

LADIES STANDING COMMITTEES
HELD AT: **DUNBLANE GOLF CLUB**
ON: TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER AT 10.30



Minutes

Present: Honorary President Kate Caithness CBE, President Ann Gibb, Vice President Isla Kinnear, Junior Vice President Jane Drysdale, Fiona Glascodine, Aberdeen; Alison Troup, Aberdeen; Elizabeth Shaw, Ayr; Mary Shaw, Ayr; Caroline McClymont, Borders; Janice Craig, Dumfries; Jackie McQueen, Dundee; Jane Bruce, Edinburgh; Marion Duthie, Forfar; Helen Jamieson, Greenacres; Elaine Semple, Inverness; Elaine Spain, Kinross; Christine Ross, Lockerbie; Kate Adams, Stranraer; Moira Forman, Stirling; Karen Jack, Waterfront; Peter Joyce, Scottish Curling; Eilidh McCall-Lawrie, Scottish Curling; Fiona Harfield, Scottish Curling.

1. Welcome

President Ann welcomed everyone, including two new faces on the Committee, Jane Bruce and Janice Craig who Ann asked to introduce themselves after she had welcomed our guests, Kate Caithness, our Honorary President, Eilidh McCall Lawrie and Fiona Harfield from Scottish Curling and Peter Joyce who would be speaking to us later.

2. Apologies

Sheilagh Macfarlane, Dundee; Kim Dalland, Kinross; Trish Kennedy, Perth; Lynda Blackwood, Lanarkshire; Shirley Jeans, Minute Secretary

3. Minutes of LSC Meeting 5Th August

Minutes circulated and taken as read. Proposed : Christine Ross Seconded: Isla Kinnear

4. Matters Arising: Jackie McQueen and Alison Troup, members of the 2022 outgoing USA Tour raised the lack of guidance on what to put on the application forms and what was expected from previous tourists for incoming tours. Ann Gibb has a guide for tour captains produced by Corrie Lawrence and this will be considered and revised. This had already been discussed for further action at the pre AGM meeting.

5. Treasurers Report

Val was unavailable. Total : £8979.82. Only one debit £4.25 bank charges. No contributions from Centres yet received.

6. President's Update

We have been so lucky with the fabulous weather it is hard to believe that we will soon be looking out our thermals, curling shoes and brushes for the start of a new season in a few weeks. There are just a few notifications to share with you.

1. The teams representing Scotland at the Le Gruyère AOP European Championships in Lohja, Finland next month were announced. Team Mouat and Team Morrison take to the ice on 16th - 22nd November and we wish them well.

2. Eileen Neilson and Bruce Mouat have now become ambassadors for the Scottish Curling Trust. The new Scottish Curling Trust website is now live.

3. Entries for the 4 Nations are now open, it was put back a couple of weeks. Entries close on 30th September so get your name in if you are interested. The competition is being held in Kelso on the 23rd Jan to 25th Jan 2026. All details are on the web site.

4. At our next meeting we will make the section draw for the HB. The start time of the meeting on all correspondence is down as 10.30 but as some of you are coming by bus or car on the day, we can put it back to 11.00 and be flexible if need be.

5. As the curling season has not started we can discuss the name change proposal at a future meeting but please bring this to the attention of the ladies within your centres and get their views. Eilidh and Fiona are here in place of Vinny as he is in Australia and he usually comes to our meetings, so can one or both of you give us an update from Scottish Curling. Thank you Eilidh and Fiona.

9. Presentation from Peter Joyce

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Peter Joyce, Digital Lead gave an interesting and informative talk on the use of social media to promote curling in Scotland and worldwide and answered question from the members.

The key points were:

Slack and Teams are apps of choice for SC staff. Any member of LSC can be invited onto Slack and Eilidh will update with new members of LSC and send invite to join. PJ described the benefits of these. LSC are comfortable with using WhatsApp and will continue with this as it does the job.

Four Bullet Friday all going to email which will remove any downloading issues.

A new website is to launch in September - user friendly and easy to access, more like the SC trust website. It will focus on how to access curling, safety on ice and competition results with main aim of optimising bounce from the Olympics.

Monday.com – used for project management. Mainly forms for courses and competitions.

Social media key for raising awareness of curling Scotland – Fb, Instagram and X.

For our group important to tell our story by painting a picture telling why, how, enjoyment from around the rinks. Use dynamic photos to promote women in sport.

Using a reel on Fb is beneficial and easy, as automatic.

Tag SC in posts for greater circulation.

SC have massive media contact list so can help by providing this. Send photos and stories to your local press as usually delighted to receive this.

In October a Greenock curler will be on TV on an Ambassador Cruise, our main sponsor.

PJ can be contacted by email for help with any social media. He has contacts at all ice rinks, so important to all use the socials for promoting curling.

Presentations from Eilidh McCall-Lawrie, Head of Sports and Communities and Fiona Harfield, Workfield Development Officer

Key Points:

Women in Sport week 6 October- very important to focus on health aspects of sport at all ages. Club Workshops coming live soon – suggestions for others welcome.

Grand Match- there will be podcasts with scoring from every ice rink. Ann Gibb pointed out that this was organised by ASC in 2015. Ice rinks have had no information this year and action required urgently.

Ice Tech Course- Aberdeen 4-5 December 8 places available.

Advanced Level 3 coaching course being designed.

7. Competitions

Isla will post latest competition details on social media.

8. Tours Update

Outgoing Tour to Canada

Kate Adams gave a short report as Maureen Parker, Captain was unavailable.

They leave Glasgow very early on 1st November to fly to Vancouver and arrive back on Sunday 23rd November.

The 6 teams are named after Scottish Islands and their mascot is Connie the Coo. They have raised £4280 through their Just Giving page for Breast Cancer.

The Tour can be followed on SC and Facebook – Scottish Women's Tour to Canada 2025

President Ann thanked Kate and wished them all a fantastic and successful tour

Incoming

American tour- Nov 2026 - There has been little change from last briefing. The selection process should be finalised this week. We need to know by 7 October which centres can home host- a definite 'Yes or No' at next meeting from all centres please.

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10.AOCB

Priestfield Cup and joint meeting on 29 October – names to Isla please.

President's Bonspiel - £25 for ice and food. Meeting at 11am.

Henderson Bishop – update on hotels and draw at next meeting. Bids for 2027 received from Lanarkshire and Stranraer. Alison Troup to check if Aberdeen wish to bid.

11. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday 7th October 10.30 - President's Bonspiel - Inverness

Tuesday 28th October - 11.00 - Joint Meeting and Priestfield Cup – Perth

Tuesday 2nd December - face to face or zoom to be decided

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 12.30