Cup Bonspiel
- Tuesday 29th October - Joint Meeting and Priestfield Cup, Perth
- Tuesday 2nd December - Zoom (or Face to Face - to be decided)

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- Tuesday 3rd February 10.30 - Dunblane Golf Club
- Tuesday 7th April 10.30 - Joint Meeting, venue tbc
- Ladies Branch AGM, Inverness - Date tbc

Meeting closed at: ... 12.25