

LADIES STANDING COMMITTEE AND JOINT MEETING WITH ASC

HELD ON: TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER AT 11AM

AT: PERTH ICE RINK

Minutes

1. Welcome - President Ann welcomed those present to the meeting in Perth Ice Rink and thanked them for travelling once again to another venue to meet together and curl in the Priestfield Cup. She also mentioned that some of the group would be very excited about starting their tour adventure to Canada on Friday and wished them well.

Present - President Ann Gibb; Vice President Isla Kinnear; Treasurer Val Saville; Fiona Glascodine, Aberdeen; Alison Troup, Aberdeen; Mary Shaw, Ayr; Elizabeth Shaw, Ayr; Carolyn McClymont, Borders; Sheilagh Macfarlane, Dundee; Marion Duthie, Forfar; Elaine Semple, Inverness; Sheona Reid, Kinross; Delphine How, Lanarkshire; Kate Adams, Stranraer; Shirley Jeans, Minute Secretary.

2. Apologies

Hon. President Kate Caithness; Hon.Vice President Gail Munro; Jane Drysdale Junior Vice President; Janice Craig, Dumfries; Helen Jamieson, Greenacres; Trish Kennedy, Perth; Kim Dalland, Kinross; Christine Ross, Lockerbie; Jane Bruce, Edinburgh; Karen Jack, Waterfront; Lynda Blackwood, Lanarkshire. Moira Foreman, Stirling;

3.Minutes of the LSC Meeting 7th October - Proposed by Elizabeth Shaw ; Seconded by Mary Shaw

4. Matters Arising- Alison Troup and Fiona Glascodine had been omitted from the list of Apologies for the meeting in Inverness on the 7th October. Shirley to amend.

5. Treasurer's Report- Val Saville - Val had not received a report at the time of the meeting but forwarded the information below to be included in these minutes.

Suzy sent me the Balance and Transaction report for 1 – 29 Oct.

The bank charges of £4.25 have gone out and a donation of £30 has been received. This leaves a balance of £9001.32.

Please can this be added to the minutes.

Questions were then put to Val about how she was finding the system dealing with banking when the account is in the Scottish Curling account. Suzy normally sends reports of balance and transactions to Val after she has asked for them but she is on holiday at the moment. This could be raised with Vinny. Hopefully he will be on our Zoom call in December and can address this at that time.

6. President's Update and Feedback from Reps on proposed name change.

It has only been three weeks since most of us last met in Inverness. The successful applicants for the Four Nations have been notified and their confirmation to be in by the 5th November.

Indoor Grand Match - It is hoped that board members will be present at as many centres as possible either playing or passing on scores to a central hub. I am assuming Suzy Wakefield and Peter Joyce will be overseeing this. I hope that your ice centres are keeping you in the loop as regards to what they have planned for the day.

There was a board meeting last night which I attended for an hour or so as I was curling so will have to wait for the minutes to get a full picture of what was discussed. Isla had been asking if there was a breakdown of male, female and junior members, so Ann put this to the board and hopefully they will come up with a hasty reply.

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Health Survey There have been 790 replies to the survey. Ann has asked the Board for a breakdown in ages of the respondents. Kate (Stranraer) had been asked by her lady curlers 'why do they need this information'? Ann is hoping to get a report on the findings, as the ages of those responding is of interest.

The World Curling Federation was also mentioned at the meeting. A female representative is being sought to replace Margaret Richardson.

Presidents Representing Scottish Curling at International Events was also discussed. Keith Prentice has said he would like to go to the Europeans, the Olympics and the Worlds. Marie Milne had raised the point that in the Olympics our team would be representing Britain, not Scotland, so why would Scottish Curling be represented. KP has offered to fund some of his expenses himself. Ann has requested that if the Ladies qualify for the Worlds she would like to go but may have to pay for some of it herself.

The Name Change Proposal - I am sure you have all had deep discussions with the ladies in your centres and have their decisions. This proposal has been the elephant in the room for many years and I am sure whatever the outcome is, it will continually be a topic of discussion. Some comments from the group at the meeting who had canvassed their members were-

Isla - We are trying to work out if there would be a benefit from it or a penalty if we don't change- we are trying to look at the inclusive world of sport.

Points raised were should it be Ladies Branch or Ladies Standing Committee; addressing younger curlers, young ladies seems old fashioned; would you rather be called ladies or women in a opening greeting eg good morning ladies; cost implications in changing logos on clothing and badges; possible problems regarding seeking funding.

Shirley is to put out a form to gather thoughts before the December meeting where this will be one of the main items on the agenda.

Vinny CEO - has been very complimentary about Ladies Branch and all the information shared on Facebook and other platforms showing information about events, competitions, winners and what's going on at your rink. The information Isla put out was taken directly from the Scottish Government contact for Women and Girls in Sport. There was also a special mention for Jackie McQueen of St Andrews Curling Club who has some excellent slogans you can use in your posters.

7. Competitions- No updates

8. Henderson Bishop Update

A message from Sheona Reid, Kinross about the Henderson Bishop had been sent out with today's agenda (7th October) to all reps. There was a question about teams with a bye who do not need accommodation the night before the competition starts. They have been told the code for booking does not apply. This is being checked by Sheona.

9. Indoor Grand match- Ann had referred to this in the President's update and it was to be on the Agenda for the Joint Meeting with the ASC.

10. Tours Update

Canadian Tour - All set for the off. Ann wished them well and warned them to be prepared for everything. Remember - What happens on Tour stays on Tour !!

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USA 2026 Tour - The suggested route has now been sent out to all Ladies Centre Reps for a first view. Please bear in mind this is still a route in the planning stages and there may be changes once everyone has had a chance to see if these dates are suitable for their centre. The arrival time has now been agreed as 25th October 2026 in Edinburgh. Reps should be working in their rinks with a planning group to arrange for the time they are hosting the visitors, including the detailed arrangements for home hosting. We are working with Gail and Kate at Stranraer to see if the tourists would like to join the weekend competition. This would not be counting for the tour and they could not play in the final stages if they qualify as the winner has to return for the event at the end of the season. They would stay over on the Sunday night and play a tour match on Monday before departing for Greenacres. I am meeting on Zoom with the American organisers Lisa and Linda on Thursday 6th November.

Keep thinking about your home hosting and what you will do to occupy the tourists at your centres. I am busy for the next two weeks but will try to get more detailed information out to you after that.

Once the route is confirmed please keep in contact with the centres before and after you to confirm arrivals and departures. We will also start to gather info about food, gifts and sightseeing plans so there are no duplications and they experience a wide range of off ice activities.

11. AOCB

Shirley - Thank you to everyone who helped me to update the contact list which I now think is all correct! I think the email list has been correctly updated, but please let me know if there are still any issues there.

President Ann - At a committee meeting in Dumfries they had queries about a Women's Health Survey from Scottish Curling which you may have seen. I will get in touch with Mikeala and Eilidh and ask them to respond. They may wish to come to our meeting in December to give us answers.

Reps who are flying out to Canada in the small hours of Saturday, we wish you a safe and uneventful journey. Those of us who have been on previous tours know you will have an experience you will never forget. Good luck.

12. Dates for future meetings

- Tuesday 2nd December - Zoom (or Face to Face - 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: ... 12.15.in time for lunch