

Loch Leven Curling Club
Minutes of the Twelfth Annual General Meeting
26 March 2022

Held at the lounge, Kinross Curling Trust, Green Road, Kinross

The meeting began at 14:31 hours.

Present: Gareth Thomas (Captain), Brian Boyes (Treasurer), Paul Dean (Match Secretary), Eileen Thomas (Secretary), Lesley Anne Haddow (Social Secretary), Maggie Saunderson (Representative Member), Jonathan Atkinson, Kirsty Cassells, Mike Cheshire, Jeanne Dean, George Haddow, Jane Shields, Ally Simms.

In attendance: Clare Cassells, Stuart Morrison.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Bill Henderson, Alyson Henderson, Jane McFarlane, Elaine Spain, George Ponton and Jim Saunderson.

2. Adoption of 2021 Minutes

Adopted unanimously by mutual consent.

3. Adoption of 2020 Accounts

Adopted unanimously by mutual consent.

4. Treasurer's Report for the Year to 30 April 2021

Copies of the accounts to April 2021 had been circulated by email prior to the meeting and copies were available at the meeting.

Brian reported as follows:

This is the Treasurer's Report for the Loch Leven Curling Club for the 2020/2021 season covering the accounts up to the 30th April 2021.

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:-

Scottish Curling Mother Club Fees: The Scottish Curling Mother Club Fees for this season remained at £20.00 per member. The fees collected reduced from £260 to £200 for 10 members.

LLCC Membership Subscriptions:- The LLCC Membership Subscriptions remained at £20 per member. Note that it was felt that members did not get full value for their 2020/2021 Season LLCC Membership Subscription due to the ice rink closure caused by COVID. As a consequence the 2021/2022 season LLCC Membership Subscription has been set at £5.00 per member.

Note that the membership fees for the 2020/2021 season would normally have been collected before the 30th April 2020, and be shown within the accounts to 30th April, 2020. However 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 were collected from members after the usual date of the 30th April 2020 and have therefore appeared on the Year to 30th April 2021 LLCC Accounts.

Therefore the amount received increased from £140 up to £410. This increase was due to the following:-

1. For the Year to 30/04/2020 the sum of **£140** was received from seven members who paid their 2019/2020 LLCC Membership Fees after the 30th April, 2019.
2. For the Year to 30/04/2021 the sum of **£410** was received from 20 members with two members making an early payment of £5.00 to cover their 2021/2022 Season LLCC Membership Fee.

Kinross Ice Fees:- For the 2020/2021 season the LLCC members ice fees remained at £210. The income amount received reduced by £102 from £3,360 down to £3,258. **Kinross Curling Trust League Ice Fees:-** If you refer to the 'Kinross Curling Trust League Ice Fees' on the Expenditure side for the Year to 30/04/2020 the amount paid was £357. This covered the prepayment of seven games @ £51.00 within the KCT League 2. However as only six games were played the amount received from members to cover the games they had played was £306. For the cancelled game the £51.00 prepaid amount was carried forward, with no Credit Note being issued by KCT, and was used to cover the cost of the rearranged game that was played on Wednesday 07/10/2020. The result of this game saw LLCC being promoted to the KCT League 1.

For the Year to 30/04/2021 the Expenditure was £153.00 covering the prepayment of three games @ £51.00 to the end of 2020. However due to the closure of the ice rink only one game on 04/11/2020 took place at a prepaid cost of £51.00. As a consequence LLCC received a Credit Note from KCT to the value of £102.00 covering the two games we had prepaid but not played (** Refer to the note within the "Overall" section of this report.) On the Income side the sum of £102.00 was the money collected from the 'Credit Balance' of the participating members to cover for the payment of the rearranged KCT League 2 game played on 07/10/2020 plus the KCT League 1 game played on 04/11/2020. To reconcile the 'Kinross Curling Trust League Ice Fees' you have to take the Expenditure of the 'Year to 30/04/2020' of £357.00 plus 'Year to 30/04/2021' of £153.00 which gives a total of **£510.00** and then take the Income of the 'Year to 30/04/2020' of £306.00 plus the 'Year to 30/04/2021' of £102.00 and add the Credit Note of £102 which gives a total of **£510.00** over the 2-year period.

Mini League Ice Fees:- The club entered a team into a new 'Mini League' competition being run by Dalgety Bay. This league consisted of four teams playing each other twice, giving the club a total of six games throughout the 2020/2021 season. The cost of these six games @ £51.00 = £306.00, was collected from participating members prior to the first game on Friday 9th October, 2020.

Only two games had been played before the other four games were cancelled due to the closure of the Kinross Ice Rink as the Fife, Angus and Perth & Kinross areas went into Tier 3 Lockdown on Friday 13th November, 2020 for the rest of the season due to the COVID-19 Virus.

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LLCC had only been invoiced by KCT for three Half sheets at a cost of £153.00 for the Mini League covering the games up to the end of 2020. As a consequence LLCC subsequently received a Credit Note worth £51.00 issued by KCT covering the game we had prepaid but did not play on Friday 27/11/2020. (** Refer to the note within the "Overall" section of this report.)

As a consequence of the above a Credit Balance of £306.00 (Payments received) less £102 (prepaid cost of games played) = £204.00 was carried forward as a credit to the 2021/2022 season for Mini League games at an individual participating member level. **Representative / Reclaimed Ice Fees:-** A total of £51 was received from members to cover the cost of ice for the Province Bonspiel vs Fossoway game played on Thursday 12th November, 2020.

Other:- There was no income received for the RCCC Indoor Grand Match, LLCC Xmas Bonspiel, LLCC Lapel Badges, RCCC Grant, LLCC Ceilidh Fundraising and LLCC Balsom Trophy. **Expenditure:-**

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

Loch Leven Province Subscriptions:- Due to COVID-19 there was no call from the Loch Leven Province for the 2020/2021 season Subscriptions.

Kinross Ice Fees:- For the 2020/2021 season, starting September 2020, 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 ice fees remained at the same rate as last season with prepaid peak time rates being £12.75 per person and non peak time rates being £11.25 per person.

For the year to 30/04/2021 the Kinross Ice Fees reduced from £3,666 down to £1,785. This was mainly due to LLCC only prepaying for KCT ice fees up to the end of December 2020, and not prepaying any ice fees for the second half of the season in December 2020 due to the closure of the ice rink.

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

Mini League Ice Fees:- Refer to comments made on the income side of this report. **Trophies / Prizes:-** Due to COVID-19 and the curtailed 2020/2021 season, no trophies were won therefore no engraving was required.

Representative / Reclaimed Ice Fees:- The cost of £51.00 covered the prepayment of ice fees for the Province Game vs Fossoway on Thursday 12th November, 2020.

Other:- There was no expenditure for the RCCC Indoor Grand Match, LLCC Xmas Bonspiel, LLCC Lapel Badges, Reimbursement of Fees, Website, KCT AED Appeal and KCT Donation. **Overall:-**

The net affect is that the closing balance as at the 30th April 2020 of **£1,111.68** increased to **£3,096.68** as at the 30th April 2021. 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 were not collected from members before the usual date of the 30th April 2020. If the fees had been collected then the closing balance as at 30th April 2020 would have increased by 17 members @ £20 = £340 bringing the final closing balance to **£1,451.68**.

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The reason for the 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.

The Kinross Ice Rink closed again due to COVID-19 wef Friday 13th November, 2020. By then LLCC had managed to play the last round of the Development League (Balsom Trophy) on Saturday 10th October, 2020 that were originally scheduled to be played on Friday 20th March, 2020. There was no cost as we had already prepaid for these games in the 2019/2020 season. Also the club absorbed the cost of the Development game that was played on Friday 23rd October, 2020.

When it was clear that the Kinross Curling Trust were closing the ice rink 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 at an individual member level when asking for the ice fees for the 2021/2022 season based on the games they had played in the 2020/2021 season. A list detailing the games played in the 2020/2021 season along with the monies received was issued to each member to advise what Credit Balance would be carried forward to the 2021/2022 season. Note that the Credit Balance that each member had was subsequently applied to the 2021/2022 ice fees required, reducing the fees that each member were due.

**** Note that LLCC prepaid £2,142 to cover the prepayment of ice fees up to the end of December 2020.**

LLCC subsequently received a Credit Note from KCT to the value of £1,071.00 to cover the games that were prepaid but did not play as follows:-

Game Sheets Cost £ Total £

1. LLCC League Games 4 Full @ £102.00 £408.00
2. LLCC Festive Bonspiel 2 Full @ £102.00 £204.00
3. LLCC Points 2 Full @ £102.00 £204.00
4. Representative Games 2 Half @ £51.00 £102.00
5. KCT League 2 Half @ £51.00 £102.00
6. Mini League 1 Half @ £51.00 £51.00

Total £1071.00

The above KCT Credit Note worth £1,071.00 was used to reduce the balance due for the prepayment of ice fees for the 2021/2022 season.

For this year I have again projected the accounts forward to the 30th April 2022. The closing balance would be approx **£1,087** before the annual membership fees are collected and around **£1,487** 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 year's accounts.

Brian Boyes, Treasurer.

Brian was warmly thanked for all his work. The complexities caused by Covid closures will still have an effect on the 2021/2022 season accounts. It was raised that we hope to have a

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junior member next year and the means of claiming the Junior discount from KCT is still under negotiation. (Juniors pay a lower ice fee per match.)

5. Captain's Report for 2021-2022

Welcome to almost the end of a full curling season. This season we've had 15 and three thirds regular playing members, and one reserve. With a full season, apart from the Omicron-cancelled Festive Potty, we've more results to report so I don't need to pad out this Captain's Report, but I do want to thank my fellow committee members for their work, particularly Brian who over the past two seasons has had to prepare individual carry-over accounts which makes my brain hurt, and also thanks to Lesley-Anne for organising some very enjoyable walks. And a particular mention to team Cassells for finding three players at a few hours' notice for the final round of the Balsom League. I'd also like to thank the Kinross Curling Trust and staff, for the ice, the bar and to say how nice it is to have someone who knows what they're doing with the Trust website. The last person was rubbish. (You might almost think I was making it up as I went along!)

6. Results

Paul reported that Alistair Hibbert was pleased to have our main league named after him and presented the results as follows:

Hibbert League: With 12 points and 32 ends, Team Boyes: Brian, Kirsty, Paul and Gareth. **Balsom Trophy:** With a grand slam of victories, Team Saunderson: Jim, Eileen, Kirsty and Lesley-Anne.

Points: Winner Mike Cheshire with 23 points, and Handicap winner Paul Dean with 36.4 points. The handicap system needs revising.

Doubles: To be announced. [*Post-meeting note:* Winners on 29/3/22 were Eileen & Gareth, Runners-up were Maggie & Jonathan.]

Mini-League: One win out of six.

KCT Division 1: Placed fifth, and remaining in Division 1 for next season.

External matches:

Province Bonspiel 4 - 7 loss to Glenfarg
Blairhill 7 - 10 loss to Kinross Ladies
Friendly 6 - 3 win over KCDC
Friendly 3 - 3 peel with Orwell Ladies

Festive Potty: Cancelled.

Inter-province Bonspiel: Brian's team won their game convincingly, unfortunately he was playing for Bank of Scotland against Loch Leven KCDC combined team!

District Medal: Our team of George Ponton, Elaine Spain, Alyson Henderson, Bill Henderson beat Comrie. The small, single medal was at the meeting (unfortunately none of the players were!)

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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. Any Other Business

- a. Jeanne suggested the club should submit a request for the Trust to consider reverting to previous ice times to reduce late hours. It was agreed the Secretary could do so.
- b. Gareth suggested he should canvass opinion for an away match and if there is interest ask Comrie if they would be interested in hosting us at Perth next season, without the need for a £4 per head additional fee. It was agreed to include this in the "intention to curl" questionnaire.
- c. Jeanne suggested that the committee consider an extra round of the Balsom Development league if we have difficulty arranging friendly matches. The committee will consider this.
- d. Maggie asked how skips are decided. It was agreed that willingness to skip be included in the "intention to curl" questionnaire.
- e. Mike pondered having a pool of juniors to be invited to play at little to no cost. Gareth pointed out that reserves are not generally expected to pay ice fees unless it is a prolonged arrangement, and we will aim to be as creative as necessary to meet members' requests.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 15:17 hours with thanks to the committee and a round of applause.