

Braehead Curling Development Group

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 23rd April 2013

Minutes The minutes of the 2012 AGM were accepted as a correct minute.

Chairman's Report – Gary Macfarlane

Gary gave his Chairmans report highlighting the BCDG work in year 2012 - 13:

- Established a new Superleague, open to Braehead and non Braehead teams. Has been very popular and successful, with £1000 prize money, and had 9 teams competing, and more expected in the coming year.
- Established a developmental agreement with the Royal Club. This has led to a number of developments and led to £2000 coming the Braehead Ice Rink and £1000 to the BCDG for Junior Development
- In the last 4 months Sarah Reid has been supporting BCDG development in a number of areas particularly junior development.
- A review of safety following an injury on the ice, has led to some work with the local ambulance association on care on injuries
- A further £2100 has been received from Leslie Ingram-Brown for a further 3 years sponsorship of the Braehead Mixed Doubles event which is held each November.
- In recent weeks the Development Group has been liasing with club secretaries on the Braehead proposals for collection of membership fees.
- Bonspiels – Turkey Shoot on 21st Dec and Closing Bonspiel – 29th March – both well supported and much fun - brought in around £800 - £1000
- 2 clubs approached the BCDG and were given support to create development plans – Braehead Young Curlers and the Braehead Wheelchair Curling Club
- Marjorie Wilson's work on behalf of adopted clubs led to £6500 savings on VAT for our 18 adopted clubs
- We webcasted 4 events in the year, and are planning further improvements over the summer to our webcasting cameras
- The Braehead Curlers website is going being redone with improvements, and hopefully ready for the new season
- The Braehead small clubs league established last year has again been successful with 8 clubs playing

- A 1st Ladies Masterclass in September with 64 attendees, and run jointly with the RCCC.
- A planned seminar in early March, with Rhona Martin had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers

Gary thanked Committee members who were standing down:

- Robbie Stewart - for his enormous hard work to support coaching,
- Dawn Watson – for 2 excellent years as BCDG Treasurer, and wished her the Groups best wishes in her move to Wales
- Marjorie Wilson – for 2 years very diligent work in helping small clubs save VAT.

Competitions Report – David Horne

David gave a report on competitions including:

- A new and successful Superleague run with 9 teams
- A small clubs league – a second successful season
- Braehead Open – with more than 32 entries, now firmly established as a major part of the Scottish Curling Tour
- Braehead Mixed Doubles – with 15 teams entered and sponsorship renewed by Leslie Ingram-Brown for a further 3 years
- Braehead Ladies Open - held in early December, with a reduced entry.
- And a range of other successful competitions

Membership/Adopted Clubs Report – Marjorie Wilson

Marjorie gave her report on her very considerable work on behalf of 18 adopted clubs which led to £6500 savings in VAT. A couple of clubs had fallen foul of VAT rules and had been charged VAT. The BCDG were preparing a letter, which would be provided to all club secretaries.

Gary thanked her for all her work.

Website/IT Report – Gordon Nicholl

Gordon Nicholl gave a report on his work on providing the website. This year included providing a facility for David Horne to update competition reports.

During the season, 4 curling events were webcast including the new European Juniors event in September, the Braehead Open, Glynhill and the Star Wheelchair Pairs.

Work was being done on making improvements to the website, and to provide a database facility to allow curlers to receive regular updates of key events.

Junior Development Report

Gary and Sarah had been supporting Liz Paul and the Braehead Young Curlers Committee, with a BYC Junior development plan, on-ice coaching and coaches

rota. Sarah was being funded out of income expected through the RCCC Developmental Outcomes agreement.

This support was being provided by BCDG, following Braehead no longer allowing BYC to play on a Saturday morning, and having to move to Sunday early afternoon.

Development Objectives:

Gary led a discussion by the attendees on the future work of the BCDG in season 2013 – 14. Key priorities were:

- The need for BCDG to help clubs in their development through
 - Running a seminar on club development
 - Summarising club information on websitebcdg finances
- Improving the website and
- Providing individual members with direct communications

Election of Office Bearers/Management Committee

The following were elected to the Braehead Development Group Committee:

Liz Scott	-	Secretary
John Ferguson	-	Treasurer and Adopted clubs
Alan Hannah	-	Coaching
Stephen Harte	-	New Curlers

The following committee members continued in their positions:

Gary Macfarlane	-	Chairman
Alan Sloan	-	Vice Chairman
Liz Paul	-	Juniors and coaching
Clive Thomson	-	Province representation
Gordon Nicholl	-	Website and IT

Any other Competent Business

Club secretaries being required by Braehead office to collect Braehead membership fees. There was considerable discussion and discomfort about this matter, including:

- Concern that Braehead should do this themselves.
- Any system requires to be seen to be fair
- Workload for club secretaries must be minimal
- No benefit to clubs
- A small group was established to support the BCDG in discussions with Bruce Harley – Elaine Semple, Jack Steven, Chris Ormerod, and Ian McArthur.
- Gary undertook to provide club secretaries with guidance following discussions with Braehead