RCCC Board meeting minutes

28th Sept 2026 - online via Zoom
Adopted on: **29/10/2026**
Last reviewed on: **2026/10/12**

Attendee	Initials	Role	Attendance
Fraser Montgomery	FM	Chair	Online
Mairi Milne	MM	Director	Online
Keith Wilson	KW	Director	Apologies
Sarah Lean	SL	Director	Online
John Slater	JS	Senior Independent Director	Online
Lorna Hyslop	LH	Independent Director	Apologies
Wendy Loudon	WL	Director	Online
Vincent Bryson	VB	Observer, CEO	Online
Eilidh McCall-Lawrie	EML	Observer, Head of Sport & Communities	Online
Suzy Wakefield	SW	Observer, Head of Operations	Apologies
Fiona Lilley	FL	Observer, sportscotland	Apologies
Isla Kinnear	IK	Observer, RCCC Ladies President	Online
Kyle Waddell	KW	Observer, Athlete Representative	Online
Robert Anderson	RA	Director, RCCC President	Online
Alison Hopkins	AH	Observer, Wheelchair Curling	Apologies
John McGowan	JM	Observer, RCCC Vice President	Apologies
David Leith	DL	Observer, Performance	Online
Janine Wilson	JW	Observer, Finance	Online
Chloe Buchanan	CB	Observer, Governance Support	Minutes - offline

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from KW and LH.

2. Declarations of Interest

No new updates to declarations of interest were noted. MM was conflicted out of discussions pertaining to the Selection Policy which appeared on the agenda for approval.

3. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 20th July were approved.

The draft AGM minutes would be published for comment in due course.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Items for Approval

5.1 2029 World Curling Championships; Governance Delivery Model

The Board considered the proposed governance delivery model for Scotland to be the host country of a multi-world championship Curling event in 2029, including financial and reputational risks, plus legacy opportunities. There were positive indications regarding funding and support for the event being secured and the event being underwritten by World Curling.

JW presented a paper which outlined the revised governance options. These included the establishment by Scottish Curling of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), or UKEL assuming full responsibility for the event.

JW recommended option 3 to the Board, which would involve incorporating a wholly owned Scottish Curling subsidiary, provisionally named Scottish Curling Events Limited, to hold the hosting contract and appointing UKEL to manage event planning, delivery, staffing and finances. Scottish Curling would retain representation and voting rights on UKEL's steering group, alongside access to reporting. UKEL would receive the UK Sport grant funding. The subsidiary would have £1 share capital, providing a degree of financial separation, with Scottish Curling appointing its directors. This model would offer stronger governance and control while benefiting from UKEL's event delivery expertise and established contractor relationships. It could also provide a structure for future events.

The Board noted this option carried more risk associated with it than the SPV model option, however this was nevertheless limited and the ultimate benefit would be more control to Scottish Curling. In terms of finance, contingency had been built into all the models. KW had seen the proposal offline and was in support of it.

The Board approved option 3 as the preferred governance delivery model for the 2029 Multi-World Championship event.

D: The Board approved option 3 (the incorporation of subsidiary Scottish Curling Events Limited to hold the hosting contract) as the preferred governance delivery model for the proposed 2029 Multi-World Championship event to be held in Scotland.

5.2 Brighton plus Helsinki Declaration

EML noted the paper outlining the rationale for signing the Brighton plus Helsinki Declaration was included within the meeting pack and taken as read. This paper sought the Board's approval for Scottish Curling to become a signatory to the Declaration in order to demonstrate Scottish Curling's commitment to gender equality and to enable it to continue to foster an inclusive and sustainable environment for women and girls across all areas of curling.

The Board noted that Scottish Curling would be among the first member associations to sign.

Communication of this to the curling community would be incorporated into existing meetings and promoted on social media.

The Board approved Scottish Curling becoming a signatory to the Brighton plus Helsinki Declaration.

D: The Board approved Scottish Curling becoming a signatory to the Brighton plus Helsinki Declaration.

5.3 International Player Number Proposal

MM presented the proposal to the Board regarding the issuing of player numbers to internationalists. She explained the proposal was for players to be awarded a unique number upon first representing Scotland at a non-age-restricted Championship. This would include fifth players regardless of whether they compete.

Recognition would be in the form of a certificate, with presentation options including at Championships or awards ceremonies. She also proposed a roll of honour page on the website, recording players' international appearances. Approximately 167 men, 140 women and 24 wheelchair players were eligible to date.

The number would be awarded once, rather than accumulated (like caps), and may be revoked if necessary. MM would consider how best to recognise multiple appearances and significant milestones.

A: MM to consider how to recognise multiple international appearances and milestones.

The Board approved the issuing of player numbers to Scottish internationalists.

D: The Board approved the issuing of player numbers to Scottish internationalists.

6. Items for Discussion

6.1 RCCC/Scottish Curling International Selection Policy 2026-2030

FM presented the draft International Selection Policy for the 2026-2030 Olympic and Paralympic cycles, covering selection for the World Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles Curling Championships. He outlined the eligibility requirements, selection criteria, timelines, performance objectives and selection panel arrangements, emphasising that decisions would consider factors beyond performance data, including team dynamics, readiness and potential.

The Board discussed selection panel voting arrangements, management of conflicts of interest, selector independence and the appeals process. It was suggested that a casting vote be introduced to resolve tied decisions and that performance data be circulated one week ahead of selection meetings.

The Board also considered the 2030 performance objective, agreeing to replace "and/or" with "and" to provide greater clarity around achieving results while preparing for the 2034 Olympic Games.

For the Paralympic Pathway, it was agreed to explicitly include classification eligibility. A separate selection policy would be developed for World Curling's new event and brought to the Board in due course.

A: Draft Selection policy to be amended to reflect the agreed changes at the Sept Board i.e. for 'and/or' to be replaced with 'and' in terms of WWCC 2030 objectives in the World Womens

and Mens Curling Championships and the updated version to be recirculated to the Board for approval.

DL left the meeting.

7. Reports and Updates

7.1 CEO Flash Report

VB reported the growth and innovation fund had seen an award of funding to the value of £600k committed in principle from Edinburgh City Council for the 2029 event. Separately, £114k of funding had been secured for the Advancing Coaching Practice which represented 98% of the total value sought. The Innovation Leaders Programme would be amongst the other initiatives supported. The Board applauded the team for their success in securing such unprecedented funding figures.

7.2 Technical Development Update

MM reported a Technical Development meeting had taken place last week and the resulting actions would be reviewed. Fiona Harfield was acknowledged for the hard work she'd put into the coaching and umpire courses plus the new level 3 coaching qualification.

7.3 ASC Update

RA explained the Glasgow province would like to amalgamate with another province e.g. Dumbarton. The Board noted there was a procedure to do so. SW and VB would be able to support the process, and it would be supported by the board.

7.4 GB Curling Update

A meeting took place last week to discuss GB Curling. An update on the programme was provided alongside the finances of Sport Org, which remained in a sound financial position.

7.5 Competitions Committee Update

SL outlined the proposed rule changes, including World Curling's revised mixed doubles stone positioning rule. The updated Rule Book would be ready for the start of the season, with relevant changes subject to AGM approval.

The Board discussed an exemption allowing a junior team competing in a Grand Slam event to progress directly to the playoffs of a clashing Scottish Curling competition. This was considered the most appropriate solution to avoid disadvantaging teams. A provision would be included in the rules to allow flexibility in such circumstances.

SL reported that Greenacres' delayed opening had resulted in the cancellation of the Asham Under-21's. An alternative date and venue would be explored, with November a possibility. An alternative venue would also be considered for the Province Championships, also allocated to Greenacres. The Board expressed concern over the late cancellation and agreed that this would be taken into consideration when allocating future competitions to Greenacres.

A: SL to investigate an alternative venue for the Province Championship.

7.6 Member Development Committee Update

WL explained current committee membership had been revisited to establish which members would look to renew their membership. The Terms of Reference of the Committee would be reviewed soon.

8. Governance

8.1 Audit Committee Update

JS presented an overview of the Q1 management accounts, noting that Scottish Curling was broadly on budget. The full set of management accounts would be circulated in due course by email. A financial breakdown as requested at the AGM was included within the meeting pack and would be published and shared with those who requested it.

JS explained a meeting had taken place with Framework Advisory to address service concerns and explore improvements before considering alternative providers.

In terms of the risk register, any new risks would be brought to the Board through future papers or actions, as appropriate.

8.2 EDI Update

EML explained staff projects continued to embed EDI objectives.

8.3 Safeguarding

EML recapped that PVG numbers processed had increased last year in light of the new legislation and numbers for this year were consistent with last year's.

Implementation of the social media ban for under 16s would come into effect in March 2027 and would warrant consideration of how to communicate with this age group at that stage.

8.4 UKAD Report

JS reported a couple of UKAD sessions for leads would take place over the next couple of weeks, one in Scotland and another in London.

8.5 Nominations Update

FM would lead the first meeting to discuss nominations in the coming week. Discussions around Director elections would take place.

9. AOB

There being no further business, FM closed the meeting.

A. Action Summary

A: MM to consider how to recognise multiple international appearances and milestones.

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A: SL to investigate alternative dates and venues for the Under 21 Province Championships.

D. Decision Summary

D: The Board approved option 3 (the incorporation of subsidiary Scottish Curling Events Limited to hold the hosting contract) as the preferred governance delivery model for the 2029 Multi-World Championship event.

D: The Board approved Scottish Curling becoming a signatory to the Brighton plus Helsinki Declaration.

D: The Board approved the issuing of player numbers to Scottish internationalists.