

118<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Representative Members of the BORDER PROVINCE of the RCCC held in the Border Ice Rink, Kelso on Wednesday 4th May 2016 at 7.00pm.

#### Welcome.

Immediate Past President Neil McLain took the chair owing to the death in office of President Robert Forsyth to whom Neil paid a special tribute prior to welcoming the 31 attending members as per the attendance book.

#### In Memoriam

The meeting observed the passing of the following members over the past year, Robert Forsyth, St Boswells; Neile MacArthur, Kelso; Peter Wright, St Ronans; John Fleming, Greenlaw; Malcolm Maxwell, Glendale; Bert Anderson, Teviotdale and William Grimsdale, Swinton to whom a silence was observed in their memory.

Apologies were received from 9 members and these are noted on the attendance book.

Minute of the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014. 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 Peter Bowyer, and duly signed by Chairman Neil McLain.

Matters Arising. Jim Cullen informed the meeting that the RCCC committee set up to look at the role of Areas and Provinces in the structure of the Royal Club had completed its review and its report had been approved by the RCCC Board. The recommendations made are to be put to the RCCC AGM on 18 June 2016 for approval. So far as the Borders is concerned Area 2 is to be divided into two parts and one of these would be designated as the Borders Area. We would still have one rep to the RCCC.

Finance Report. A copy of the balance sheet audited by Colin Carruthers had been distributed. In the absence of the treasurer Colin Carruthers explained the current financial situation of the Province. Andrew Reed proposed the adoption of the accounts and this was seconded by George Whiteford.

2014 – 2015 Subscription. The Treasurers could see no reason to change the £1 subscription and proposed it stay the same, Bob Robertson proposed to continue at £1.00 and this was seconded by Bill Byers.

#### Election of Office Bearers:

**President:** Neil McLain proposed John Hodge from the Duns Club, seconder was Harry Dodds. John took the chair and thanked Neil for his duties so far in the meeting.

**Vice President:** Peter Bowyer, Greenlaw. Proposed by John Hodge, seconded by Neil McLain.

#### **Committee.**

(3 Committee members due to retire by rotation: George Whiteford, Ian McCreath and Jim Blain.

Elected to Committee until 2019 were:

Brian Taylor, Duns. Proposed by George Whiteford, seconded by Colin Martin.

Robert Laidlaw, Lees. Proposed by Neil McLain, seconded by Bill Byres.

Colin McNab, Kelso. Proposed by John Stevenson, seconded by Jim Blain.

Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Cleghorn. Proposed by John Hodge and carried unanimously.

Area Standing Committee Member: Jim Cullen confirmed that, assuming he is appointed Vice President of the RCCC at the AGM on 18 June 2016, someone else will require to be appointed to serve for the remaining two years of the four-year term on the ASC committee. It was decided to leave this for consideration at a later meeting.

#### Sponsorship

President John read out the sponsors for the past season and confirmed that Agrii, Border Chainsaws and Lawnmower Services and CF Fertilisers have confirmed their continued sponsorship for next season. It was noted 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. The full draw is on the website and will be printed in the syllabus.

The draws were also made for the Melrose Kettle, Dun Trophy and Harry Hogg. The draw for the Border Gala Cup will be made later once all the entries are confirmed as there is discussions to take place regarding the rules later in this meeting.

Waldie Griffiths. It was decided that the committee would consult with the Secretary as to the order of precedence in the BIR competitions to decide who would be the skips and who the reserves for this competition.

AOCB.

**Gala Cup Rules** – copies of the proposed changes had been circulated. After discussion the consensus was that a reserve would be allowed from another club. The extra wording added to rule 43 is in *Italics* below

**43.** The competition shall be open to team(s) of any two men and two ladies, playing in any order, who are members of the same Club as defined in rules 24 and 25. *Should a club be unable to get two ladies from their own club a lady from another club may play at lead.*

The above change necessitates extra wording to be added to rule 25 and is also noted below in *Italics*.

**25.** Rinks shall consist of all regular members of Clubs in the Border Province wherever resident, and or Occasional Members of such clubs resident in the Border Province only *unless the individual competition rules state otherwise.*

**Sponsorship of stones in memory of Robert Forsyth** - The proposal to sponsor two stones (a 5 and a 6) in memory of Robert was made by President John Hodge and unanimously seconded.

**Jim Cullen**

The RCCC AGM is to be held at Braehead arena on Saturday 18 June 2016 at 2 PM

The WCF are holding a conference in Canada on brush technology to look at the issue of performance enhancing brushes and stiffening inserts (for the brush heads!). A recommendation will be made thereafter to the WCF Congress in September and then hopefully a rule change will be made to bring about clarity on this subject.

The rulebook should be printed after the Congress to take in rule changes made at the Congress.

Congratulations to John Hodge and Bill Byers on their selection for the tour to USA in January 2017

The dates for RCCC competitions should be available shortly.

**Harry Dodds** congratulated Jim Cullen on his anticipated appointment as Vice President of RCCC which was not only an honour for him but also for the ice rink. He also asked Jim to try to see if the RCCC AGM could be hosted in the Borders.

**John Stevenson** confirmed that the Curling Development Group are running a golf competition on 29 May 2016 on a Texas Scramble basis and he should be contacted to enter.

**Mike Frost** raised concerns about the changes which are being made in respect of the Border Ice Rink Club membership dues. Although this is not a Province matter a discussion to air views and answer concerns was permitted. BIRC President David Kerr in particular was allowed an opportunity to address points of concern.

**David McAlpine** requested that the date of next year's AGM be fixed well in advance as the late change of date this year had resulted in a clash with his own club's AGM. This request would be passed to the Secretary.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8.25pm and invited everyone to join the ladies upstairs at their coffee evening.

.....Bill Cleghorn.....Secretary

.....President