

Loch Leven Curling Club

Minutes of the Tenth Annual General Meeting – 28 March 2020 at 14:30. Held by Zoom

1: Members Present:

In Person: None

Logged in: Kathleen Brown, Brian Boyes, George Haddow, Lesley-Anne Haddow, George Ponton, Jim Saunderson, Maggie Saunderson, Eileen Thomas, Gareth Thomas.

By Survey Monkey in advance of the meeting: Jonathan Atkinson, Sheila Cannon, Mike Cheshire, Jeanne Dean, Paul Dean, Alyson Henderson, Bill Henderson.

Apologies: None received.

All present and all Survey Monkey responses confirmed that Zoom was an acceptable mechanism to hold the AGM. No objections were received.

2: Adoption of 2019 Minutes: One member sought clarification as to the correct title of the constitutional role defined as Chairman/Chairwoman. It was reported that the role was filled when the previous President (Alastair Hibbert) suggested that the present incumbent be appointed Captain (see minutes of AGM 2014). It was agreed not to amend the constitution. Minutes agreed.

Adoption of 2018 Accounts: Agreed unanimously.

Treasurers Report for the Year to 30th April 2019

This is the Treasurers Report for the Loch Leven Curling Club for the 2018/2019 season covering the accounts up to the 30th April 2019.

I would like to remind you that the Loch Leven Curling Club constitution states that the financial year of the club is to the 30th April.

What follows are some salient points from the accounts.

Income:-

Mother Club Scottish Curling Fees: The Mother Club Scottish Curling Fees for this season was increased by a £1.00 from £19.00 to £20.00 per member. The fees collected increased from £266 to £280.00 for 14 members, with 1 member not paying on time so the total amount paid out was £300.00.

Membership Subscriptions:- The Membership Subscriptions remained at £20 per member. The amount received reduced from £590 down to £340. The difference was due to a number of factors around the timings of fees being paid by members and by the reduction in the number of members from 24 to 22 (losing 4 members and gaining 2 new members).

For the Year to 30/04/2018 the sum of **£590** was received. **£120** of this was received from 6 members who paid their 2017/2018 membership fees after the 30th April 2017 with one new member joining mid season as a reserve who paid a **£10** half membership fee. The remainder was made up from the call of membership fees for the 2018/2019 season with **£460** being received from 23 members who paid by 30th April, 2018.

For the Year to 30/04/2019 the sum of **£340** was received. **£20** of this was received from 1 member who paid their 2018/2019 membership fee after the 30th April 2018. **£320** was received from 16 members by the 30th April, 2019 from the call of membership fees for the 2019/2020 season. Note that £120.00 was received from 6 members after the 30th April, 2019.

Kinross Ice Fees:- For the 2018/2019 season the LLCC members ice fees due increased by £20 from £160 to £180. There were 20 full playing members paying £3,600 with £144 ice fees being received from 12 players at the 2018 Festive Bonspiel. As a consequence the income received increased from £3,253 to £3,744.

Kinross Curling Trust League Ice Fees:- As per the previous season there were 7 games in the KCT League 2. The prepaid ice cost per person increased from £11.00 to £12.00 therefore the amount received from members to cover the ice costs increased from £308.00 to £336.00.

Xmas Meal:- For the Festive Bonspiel held on Tuesday 11th December, 2018 each member paid cash on the night, therefore there was no money going through the Club's account.

LLCC Ceilidh Fundraising:- The Club held an end of curling season fundraising Ceilidh and Quiz night on Saturday the 13th April, 2019. After expenses the amount paid into the Club's account was £531.00. It was agreed that £150.00 of this amount would be donated to the Kinross Curling Trust, and this was carried out on Monday 8th July, 2019. This amount will appear in next years accounts.

Expenditure:-

Kinross Ice Fees:- For the 2018/2019 season, starting September 2018, the Loch Leven Curling Club again used the scheme with the Kinross Curling Trust whereby we paid up front for the Club's ice at Kinross and therefore benefited by paying a reduced cost. The Kinross Curling Trust increased the ice fees this season with prepaid peak time rates increasing from £11.00 to £12.00 and non peak time rates from £9.50 to £10.50.

With the increase in ice fees the Kinross Ice Fees this season have increased from £3,554 up to £3,936, however this was reduced to £3,760 after using a Credit Note of £176 issued by KCT for 2 sheets of ice cancelled by KCT on Friday 2nd March, 2018 due to heavy snow from the 'Beast from the East'.

Kinross Curling Trust League Ice Fees:- Refer to the comments made on the income side of this report.

RCCC Subscriptions:- Refer to the comments made on the income side of this report.

Loch Leven Province Subscriptions:- The Loch Leven Province Subscriptions was down from £37.00 to £34.00 due to less LLCC members.

Trophies / Prizes:- There was a small increase to the Trophies / Prizes costs from £89.01 to £90.40. This was due mainly to an increase in engraving costs. Engraving was again done by the Dunfermline Trophy Center.

Website:- After the LLCC Website was moved to a new platform there were no costs required for this season.

Overall:-

The net affect is that the closing balance as at the 30th April 2018 of **£769.73** increased to **£1,480.33** as at the 30th April 2019. Remember that the account was bolstered by £381 from the LLCC Ceilidh Fundrasing event.

For this year I have again projected the accounts forward to the 30th April 2019. The closing balance would be approx **£1,130** before the annual membership fees are collected and around **£1,570** thereafter.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Linton for auditing the accounts and to advise that Bill has kindly agreed to audit next years accounts.

Brian Boyes, Treasurer.

No questions were raised.

Captain's Report

The club started season 2019/2020 with 27 members, including 8 reserves and 3 non-playing members. This resulted in the club league playing with 4 teams, resulting in 12 LLCC league games per person, for the season.

There were friendly games against Orwell Ladies, KCDC, and Fossoway Ladies, which we won, and the Festive Potty, which we didn't.

We entered a team for the Province Bonspiel, and paired with KCDC we came second overall, earning a place in next season's Area 10 Inter-Province Bonspiel. We also entered a team in the Blairhill challenge, where we came second in our match against Kinross

Brian Boyes skipped a team in the KCT League. Although this league ended with one match to play, we were unassailably in the top two, which would normally mean promotion to Division One; the Trust have yet to pronounce their conclusions.

In addition, there was a Christmas Bonspiel & Meal and the annual Points Competition. The End-of-Season Bonspiel, and pairs competition were cancelled due to the early closure of the rink.

On our social agenda, Lesley-Anne and George organised the celebrated End of Season 18-19 Ceilidh and Quiz in April last year, and the Great Elie Chain Walk in the summer

One question was raised as to the correct title for this report.

6: Results:

LLCC League – was won by Team Boyes, made up of Brian Boyes, with Kirsty Cassells, Jane McFarlane and Gareth Thomas

LLCC Balsom Trophy – was not concluded this season

LLCC Points Competition – was won by Maggie Saunderson on a Draw to the Button tie-breaker against Brian Boyes (again!)

LLCC Handicap Points Competition - was won by Kathleen Brown

Presentation of Prizes –

The presentation of prizes is still to be arranged

7: Election of Office Bearers –

As required by the constitution, the current committee all stood down. Eileen Thomas volunteered to stand as Secretary and all other committee members were willing to stand again so the committee for 2020-2021 is:

- Captain: Gareth Thomas
- Social Secretary: Lesley-Anne Haddow
- Match Secretary: Paul Dean
- Treasurer: Brian Boyes
- Secretary: Eileen Thomas
- RCCC Representative: Maggie Saunderson

Subscriptions - no change is proposed in the club membership fees of £20 per person - these will be requested in the next couple of weeks, to allow us to assess the membership requirements and ice booking requirements for next season, which are required May 1.

Ice fees may increase, depending on the number of games planned for 2019/2020 and the ice fees to be paid to Kinross Curling. The ice fees will be requested in August / September 2019.

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We have one rink entered in the Indoor Grand Match scheduled for September 2020.

There was no enthusiasm to enter a team in the Lomond League.

It has proved challenging to find a team of four for the Festive Potty between Christmas and New Year. However in the Survey conducted for this AGM we had two volunteers to skip, two members willing to participate, and 9 members not bothered if we continued or did not. It was agreed to continue to provide a team for this rink fixture.

Close:

The meeting concluded at 14:51