



**Minutes of Forfar Curling Centre Club Executive Meeting
Held at Forfar – Tuesday 6 February 2024**

In Attendance:

Mike Ferguson, Neill Smith, Ian Taylor, Sarah Millar, Adrian White

Apologies:

Rob Inglis

In Rob's absence, Sarah took the minutes for this meeting.

An Agenda was circulated at the meeting. NS opening the meeting, thanking everyone for attending. Handing over to MF for the business update.

1. Season so far:

- As normal we will not be fully aware of the overall financial position until after the end of the season, however bookings have held up well so far and expenditure has been controlled despite the ever present challenge of high energy costs.
- The curling calendar is working well especially for re-arranging sheets, which has been tested due to the snow and flooding. MF confirmed that it is up to the Clubs to re-arrange their ice unless it is an ice rink competition. In these cases, MF has re-arranged the ice. All Clubs have been made aware that they are required to re-book ice, although some are still to do so.
- There have been very few comments from curlers regarding the increase in ice prices this year which is appreciated and encouraging.
- There has been a new coffee machine installed which is quicker than the old machine for the bar staff.
- It is hoped that the ice fees will be kept at the same level next season. New energy contracts are currently being negotiated.
- Ice conditions have been good this season and there has been excellent feedback from the Scottish Seniors, Scottish Mixed Championships, Under 14's and Under 17s' competitors which have been held at Forfar so far this season. The 'Patch' (old bowling hall), has also worked well.

2. Upcoming Competitions:

- Rink Championships (1-3 March) – Fotheringham 1 and Fotheringham 2 will be representing Forfar. A playoff between Edzell and Evenie Water is still be required to be played to identify the 3rd Forfar team for the Rink finals.. Expecting a good turnout from other ice rinks.
- Maxwell Finals (5 March) – unlikely Forfar will now qualify, but there will be 12 Rinks and is usually a good day.

- Closing Bonspiel (30 and 31 March) – thinking of re-jigging it and making it more of an event. May also try to make the Chairty Bonspiel more of an event next year.
- Still to be held this season is the Forfar Ladies Open (21 and 22 February) and the Carnegie Challenge (19 March) – these are organised by Forfar Ladies Centre Club.
- This year, Forfar will also be hosting the Rotary's Rams Head (16 and 17 March) – with a dinner to be held at the ice rink.
- MF asked for assistance from the committee and volunteers in the running of these events.

3. Upcoming Events:

- Curl and Pub Grub – **30 March 2024**. Open to anyone, hoping to encourage non-curlers to come with curlers. Will use the 'Patch' for some fun games/competitions – pool, darts, dominos etc. Encourage teams (ie Super league, Seniors etc) to have a team end of season night out. Hoping to finish with music. £25 if curling and meal - £15 only meal. Will be a choice of food. MF keen to advertise and promote this as soon as possible.
- Curl-Forfar Prize Giving and Awards – provisionally **Thursday 25 April**. Nomination sheets will be issued before the end of the season.
- FCCC AGM – date has been agreed at 2023 AGM – **13 September 2024**.

Other business:

- Various non-curling events have been booked/are being explored, so the facility will be used through the summer.
- MF is hoping to get the ice allocation requests out as soon as possible after the end of the season. Hoping to be able to provide match secretaries a replica of this year's fixtures as a starting point for them.
- Sub-committee to meet separately to discuss and review the Curl-Forfar Competition rules before the start of season 2024-25.
- Based on current contracts/quotes, the electricity and gas prices for next season are expected to be lower than this past season – which is welcome news.
- A wheelchair is now available for anyone who requires this as a result of a fall on the ice etc.
- Some Clubs have asked if it is possible to get a list of available ice. MF confirmed at the moment this is not possible, however available ice can be viewed on the Curling Calendar.

Neill thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.