



KCDC Annual General Meeting 2020-21– final draft

Date 19.30 Wednesday 14.04.2021		
Chair	Caroline Cronie CC	
Treasurer	Mike Laing	ML
Match Secretary	Dave Neill	DN
Club Secretary	Rob Packham	RP
Ordinary Member	Nigel Armstrong NA	
Item	Agenda	Lead
1	Welcome and Apologies Present Caroline Cronie, Dave Neill, Mike Laing, Robert Packham, Nigel Armstrong, Bob Forsyth, David Dumbreck, Stuart Morrison, Stevie Michael, Leslie Bowie, Jim Barton, Andrew Cronie Caroline welcomed everyone	Apologies Ross Whytock, Ken McNeill, John Curran, Tony Pearce, Brian Morgan, Billie Croan
2	Approval of Minutes from the 2019-20 Annual General Meeting Approved DN Second CC	CC
3	Matters Arising Subject <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Action <ul style="list-style-type: none">
4	Update from Curling Development Officer/Head Coach, Jim Barton <p>Jim Steele decided to stand down before the end of 2020. Jim reported the need to start considering development plans. At the recent Board meeting, there was a proposal to appoint a new Curling Development Officer with a broader remit to manage a wider range of Curling interests. Recognising the strengths of Scottish Curling in setting up meetings across all rinks there is a possibility of forming a more local curling development plan. Dave Neill would represent KCDC. At the same time, there is an intention to seek representatives from disabled and juniors' clubs to improve the feed into the adult sport. Several years ago, a curling school, provided a means of feeding new players into local clubs. Though this was disbanded, the Board is now seeing that it is missing something and it may be time to consider re-introducing a similar vehicle for recruitment and training.</p> <p>Following the pandemic and without action, Scottish curling is at risk of taking a dip. Rinks are looking to do as much as possible to encourage increasing membership. This recruitment will be targeted on people with time and resources to take on curling. A different but complementary approach would be to encourage involvement from secondary schools too. Locally, there is no formal engagement with Kinross High School but we have had very good local connections with Junior schools. In support of the attempt to engage better with schools in future, Kinross has bid for 6 sets of floor curling equipment to allow schools to engage with curling in their own premises with the hope some of those children will transfer into the junior clubs.</p> <p>Try Curling Sessions. The Kinross Curling Trust is looking at different options that would encourage families and other sporting clubs to become involved themselves. Also considering how clubs could take greater responsibility for encouraging membership themselves.</p>	JB

Quick curling is a shorter version of the game with rotating roles. This is used to encourage people into the sport in Canada. While there are some reservations, it could be useful to consider whether there is a place for quick curling in Kinross. Dave Neill spoke of the similarities to one hour curling already in place when KCDC coaching sessions have used this method in friendly games at the end of a session. Jim Barton told us that Quick Curling has its own rules and might be worth trying, to see how it goes down with Kinross curlers.

There had been some enthusiasm for the Olympics to be seen as an opportunity to raise interest; however, coverage on Television had been poor despite Bruce Mouat winning the silver medal. Coverage of the world championships in Calgary was rather difficult to access and a view was expressed that Scottish Curling might capitalise on such opportunities to promote the sport more effectively. §

A proposal came forward suggesting a change to the name of the virtual club to "The Gateway club" However, members felt KCDC was well recognised and might lose something in dropping "development" from its title.

KCDC membership has been flexible to allow members to enjoy 2 seasons plus the remainder of any year in which they start and an honorary membership scheme that would allow members to continue to play with the club for up to 4 years. Jim explained that Scottish Curling has now adopted a similar policy offering members opportunity to remain with their virtual club for up to 4 years.

Stevie Michael suggested continued use of the phrase "development club" as everyone can recognise our purpose. He went on to propose that our club should encourage friendlies against other development clubs to increase the spread of people we meet.

Jim Barton raised the importance of encouraging members into the skills of coaching. He proposed that it will be important to include coaching development within the job description of the new Curling Development Officer to ensure a strong future community of coaches. He explained that curlers do not have to be expert to become a good coach. Jim proposed KCDC should aim to develop coaches from within its members.

Jim Barton reflected that Jim Steele had changed the "Try Curling" sessions from 40 minutes to 2 hours. With 2 x 2-hour beginners' courses, a total of 6 hours was completed. At this point, KCDC would be provided with recruits who can manage the basics of delivering a stone and go on to develop their skills through practice and coaching.

Stevie Michael raised the fact that we have 6 coaching sessions per year, proposing it would be good to have at least one session on how to become a coach. There was further discussion on the process of becoming a level one coach and Scottish Curling's 1-hour session for those wishing to transition into coaching. Ian Stewart has offered to run this for us.

Caroline concluded this discussion reminding members that the committee had developed plans to promote KCDC and invite future and renewed interest through appropriate use of advertisements in the local press, newsletters and social media.

Jim mentioned that Scottish Curling were developing and promoting use of video to provide basic information to new recruits with the intention of maximising practical time on the ice.

Dave Dumbreck raised the possibility of recruiting through local employers asking whether we have considered workplaces and sports clubs

5	Chairperson's Report	CC
	<p>Welcome and thanks to all for attending.</p> <p>After a tumultuous curling year, with all its' Covid ups and downs, it is great to be sitting here as Chairperson of KCDC, with everything to look forward to as Lockdown eases and curling restarts in the Autumn. Although not yet definite, signs are very positive that we will be able to dust off our curling gear and get sliding and sweeping again.</p>	

It has been an interesting time as Chairperson so far with no curling but still getting to know the rest of the new committee via online meetings and a wee glass of something during them. These meetings have benefited my limited social life no end! It has been a pleasure working with you guys and I really appreciate all the support you have given me.

As a new committee we have worked well to cope with the fast-moving Covid situation and plan ahead for next season when we restart. Thanks to the committee's hard work the club is in a good place to get going again, and much planning is going into recruiting new members to grow our club.

Particular thanks must go to Dave Neill for all his exceptional hard work putting in place all the Covid requirements and ensuring everyone was made aware of the rules and how to follow them.

Dave also had to rearrange the match fixtures on several occasions, and we are all grateful for that too. Dave is looking for an apprentice to train during the new session, with a view to handing over in January.

On top of that he has provided great support to all our committee members to get us up and running, and generally knocked into shape.

More thanks go to: Secretary Robert, Treasurer Mike, and Ordinary Committee Member Nigel.

Robert and Mike and Dave will give their reports shortly.

A highlight for me has been the Quiz nights run by Stevie Michael. Very enjoyable (even though I came last), so a big thankyou to Michael for all his efforts to put the quizzes on.

The KCDC WhatsApp group is now on the go with half our members joined so far. This closed group is for fun, banter and photos as well as last-minute requests for substitutes. If you haven't joined already and would like to, please e-mail your mobile number to either Robert or myself. Robert will then send you an invitation to join.

6	Club Secretary's Report	RP
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I took over the Secretary role in November from Dave Neill had been holding the role since Libby had to step back. Dave has done a great job – my thanks to him for his support as I started.

Much of the activity from the Secretarial seat has been related to becoming familiar with the role and setting up systems for communication, taking notes and writing up a formal record of the committee's meetings. We had some difficulty transferring the previous secretary email address. In the end we agreed to start again. Please use the KCDCSecretary2021@gmail.com address in any correspondence with me.

We modified the Club web page with photograph and brief bio for each of the committee members. We were unanimous in acknowledging that Mike produced the most composed mug shot. The committee also considered whether it might be useful to have a similar page for members as we prepare to play next season. Your views would be helpful.

We set up a WhatsApp Group for quick messages alongside the use of group email for more formal communications. Any member can use the WhatsApp group when looking for a substitute or needing to get a rapid message over to other club members. All the usual precautions on polite and proper use of social media should be considered. At the point of writing, 11 of our 21 members have joined. All are welcome and it is voluntary. If you would like to be included, please let Rob know and provide your mobile number. We do need your consent to comply with GDPR requirements. It will only be used in setting up the group. Members are identified with the title KCDC Member within my contacts.

KCDC - season 2020/21 was seriously disrupted by Covid 19, however we end the season with a membership of 21. All memberships are rolled over to compensate for the year we have lost. We are going to actively recruit into the club ahead of the coming season through our support of the

	<p>"Try Curling" and Beginners' sessions.</p> <p>My thanks to Caroline and the committee for their support; perhaps to Dave in particular for all he did ahead of me taking on the role.</p>	
7	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Mike introduced the session saying that the accounts should speak for themselves. In summary, the club is solvent despite Covid. Similarly, the rink remains solvent and has benefitted from grant money awarded by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>KCDC received money from members for the 2020/21 winter league. With play suspended a credit system has been developed for the next season. Details are outlined in the attached paper. For those not continuing with the club a refund can be organised.</p> <p>At the end of the season, the club has a reasonable surplus of £1600. This means we are able to pay for things however, all recognised the importance of members paying their fees in advance of play next season.</p> <p>The treasurer agreed to formally request a signed document to evidence completion of an audit of the club accounts.</p>	ML
8	<p>Match Secretary's Report</p> <p>Dave Neill started by thanking Caroline as chair of KCDC</p> <p>Well, Season 2020-21 will certainly be remembered, not for the curling, but for the suspension of our beloved game due to Covid-19. Despite all our preparations and efforts to comply with the regulations and make the rink a safe place, all indoor sports centres were eventually closed in November 2020.</p> <p>My report on Season 2020-21 will therefore be somewhat brief!</p> <p>It's good to know that Lesley Bowie is looking after the Internal League Trophy. She assures me it's suitably polished every week, especially the shield with her name on it!</p> <p>David Croan has also confirmed he has the Points Competition Trophy and is reluctant to hand it over. (we'll see about that!)</p> <p>When the rink closed, we were barely half way through the games in the Internal Winter League, so no winners, I'm afraid, and no presentation of trophies, although Billie Croan's team was undefeated at that point. So sorry about that!</p> <p>The Internal Spring League never started, so we are going to use these team selections for next season's Winter League.</p> <p>We had reasonable success in the Friendlies: Played 4; won 2; lost 2, although one of the defeats was a right pasting!</p> <p>Despite the termination of curling, we continued with the Monthly Newsletter and had a couple of Quiz Nights thrown in, thanks to Stevie Michael.</p> <p>The winner of the Xmas Quiz was Lesley Bowie. A box of Dairy Milk delivered by the man in black. (You have to be a certain age to appreciate this!)</p> <p>The winner of the Easter Quiz was Douglas Eadie. Enjoy the Easter Egg!! I've tried to make our web site a bit more interesting, but "Weebly" our provider, isn't the most attractive or flexible, but it's free! However, please continue to use the web site for up-to-date information.</p> <p>Looking ahead, we have already submitted our ice requests to the rink for season 2021-22 and, as always, we have a full fixture list starting with the Opening Bonspiel (free to existing members), Internal Winter and Spring Leagues, numerous Coaching Sessions, Friendlies, not forgetting the Points and Pairs Competitions along with the Closing Bonspiel. In addition, there will be the usual</p>	DN

	Province games and KCT league games. Hopefully the rink will organise the Sunday League again as we had a very good response to this in the past. So all in all, a busy season ahead. Let's pray that the restrictions are lifted sufficiently for us to enjoy this fantastic past time.			
9	Election of Officers			All
	Chair Caroline Cronie	Proposed SM	Seconded NA	Comments Seeking a nomination for a new Match secretary who can take over in year and learn from Dave Neill
	Secretary Robert Packham	Proposed CC	Seconded DN	
	Treasurer Mike Laing	Proposed CC	Seconded SM	
	Match Secretary Dave Neill	Proposed CC	Seconded NA	
	Ordinary member Nigel Armstrong	Proposed DN	Seconded SM	
	Ordinary member Dave Dumbreck	Proposed DN	Seconded SM	
10	AOCB			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for a list sources of curling supplies Opportunity to visit the Peak in Stirling to get some practice in with a couple of sheets. Date for next committee meeting 23.6.21 by Zoom Articles for the newsletter..... All members asked to consider 		Agreed to create a list in the newsletter and on the web site	

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