

Loch Leven Curling Club
Minutes of the Eleventh Annual General Meeting
27 March 2021
at 11am via Zoom

Present via Zoom: Gareth Thomas (Captain), Eileen Thomas (Secretary), Lesley Anne Haddow (Social Secretary), George Haddow, Paul Dean (Match Secretary), Jeanne Dean, Elaine Spain, Brian Boyes (Treasurer), Kathleen Brown, Sheila Cannon, Maggie Saunderson (Representative Member), Jim Saunderson and Jonathan Atkinson.

By Survey Monkey in advance of the meeting: Jane McFarlane and George Ponton.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Cheshire.

2. Adoption of 2020 Minutes

Adopted unanimously by mutual consent.

3. Adoption of 2019 Accounts

Adopted unanimously by mutual consent.

4. Treasurer's Report for the Year to 30 April 2020

The report had been made available in advance as follows:

This is the Treasurers Report for the Loch Leven Curling Club for the 2019/2020 season covering the accounts up to the 30th April 2020.

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 points from the accounts.

Income:-

Mother Club Scottish Curling Fees: The Mother Club Scottish Curling Fees for this season remained at £20.00 per member. The fees collected reduced from £280 to £260 for 13 members.

Membership Subscriptions:- The Membership Subscriptions remained at £20 per member. The amount received reduced from £340 down to £140. The main difference was due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus and when the ice rink would open for the 2020/2021 season with the £20 membership fees for the 2020/2021 season not being collected from members before the usual date of the 30th April 2020.

For the Year to 30/04/2020 the sum of **£140** was received from 7 members who paid their 2019/2020 membership fees after the 30th April, 2019.

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.

Kinross Ice Fees:- For the 2019/2020 season the LLCC members ice fees due increased by £30 from £180 to £210, with the 2019 Xmas Bonspiel now being added to the call for ice fees, where in the past each individual member paid their own cost (£144 collected for the 2018 Xmas Bonspiel). As a

consequence the income received reduced from £3,744 down to £3,360. This was mainly due to the number of full playing members reducing from 20 to 16.

Reclaimed Ice Fees:- A total of £96 was received from members to cover the cost of ice for the Province Bonspiel vs Fossoway game played on Thursday 14th November, 2019 and for the Blairhill Challenge vs Kinross game played on Friday 30th January, 2020.

Kinross Curling Trust League Ice Fees:- As per the previous season there were 7 games scheduled for the Kinross Curling Trust (KCT) League 2, however due to COVID-19 the game on Wednesday 26th March, 2020 was cancelled. As a consequence only 6 games were played. The prepaid ice cost per person increased from £12.00 to £12.75 therefore the prepaid amount due to cover the 7 games was £336.00. However as only 6 games were played the amount received from members was £306.00. Note that the cancelled game was played on Wednesday 7th October, 2020 and there were no ice costs as this game was already prepaid within the 2019/2020 season.

If you refer to the Kinross Curling Trust Ice Fees on the Expenditure side the amount paid was £357. This was to cover the prepayment of 7 games within the KCT League 2. However as only 6 games were played the amount received from members was £306, a difference of £51. The cancelled game was rearranged to be played on Saturday 12th September, 2020, therefore the sum of £51 has been collected from those that played in this game and will show up on the income side of the 30th April 2021 accounts.

Xmas Bonspiel:- The Xmas Bonspiel was held on Tuesday 10th December, 2019. There was no meal after the bonspiel as the KCT could not provide catering on the night and the cost of the game was paid for under the call for the 2019/2020 ice fees. As a consequence no money went through the Club's account.

RCCC Indoor Grand Match:- There was an indoor grand match scheduled to be played on Saturday 24th October, 2020. LLCC had entered a team, however due to the COVID-19 virus the event was cancelled. As a consequence nothing went through the club's account.

LLCC Ceilidh Fundraising:- There was no Club Ceilidh and Quiz night held this season therefore there was no money received into the Club's accounts. The previous year an end of curling season fundraising Ceilidh and Quiz night was held on Saturday the 13th April, 2019 and after expenses £531 was paid into the Club's accounts.

Expenditure:-

Kinross Ice Fees:- For the 2019/2020 season, starting September 2019, 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 £12.00 to £12.75 per person and non peak time rates from £10.50 to £11.25 per person.

For the year to 30/04/2019 the Kinross Ice Fees were £3,936 reduced to £3,760 after the use of a Credit Note issued by KCT covering 2 sheets of ice that were cancelled by KCT on Friday 2nd March, 2018 due to heavy snow from the 'Beast from the East'. For the year to 30/04/2020 the fees collected reduced to £3,666. This reduction was mainly due to the drop in full time members resulting in there being 4 teams rather than 5 with a reduction in the number of LLCC league games played.

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

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

Loch Leven Province Subscriptions:- The Loch Leven Province Subscriptions was down from £34.00 to £32.00 due to less LLCC members.

Trophies / Prizes:- There was a decrease in the Trophies / Prizes costs down from £90.40 to £51.65. This was due mainly to a small reduction in engraving costs and the Balsom Trophy not being engraved. Engraving was again done by the Dunfermline Trophy Center.

The Balsom Trophy is played for in the Development League, however the last 2 games of the season, due to be played on Friday 20th March, 2020, were cancelled by the ice rink due to the COVID-19 virus and these games were played on Saturday 10th October, 2020. The trophy will be engraved with the winning team's details when the trophy is next put in for engraving.

Website:- As the LLCC website is now being hosted on a new platform there were no costs required for this season.

Xmas Bonspiel:- Refer to comments made on the income side of this report.

KCT AED Appeal:- An appeal was launched by the Kinross Curling Trust during February, 2020 to raise £1,100 to purchase a defibrillator and accessories/additional items. LLCC made a pledge of £50, however the appeal target was reached within 36 hours with pledges, donations from clubs at specific amounts as well as other donations and quiz entries at the bar. As a consequence a call for pledges at a rate of 28p in the pound was made and LLCC was asked for £14 which was paid on Tuesday 10th March, 2020.

KCT Donation:- 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.

Overall:-

The net affect is that the closing balance as at the 30th April 2019 of **£1,480.33** decreased to **£1,111.68** as at the 30th April 2020. Remember that due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus and when the ice rink would open for the 2020/2021 season the £20 membership fees for the 2020/2021 season was not collected from members before the usual date of the 30th April 2020. If the fees had been collected then the closing balance would have increased by 17 members @ £20 = £340 bringing the final closing balance to **£1,451.68**.

The Kinross Ice Rink closed due to COVID-19 wef Tuesday 17th March, 2020 resulting in LLCC losing 6 prepaid sheets of ice in the 2019/2020 season at a prepaid cost of £102 per sheet. The last round of the Development League (Balsom Trophy) of 2 sheets was due to be played on Friday 20th March, 2020 and these games were played on Saturday 10th October, 2020. There was no cost as we had already prepaid for these games in the 2019/2020 season.

Also we used one of the prepaid sheets, covering the LLCC End of Season Bonspiel (2 Sheets) and LLCC Doubles Competition (2 Sheets) that were not played, to cover the cost of the Development game that was held on Friday 23rd October, 2021. That then left the club having prepaid for 3 sheets, that we did not play, at a cost of £102 each = **£306** which was left with the Kinross Curling Trust as a special donation.

For this year I have again projected the accounts forward to the 30th April 2021. The closing balance would be approx **£3,066** before the annual membership fees are collected and around **£3,406** thereafter.

The reason for the projected balance being so high is due to a further closure of the Kinross Ice Rink wef Friday 13th November, 2020. Members had paid their ice fees up front at the start of the 2020/2021 season to allow for the club to prepay the ice fees at a reduced cost, however we only managed a few games before the new lockdown started.

Once the Kinross Curling Trust advised that the ice rink was to close for the rest of the 2020/2021 season each member was contacted, with a number of options being outlined on what the club could do. The consensus was that each member would leave their money in the Club's account and an adjustment would be made, when asking for the ice fees for the 2021/2022 season, at an individual member level based on the games they had played in the 2020/2021 season.

Note: We had prepaid £2,142 to cover ice fees up to the end of December 2020. Of this we are expecting a Credit Note of £1,071 to be issued covering the games we prepaid but did not play. If we

had prepaid the games scheduled for the rest of the 2020/2021 season this would have worked out at a cost of £1,938. As a consequence, in a normal year, the approximate closing balance as at 30th April 2021 would be the projected balance of £3,066 less £1,938 for the rest of the season ice fees = **£1,128** or **£1,468** if say there were 17 members paying their £20 membership fees before 30th April 2021.

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.

Brian was able to add at the meeting that he has now received a credit note to the value of £1071 which will be used for part pre-payment of next year's ice fees.

Gareth had sent everyone a note of their individual credit position with the club. That credit will be used to pre-pay each member's ice fees for next season. Each member will be informed of the balance to be paid once everyone's playing intentions and level of ice fees for next season are known.

The club account now carries a higher balance going forward of £3066 including all the credits.

There were no questions. If anyone does think of a question, Brian is happy to explain anything further.

Gareth thanked Brian for all his hard work doing the calculations.

5. Captain's Report for 2020-2021

The captain's report had also been made available in advance as follows:

Well, that was a funny old season. We began the season keeping our distance and using Covid curling rules to finish off season 2019/20. Congratulations to Team Cheshire for winning the Balsom Trophy.

Apart from that, we got started with our main league, enjoyed victory in our first match in the KCT Division One Tournament, and won our match in this year's Province Bonspiel, although did not qualify for next season's Inter-province. We also began the new mini-league with a victory over Glenrothes then a defeat to Dalgety Bay. We didn't get the game against Aberdour as the Covid rates went up and the shutters came down on November 12. End of Season. So we didn't get to play in the Inter-province bonspiel; that may carry over to season 2021/22, but the Province Bonspiel (the qualifying event) did occur, so who knows? The Grand Match was also cancelled.

One of the side effects of the Covid curling requirements was that I got to keep a note of who played what and when, and then got loads of time to make pointlessly complicated conclusions. For example, we had 15 full playing members and they had an average of 6.6 games for Loch Leven with a range from 5 to 9. Our two time-share members had an average of 3.5, whilst our two reserves both got one game. Our two members who elected not to play, didn't get any matches. Jonathan had the highest average score in the teams he played in, with 7.43 or 52 shots over 7 games, and Brian had the highest total with 57 over 8 games. As a club, we played on 16 sheets of ice, including sheet C six times and sheet B only once. Isn't that fascinating? Well, I didn't have much else to report on.

As usual, I'd like to thank my fellow committee members for their work. I'd also like to thank the Kinross Curling Trust and staff for their efforts to get as much curling as we did. Hopefully, next season will be playable, albeit possibly not entirely back to normal. We'll have to wait and see.

Gareth Thomas, Captain.

There were no questions or comments.

6. Results

There were no results for 2020-2021 due to curtailment of the season due to Covid.

The winners of the Balsom Trophy for 2019-2020 was completed on 10 October 2020. The victorious team was team Cheshire with Mike Cheshire, Jonathan Atkinson, Paul Dean and Eileen Thomas.

7. Election of Office Bearers

All committee members stood down but were willing to serve again if required. There were no other volunteers so the same committee members were elected again. The committee is therefore:

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

8. Subscriptions

As costs for season 2020-21 had been lower than usual (e.g. no prizes, less engraving), it was proposed that the renewal membership fee would be £5 instead of £20. This was agreed unanimously. The sum would be taken from the credit the club holds for each member.

9. Any Other Business

- a. **Title for League.** It would be good to have a proper name for our main league instead of calling it 'main league'. One suggestion was the Hibbert League, after Alistair Hibbert who founded the club. This was unanimously agreed, if we can ascertain that Alistair would be happy with this. Paul lives near Alistair and agreed to ask him what he thinks.
- b. **Ice Requests.** Paul reported that he had received an email from Kinross Curling Trust asking for club ice requests by 1st of May. Gareth thanked everyone who completed the electronic survey regarding playing wishes for next year. He will chase up those who have not completed it so that the committee can ascertain ice requirements. There will probably be a virtual committee meeting to discuss this.
- c. **Social Events.** It was agreed it would be nice to meet up for a walk, perhaps in Dollar Glen, if/when relaxation of Covid regulations allow. It would probably be best to wait for the regulations to change first before setting any dates.
- d. **Membership Levels.** Maggie asked if anyone was not rejoining. Kathleen has decided not to play with Loch Leven in 2021-22 and is changing her mother club to Doune, having moved to that area. She would be willing to play in occasional events such as a Christmas bonspiel, and would like to take part in social events. The committee might need to think of a new membership category! Sheila may be unable to play for health reasons. Only seven people have filled in the survey to say what their playing intentions are. The link for this was in the same email giving the details about the AGM. Gareth will send reminders.

The meeting ended at 11.20am. Afterwards there was enjoyable social chat until the Zoom time finished.