



Border Ice Rink Club

Minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting

Date:	Thursday 5 th October 2023
Time:	7.00pm
Location:	The Clubrooms, Border Ice Rink, Golf Course Rd, Kelso TD5 7SL
Members in Attendance:	Ayton Castle - Liz Martin, Colin Martin, Keith Prentice, Gwen Prentice; Coldstream - Robert Walker; Duns - George Whiteford; Earlston - Jim Cullen, Liz Cullen, John Burns, Graeme Wilson, David Mitchell; Greenlaw - Helen Mathieson, Stephen Brown, Bill Burgess, John Stevenson, Peter Bowyer, Bill Cleghorn; Glendale - James Dixon, Richard Murray; Jedburgh - Lucy Tile; Kelso - Sheila Macnab, Colin Macnab; Lauderdale – Colin Stirling; Selkirk - Aileen Pirret, Caroline McClymont; St Ronans – Richard Smith; Roxburghe – Oliver Stark Swinton – Alistair Hodge
In Attendance:	Ross Tinlin (Rennie Welch), Laura Nisbet (BIRC)
Apologies:	Debbie Higgins, Graeme Cowe, Lesley Cowe, Ian Douglas, Cameron Martin, Peter Brewis, Bruce Porteous, Susanne Porteous, Matt Tile, Malcolm Ross.
Welcome:	Border Ice Rink Club President Liz Martin welcomed everyone to the 59th Annual General Meeting and opened the meeting at 7.06pm.
In Memoriam:	Liz Martin read the following names that have passed away over the last year. Alan Watt - St Ronans, Willie Cowan – Chirnside, Gary Bowmont – Chirnside, Bill Graham – Earlston, Helen Morrison - (Roxburghe), Tom Laing (Roxburghe), Anne Bryden – (Matthew Templeton trophy) Ian Hill – (Barman) Liz then requested that the meeting hold a minute silence in memory of their passing.
Minutes of 58th AGM:	Liz Martin ensured that all attendees have had an opportunity to read the minutes of the 58 th AGM.
Matters Arising	A Lindsay club name incorrect and changed on the records. No further matters were raised and the Minutes of the 58th AGM were approved by John Burns and seconded by Keith Prentice.
Auditor's Report	Ross Tinlin of Rennie Welch LLP was in attendance at the meeting. All Members were provided access to a copy of the Annual Account for BIRC. Ross Tinlin provided a general update to the accounts. No further issues were raised and the Accounts were approved by Richard Smith and seconded by Colin Stirling.
President's Report	Liz Martin delivered the report in person at the meeting. No issues were raised.



<p>Election of Committee</p>	<p>David Mitchell advised that the Club would still have a Committee in name only as the Ice Rink is being run by a Management Group at present, containing Directors, Committee member and Trustees. It has been agreed that the Trust will take over the running of the Ice Rink from 1st August 2024 so members would only serve one year. Mrs L Cullen, Mrs G Prentice and G Whiteford came forward and were duly elected to serve on the Committee.</p>
<p>Annual Membership Fee 2024 - 25</p>	<p>David Mitchell, Treasurer Border Ice Rink Club, advised that the Border Ice Rink Trust (BIRT) will be taking over the running of the ice rink from 1st August 2024. As BIRT from then and in line with the Special Meeting held on 15/09/2021 that agreed that £2 of the subscription that year would be taken to allow members to become members of the BIRT.</p> <p>Therefore the Club would not be involved with the setting of the Membership Fee as this would be part of the BIRT's responsibilities. Jim Cullen (Chairperson BIRT) advised that a meeting of the BIRT members would be held in the new year for the members to agree the Membership fee.</p> <p>David Mitchell advised the introduction of the BIRT annual fee it was requested that full details of each individual member of the Club be provided with the Clubs submission as this would form the register of members of the Trust.</p>
<p>Appointment of Auditor</p>	<p>Liz Martin proposed that Rennie Welch should remain as the auditor for Border Ice Rink Club with Lucy Tile seconding this.</p>
<p>Additional Reports</p>	<p>Border Ice Rink Ltd – Lucy Tile gave a short update on behalf of Ltd Company. New plant has eventually arrived although there is additional work required regarding the infrastructure. Now entering an interim period with the Star plant operating to allow the new plant to be installed. At present no definitive date when the switch over will occur.</p> <p>Border Ice Rink Trust – Jim Cullen gave a quick update on the Trust's activities. Proposed date for handover to the Trust is the 1st August 2024. Trustees who have retired are – Harry Dodds, Lewis McCarn, Bob Robertson and Peter Bowyer. Potential new trustees are Bill Burgess, Tim Price and Alistair Hodge. Jim thanked Peter for his work in securing grant funding for the plant. Jim also thanked Lucy, Bill Cleghorn, Alistair Hodge and David Mitchell for their work on the management committee during these trying times.</p> <p>Border Ice Rink Ladies Section – Short report re Ladies section. Section have held a lunch during the off season and recently held a fashion show that raised approx. £900.</p>

<p>Any Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 Club – general discussion held on the future of the 2300 Club and DM advised that this would continue to run in its present form for this Season. A new 50/50 draw was being proposed by the Trust and fuller details will be available in due course. • Reduced Ice Fees for Juniors – clarification sought regarding the reduced ice fees for Juniors DM advised that a 50% reduction should be applied for any under 18 who is in full-time education. Point raised that all clubs did not know of this an DM will ensure all clubs will be advised. • General Correspondence – Members highlighted that they received communications twice – once from the Ice Rink and then from Secretary of their club. Advised that this was required as not all members of the BIR Club have opted in to receiving emails from the Club direct. A number of members have raised this issue and the only solution that was found was for Club Secretary where ask to forward emails to ensure they were aware of activities • Confusion re Dates of Competitions – Point raised that certain dates have change but website has not been updated. This was due this year as the ice rink opening had been delayed by a week. The Office will review any changes and amend website where possible.
<p>Meeting Closed</p>	<p>With no other business Liz Martin closed the meeting at 8.13pm</p>