

119<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Representative Members of the BORDER PROVINCE of the RCCC held in the Kelso Golf Club, Kelso on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 at 7.00pm.

#### Welcome.

Immediate President John Hodge and welcomed the 27 attending members as per the attendance book.

#### In Memoriam

President John asked the meeting to stand as he read out the names of members who had passed away over the year, Tommy Neilands, Selkirk; Margaret Isaac, Duns; Betty Laing, Roxburghe; Dave Elder, Greenlaw; Denis Strothers, Coldstream and Betty Peddie, Roxburghe, to whom a silence was observed in their memory.

Apologies were received from 4 members and these are noted on the attendance book.

Minute of the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016. This had been distributed and was available on the web site.

The adoption of this being a true record of the meeting was proposed by Colin Martin, seconded by Andrew Reed, and duly signed by Chairman John Hodge.

Matters Arising. Jim Cullen was elected to the position of Vice President of the RCCC and John Hodge replaces him as our rep to the RCCC (Area Standing Committee Member).

The Gala Cup is still without a sponsor and as a major competition this needs to be addressed. The Stones in memory of Robert Forsyth are in place at the rink as most of you will have seen.

Finance Report. A copy of the balance sheet had been distributed. Bill Cleghorn explained the current financial situation of the Province.

Harry Dodds proposed the adoption of the accounts and this was seconded by Colin Stirling.

2017 – 2018 Subscription. The Treasurer proposed no reason to change the £1 subscription which was seconded by Oliver Stark.

#### Election of Office Bearers:

**President:** John Hodge proposed Peter Bowyer from the Greenlaw Club, seconder was Alistair Lindsay.

Peter took the chair and thanked John for his duties so far in the meeting and for his services over the past year as President.

**Vice President:** Michael Sutherland. Proposed by Peter Bowyer, seconded by Graeme Cowe.

#### **Committee.**

(3 Committee members due to retire by rotation: John Stevenson, Oliver Stark & Angus MacMillan).

Elected to Committee until 2020 were:

Ruaraidh Whyte, Coldstream C C, Proposed by John Stevenson, seconder was Neil McLain.

James Dixon, Swinton C C, proposed by Peter Bowyer, seconder was Bill Cleghorn.

Stuart Craig, Coldstream C C, proposed by Peter Bowyer, seconder was John Hodge.

Secretary/Treasurer: John Stevenson. Proposed by Bill Cleghorn and seconded by Graeme Cowe.

The President thanked Bill for his hard work over the last many number of years as secretary of the province and to the Ice Rink in general.

Area Standing Committee Member: John Hodge continues.

#### Sponsorship

President Peter read out the sponsors that have assured us of their continued support for the coming season:

Agrii, Border Chainsaws & Lawnmower Services and CF Fertilisers. It was noted again that the Gala Cup really does need a sponsor.

#### Draw of Competitions.

The draw for the Agrii border League was made from the hat of Alistair Lindsay with same 18 clubs as last season. The full draw is on the website and will be printed in the syllabus.

Discussion regarding a slight change took place regarding the scoring format of the Border League. It was proposed to count ends prior to shots to fall in line with the national finals. Formal proposal was made by Bill Cleghorn and seconded by Keith Prentice. This met with no opposition and will be noted in the rules.

The draws were also made for the Melrose Kettle, Dun Trophy and Harry Hogg and the Border Gala Cup.

Waldie Griffiths. The 4 skips and 2 reserve skips are: Keith Prentice, Graeme Baxter, Stuart Craig, Marion Pate, Gary Craig & Graeme Wilson.

#### AOCB.

BCDG Report from John Stevenson included the following points

The group will include the clubs more, however all clubs were emailed with a questionnaire, but no clubs responded.

10 curlers did respond on their own. There are plans to hold a competition for 8 x under 14yr teams and 8 x under 17s.

During the year 9 level 1 coaches and 6 level 2 coaches were appointed. There is little funding from the RCCC. This funding is all performance related with best results coming from new members. Young Curlers Club will come under the administration of Ruaraidh Whyte.

Canadian incoming tour. The meeting was updated on progress for the Visiting Canadian team due at Kelso on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 when they will play a morning and an afternoon game. We are looking for 16 home players for each game and information will be sent to the clubs during the summer.

Bob Robertson raised the proposal that the Dun Trophy semi-final and final should be on separate days, perhaps two weeks apart to allow players to plan their time off work. Colin McNabb seconded this proposal and it will be left to the secretary to sort out dates with the rink if available for this coming season.

Colin Martin highlighted the fact that the rules discriminate against sex with last year's change of rule. While this was not intended the wording does look discriminating and will be corrected.

John Hodge advised the meeting that the RCCC AGM will be held in Braehead on 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00 pm.

Andrew Reed made a vote of thanks to the outgoing Secretary for his long and loyal service to the Province and wished him well in his retirement.

A vote of thanks to the outgoing President and the chair was made by Michael Sutherland

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8.13pm and invited everyone to join the ladies upstairs in the rink at their coffee evening.

.....Secretary

.....President