

MINUTES FOR THE LSC PRE AGM MEETING
HELD ON 12TH MAY 2026 AT 10AM
AT: Highland Rugby Club



Present - Ann Gibb, President; Isla Kinnear, VP; Jane Drysdale JVP; Alison Troup, Aberdeen; Elizabeth Shaw, Ayr; Mary Shaw, Ayr; Carolyn McClymont, Border; Janice Craig, Dumfries; Jackie McQueen, Dundee; Jane Bruce, Edinburgh; Marion Duthie, Forfar; Helen Jamieson, Greenacres; Elaine Semple, Inverness; Elaine Spain, Kinross; Lynda Blackwood, Lanarkshire; Trish Kennedy, Perth; Gillie McKee, Perth; Kate Adams, Stranraer; Margaret Breadon, Stranraer; Christine Ross, Lockerbie; Karen Jack, Waterfront; Shirley Jeans, Minute Secretary, Christine Hall, Treasurer; Fiona Moffat, Lanarkshire

Apologies Kate Caithness CBE, Hon President; Gail Munro MBE, Hon Vice President; Val Saville, Treasurer; Fiona Glascodine, Aberdeen; Moira Forman, Stirling, Sheilagh Macfarlane, Dundee; Kim Dalland, Kinross

1. Welcome - President Ann

Retirement of Reps and Introduction of new Reps

New reps -	Retiring reps
Borders - Sheila Macnab	Caroline McClymont
Dundee- Jackie McQueen	Sheilagh Macfarlane
Perth. - Gillie McKee.	Trish Kennedy
Stirling- Jane Weir	Moira Forman
Stranraer - Margaret Breadon	Kate Adams

2. Previous Minutes- Perth 21st March - available on Ladies Branch webpage

Proposed by Jane Drysdale Seconded by Kate Adams

3. Matters Arising - Corrections to be made (*amendments made and sent to RCCC for inclusion on Ladies Branch Page*)

4. Treasurer's Report Val has sent apologies and is not attending - Her full report will be read out at the AGM. The only change to the last report is the gifts for the incoming USA Tourists have been purchased and will come out of this year's accounts.

5. Competitions

Morton - 2027 - There have been 2 bids, Dumfries at £160 per sheet and Lanarkshire Ice Rink in Hamilton at £136 per sheet - and no cost for the Final. Date for the final is Tuesday 9th March. Both rinks had also bid for the 'Maxwell' and the men have opted to go to Dumfries therefore the Ladies will be opting for Lanarkshire (Hamilton). Date Tuesday 9th March.

Henderson Bishop - Waterfront, Forfar, Hamilton and Dumfries have all put in bids for the Henderson Bishop.

Hamilton and Forfar had both provided sufficient information with their bids.

Ann phoned Dumfries and Waterfront for additional Information.

Waterfront had not consulted their Ladies Centre. There is very limited accommodation and the rink is not set up for it at the moment. Ladies Branch will keep them in mind for future years.

Hamilton - £160 for ice and £90 for meals

Forfar - £90 per sheet. Accommodation mostly in Dundee hotels.

Dumfries - £168

Ann will pass this information to Isla to be followed up with the relevant centres.

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Ice Rinks -This season there was communication between centres to share dates of local events so you may want to continue to do this so there are no clashes of dates. Please contact Isla or Jane with your open event dates.

6. Tours- USA Incoming October - November 2026

Shirley thanked all the reps for their sterling efforts over the past year to make the arrangements within their own rinks. The timetable is currently on Version 13, as the detailed information keeps feeding into the plans for each centre. The opening and closing Banquets are a focus of our attention currently as we need to get numbers for these events in time for the venues to make their arrangements. Shirley had met up with Jane in Edinburgh to make a detailed plan for the arrival day. Also met with Shonagh who will join us on the coach that day for a tour of interesting places in Edinburgh. Some of the 2022 tourists will also join us for this. The 2022 Tour Team will also play in the practise game in the morning at Curl Edinburgh. They will also all attend the Opening Banquet which takes up to 40 before we add centre reps and other invited guests. Some of the afternoon players will also attend the banquet. Shirley will keep Jane updated. The coach driver has looked at the route and some of the timings have been changed.

Shirley thanked Ann Gibb, Morag Erskine and Val Saville for all their support and assistance in dealing with the planning and financial aspects of the tour.

She will offer support to any reps or rinks who still have questions and is willing to meet with them over the summer if required.

Christine asked if the Somerton Hotel had been advised of the numbers staying there. Shirley will pass this to Val to check up, as she is handling hotel bookings

Isla asked Jane about accommodation near the banquet - she suggested the Leonardo. The tourists are staying at the HIE Queensferry.

In Stranraer we are playing in the sponsored competition so maybe some of the reps would like to make up a team and come along for the weekend.

7. AGM

Proposers and seconders for AGM

Minutes	Proposer -Jane Drysdale	Second -Elaine Semple
Accounts	Proposer - Ann Gibb on behalf of Val Saville	Second - Helen Jamieson
President	Proposer - Ann Gibb	Second - Trish Kennedy
Vice President	Proposer - Isla grant	Second -Liz Glennie
Junior Vice President	Proposer - Isla Grant	Second -Terri Patterson
Treasurer	Proposer - Isla Grant	Second -Lynda Blackwood

AOCB

1. Ann has received an email from Fraser Montgomery asking if it could be pointed out that the Welsh Curling Association are looking for ladies or girls to play and represent Wales in competitions. They would be interested to hear from anyone who may have been born in Wales or whose parents or grandparents are Welsh. The Welsh curling Association is run by volunteers, contact details can be found on their web page. Ann asked Isla if she could share this with all members at the main meeting.

2. Ann has received an update from Dorothy Browse, Kirkcaldy, which she read out:-

RCCC – Ladies Branch – Kirkcaldy Centre

Kirkcaldy Ladies Centre ceased operating at the end of the 2024-25 season. Despite a final plea to Clubs, nobody came forward to volunteer as President and maintain the Centre as a going concern under the RCCC Ladies Standing Committee umbrella. It is now considered to be in abeyance, and temporary measures were agreed by RCCC LSC in 2025 to ensure that some functions were maintained.

A further call to Kirkcaldy-affiliated clubs has recently gone out, asking if members would be interested in taking up a President's position and/or contributing to reviving the Centre.

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However, should a new President and Committee not be found, we would like to propose to LSC that the current arrangements could be continued for another year – namely, that:

A single named point of contact be maintained between Kirkcaldy and RCCC LSC. Note - Dorothy Browse is willing to undertake this for another year.

Entries to the Henderson Bishop competition from Kirkcaldy-affiliated clubs be assigned to a neighbouring ice rink – eg Dundee, Perth, Kinross.

Hercules Ladies and Raith & Abbotshall clubs (as the clubs with the largest number of lady members) continue to assign one or more ladies each to administer and organise the teams and venues for (1) the Morton Trophy, and (2) the local Seniors League. It should be noted that Anne Maiden is willing undertake Morton duties for another year. Likewise Ann Dorward will continue with the Seniors.

3. Henderson Bishop - Elizabeth Shaw, Ayr - asked for clarification on the number of teams required for a centre to hold qualifying rounds and what format this should take. Stirling had 2 teams and they played best of 3. There were two centres with 3 teams who played a round robin and 4 centres with 4 who also played a round robin. Centres with 5 and over played a knockout. Teams prefer to support their own ice rinks rather than going to play at another rink. When the draw comes out from Scottish Curling it states what format should be played depending on the entries.

4. Ayr are going to have a new Morton Secretary. Other centres then said this was also so the case so a sheet was passed round to update each centres Morton Secretary reps.

5. Closing dates for entries - Henderson Bishop 30th June, Morton 31st July.

6. Ann explained the process required to change rules for a competition- this can be found in the operating manual. A discussion followed on the length of time the process would take and whether the manual should be updated.

7. Ann brought up the subject relating to a lack of information on what is expected when applying to go on a RCCC Tour. Guidelines have been worked on by Past President Ali Asher and three others men who had been on tour. Most of this can be adapted for our use and Ann has passed this to Isla. She has set up a group with Trish Kennedy and Morag Erskine who hope to have something to share with the LSC by the end of September.

President Ann

'Ladies I would like to thank you all for all your hard work in your centres and at Ladies Standing Committee meeting promoting the game we all enjoy playing. We are all volunteers and don't often hear two little words - Thank you. You have been very supportive of me in my year so may I wish you all a restful summer and good curling next season. As the song goes - We'll meet again don't know where don't know when but I know we'll meet again. Thank you

Connie Lawrence had sent a card to thank Ann and the committee for all their hard work over the year and wish Isla and her new committee good luck for the year ahead.

Future Dates - TBC

Meeting closed at: 11.30