

117<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Representative Members of the BORDER PROVINCE of the RCCC held in the Border Ice Rink, Kelso on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.00pm.

#### Welcome.

President Neil McLain was in the chair and welcomed the 32 attending members as per the attendance book.

#### In Memoriam

The president informed the meeting of the passing of the following over the past year, Dave Harvey, Glendale; Alan Collett, Glendale; Alec Darling, Lees; Jack Bell, Duns; Jean Fleming, Roxburghe; Barbara Fleming, Greenlaw; Isa Balderstone, Jedburgh; Peter Laing, Teviotdale; Jimmy Robertson & Jim Elliot, a silence was observed in their memory.

Apologies were received from 5 members and these are noted on the attendance book.

Minute of the 116<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 Bill Byers, Earlston, seconded by George Whiteford, Duns and duly signed by the president.

Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.

Finance Report. A copy of the balance sheet audited by Colin Carruthers had been distributed. The treasurer highlighted a few items for clarity and mentioned that the cash fund was down a little but there was now a large stock of badges which are available at £3.00 each; however he still reported a healthy balance. Harry Dodds proposed the adoption of the accounts and this was seconded by Jim Cullen.

2014 – 2015 Subscription. The Treasures could see no reason to change the £1 subscription and proposed it stay the same this was seconded by a unanimous meeting.

#### President's Report.

Report still to be added.

#### Election of Office Bearers:

**President:** Robert Forsyth from the St Boswells club proposed by Neil McLain, seconder was Harry Dodds who also gave a supporting comment in favour of his fellow club members' fine standing in curling circles.

Robert took the chair and thanked Neil for his duties over the past year.

Robert wanted to start his term in office by presenting the Province with a new pencil for the attendance book, this was accepted reluctantly by the Secretary who had grown fond of the 60mm stub of a pencil that had been in the book since we think 1975.

**Vice President:** John Hodge, Duns. Proposed by Robert Forsyth, seconded by Colin Jeffries.

#### **Committee.**

(3 Committee members due to retire by rotation: Colin Martin, Bert Duncan and Kenny Alison.)

Elected to Committee until 2018 were:

David McAlpine, Ayton Castle. Proposed by Colin Martin, seconded by Alistair Lindsay.

Harry Dodds, St Boswells. Proposed by Robert Forsyth, seconded by Stuart Craig.

Bob Robertson, Selkirk. Proposed by Alistair Lindsay seconded by John Stevenson.

Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Cleghorn. Proposed by Robert Forsyth and carried unanimously.

Area Standing Committee Member: Jim Cullen continues.

#### **Sponsorship**

The President thanked our competition sponsors including Agrii through the efforts of Neil McLain for the Border League, Border Chainsaw and Lawnmower Services for the Harry Hogg, Growhow for the Border Bonspiel and the committee, The Waggon Inn, Growhow, Stuart Douglas, George Whiteford and others who sponsored the quiz prizes. It was noted that the Gala Cup had now developed into a main competition and Robert asked all the members could bring to the attention of the secretary or himself any potential sponsor(s).

Draw of Competitions. The draw for the Agrii border League was made from the hat of Alistair Lindsay with only 18 names in it due to the loss of Teviotdale. The full draw is on the website and will be printed in the syllabus.

The draws were also made for the Melrose Kettle and Dun Trophy. The draw for the Border Chainsaw Harry Hogg and the Gala Cup will be made later once all the entries are confirmed.

Waldie Griffiths. The 4 skips were selected from a list of winners of the main BIR Competitions.:

Colin Martin, John Stevenson, Jim Cullen and Paul Jess. Reserves Gwen Prentice, Marion Pate & Graeme Baxter,

AOCB.

Jim Cullen

- Indoor Grand Match. The draw is not made yet and clubs are reminded to select home and/or away games. There are still places available for clubs who have not yet entered
- An RCCC Committee has been set up to research the role of Areas and Provinces in the structure of the Royal Club. Jim read the questions and a discussion followed with a general feeling that:
  - Areas were not important in our set up, but linking with the Lothian's would be bore sensible than Dumfries.
  - The Province worked well in this area.
  - Communication through the RCCC network was seen by some to be a weakness that should be addressed

If any Club or curler would like to address this matter further they should do so by contacting the Secretary or Jim direct.

Peter Bowyer

Peter pointed out that a funding opportunity exists through Mars Milk on their web site and he asked for all to go to that site and vote for "Junior Curling Club" Kelso.

Colin Stirling

Colin repeated the question raised by Anne Wright last year - *Anne Fleming asked if the names of the new people that came to the "Try Curling" events were being sent to the clubs.* Jim Cullen explained that these names would not be circulated, but the ongoing curlers would move into the "Virtual Club" with a view of getting them into clubs after that. Any club requiring information should contact the BCDG.

Province Championships.

The entry to the National Province Championship is Duns and the entry fee will be paid from the province funds.

Robert Walker.

Robert asked if Berwickshire clubs could not be selected to play in the Border League in the same week as Berwickshire competitions are being played. Discussion ensued and it was noted that the BL is played every week and all competitions fall into this problem not just Berwickshire. The Secretary said it was not feasible to do this without a secondary problem arising.

Colin Martin.

Colin asked for some clarity on ending a game in a KO competition on a peel and the time signal had ended the game. This discussion ended in agreement by all that the Province competitions would follow the lead of the BIRC competitions as this will be agreeing this with the ice staff and the Board in due course.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8.26pm and invited everyone to join the ladies upstairs at their coffee evening.

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

.....President