

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY CURLING CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Lecture Theatre 175, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh

24th March 2011

Present

Club Officials

Alison McAteer

David Jenkins

Michael Nicholson

Katie McGaan

Ted Edmunds

Ordinary Members

Fraser Stockton

David McHale

Andrew Grieve

David Tyler

Graham Chernoff

1. CONSTITUTION

The meeting was constituted at 18:38.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved.

Proposed: David Jenkins; Seconded: Katie McGaan

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EGM

The minutes of the EGM held on <insert date here> were approved.

Proposed: Fraser Stockton; Seconded: Graham Chernoff

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's report was received and approved.

Proposed: Michael Nicholson; Seconded: Graham Chernoff

5. TREASURER'S BUSINESS

The Treasurer's report was received and approved.

Proposed: Ted Edmunds; Seconded: David Jenkins

5. MOTION: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Michael Nicholson gave a short explanation of the changes, which were carried unanimously.

Proposed: Michael Nicholson; Seconded: Ted Edmunds

7. ELECTION OF OFFICIALS

Alison McAteer ceded the chair to David Jenkins in order to stand for re-election.

PRESIDENT

Alison McAteer

Proposed: Michael Nicholson; Seconded: Katie McGaan

Alison McAteer resumed the chair.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Katie McGaan

Proposed: Michael Nicholson; Seconded: Fraser Stockton

SECRETARY

David Jenkins

Proposed: Katie McGaan; Seconded: Ted Edmunds

TREASURER

Michael Nicholson

Proposed: Ted Edmunds; Seconded: David Jenkins

PUBLICITY & ALUMNI OFFICER

Fraser Stockton

Proposed: Michael Nicholson; Seconded: Ted Edmunds

Each of the above was elected unanimously and unopposed.

SAFETY & EQUIPMENT OFFICER

Graham Chernoff

Proposed: Andrew Grieve, Seconded: David Jenkins

Andrew Grieve

Proposed: Graham Chernoff; Seconded: Michael Nicholson

Each candidate gave a short speech highlighting his suitability for the role. Andrew Grieve was elected by 5 votes to 4. The chair noted the sportsmanship demonstrated by each candidate nominating the other.

8. AMENDMENT OF SIGNATORIES

The meeting voted to remove Katie McGaan and Laura McEwen from the list of signatories to the club's bank account and to add Michael Nicholson; Alison McAteer remains a signatory.

9. OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION OFFICIALS

Praise of club's development

Departing member Ted Edmunds took the opportunity to congratulate the club committees from the previous two seasons, and Michael Nicholson in particular, on the development of the club. He said that the change has been nothing short of revolutionary and it is a privilege and a joy to curl with the group.

Session times

Graham Chernoff asked whether it would be possible to change the day or time of sessions to accommodate members. Michael Nicholson responded that the possibility of weekend sessions had been explored but that Murrayfield is simply too busy, and that evening sessions were inappropriate for many students, particularly those who eat in Pollock Halls where meal times are fixed. Alison McAteer also noted that the current time suits the club well with regard to SUS fixtures, as team members simply miss club sessions rather than rearranging other plans in order to participate.

Targeting of sessions

Graham Chernoff asked whether sessions could be more targeted with, for example, players of different abilities on different sheets. Katie McGaan noted that this was the first year in the memory of current members where training drills were a regular feature and that there had been inevitable teething problems. Alison McAteer took the opportunity to note the good links the club has developed with Murrayfield Curling Ltd with regard to provision of extra sheets and equipment where necessary.

10. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 1917.

APPENDIX 1

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY CURLING CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Munro Room, Societies Centre, Pleasance

21st March 2010

Present

Club Officials

Michael Nicholson (President)	MN
Alison McAteer (Vice-President)	AM
David Jenkins (Secretary)	DJ
Craig Whyte (Treasurer)	CW

Ordinary Members

Katie McGaan	KM
Ben Thomas	BT
Stephan Preuß	SP
Julie Pritchard	JP
Laura McEwen*	LM
Ashley Smith*	AS

1. CONSTITUTION

The meeting was constituted at 17.48. MN apologised for not having printed copies of the agenda due to technical issues. All members present indicated that they had read the agenda and all papers in advance of the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MN reminded the meeting of the President's report sent out in advance of the meeting and opened the floor to questions about it. No questions were raised.

4. TREASURER'S BUSINESS

MN reminded the meeting of the Treasurer's report sent out in advance of the meeting and opened the floor to questions about it. No questions were raised.

CW takes the chair

5. MOTION 1 – CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Proposed: Michael Nicholson, Seconded: Alison McAteer

MN laid his motion (Appendix 1) before the meeting and gave a short speech introducing it. MN particularly noted that the current constitution has not been updated since 1998 and is no longer fit for its purpose given developments in the Sports Union. There was no opposition to the proposal, which passed unanimously.

MN retakes the chair

6. MOTION 2 – COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATION

Proposed: Alison McAteer, Seconded: Katie McGaan

AM laid her proposal (Appendix 2) before the meeting and gave a short speech introducing it. AM averred that an increase in competitive opportunities would increase the rate of development of the club and its members. There was no opposition to the proposal, which passed unanimously.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICIALS

PRESIDENT

Alison McAteer (Proposed: Craig Whyte, Seconded: Ben Thomas)

VICE-PRESIDENT

David Jenkins (Proposed: Craig Whyte, Katie McGaan)

CW takes the chair

SECRETARY

Michael Nicholson* (Proposed: Alison McAteer, Seconded: David Jenkins)

MN retakes the chair

TREASURER

Katie McGaan (Proposed: Alison McAteer, Seconded: Julie Pritchard)

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Laura McEwen (Proposed: Ben Thomas, Seconded: Ashley Smith)

CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

Alison McAteer (Proposed: Ben Thomas, Seconded: Katie McGaan)

All nominees were elected unopposed. The post of Publicity and Alumni Officer was not filled.

*MN does not hold an offer of a place from the University of Edinburgh for the next academic year; should he fail to receive one, he shall be required to resign his post.

8. AMENDMENT OF SIGNATORIES

The meeting agreed that CW and MN be removed as signatories to the club's bank account and be replaced by AM and KM.

9. OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION OFFICIALS

No questions were raised.

10. CLOSURE

MN thanks the outgoing committee for their hard work and expressed his optimism that the next committee will be a successful one.

The meeting closed at 18.08

APPENDIX 2

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY CURLING CLUB

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Clubrooms, Murrayfield Curling, Riverside Crescent, Edinburgh
29th September 2010

Present

Club Officials

Alison McAteer (President)	AM
David Jenkins (Vice-President)	DJ
Michael Nicholson (Secretary)	MN
Katie McGaan (Treasurer)	KM
Laura McEwen (Social Secretary)	LM

Ordinary Members

Ashley Smith	AS
Fraser Stockton	FS
Graham Chernoff	GC
David Tyler	DT

Also in attendance were a number of newcomers to the club (around 15), full details of whom are unavailable.

1. CONSTITUTION

The meeting was constituted at 17.29.

2. ELECTION OF PUBLICITY & ALUMNI OFFICER

AM opened the floor for nominations for Publicity & Alumni Officer. No nominations were forthcoming; AM announced that the committee would seek to co-opt someone into the post in the coming weeks.

3. APPROVAL OF LAURA MCEWEN AS A SIGNATORY

It was agreed, for convenience, to add Laura McEwen as a third signatory to the club account.

4. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 1733.

APPENDIX 3

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After some excellent work by the previous committee on rebuilding the constitution and structure of Edinburgh University Curling Club, this was going to be the year to continue developing a larger and more dynamic club. There's certainly plenty of evidence to suggest we're on the right track, and many thanks to the club members and particularly the committee for making this happen.

This year membership was 60% up on last year, with 26 one semester and full-year members joining the club. This is a huge leap for us and set us in good stead for the substantial number of fixtures throughout the season. Many of the members joining us this year were beginners, and it's fantastic that so many of you have stayed on after the original come-and-try sessions.

The 2010-2011 SUS League got off to a great start, with two wins being recorded at the first fixture. Unfortunately we did not manage to quite meet this standard for the rest of the season; however, there were some great games played in Perth and some very close final scores. The winners of the League this year were Heriot Watt university. Many thanks to everyone who played in the League this year – particularly Andrew Grieve and Katie McGaan, who drove the team through to Perth. Also good luck to the team heading off to the SUS Open Championship in Stranraer – Katie McGaan, Graham Chernoff, Ted Edmunds and Fraser Stockton.

This year, for the first time the Curling Club took part in the Linlithgow League at Murrayfield, with Sunday afternoon matches throughout the season. It's really fantastic that we've been branching out to compete in competitions other than ones exclusively for university clubs, as it firmly establishes us as a club in the Edinburgh area, and helps provide potential future links between students and local clubs for after they graduate. Our thanks must go to Murrayfield for so enthusiastically welcoming us to the league – in particular Debbie, who gave us a special mention on the Murrayfield website. We are looking to enter this league again next year, as it gives more members in the club a chance to play competitive games and get a bit of match experience – and fingers crossed we place a little higher overall next season!

Last week was the famous annual Varsity match of Edinburgh University against Heriot Watt. Despite great play by our team of David Jenkins, Katie McGaan, Graham Chernoff and Kelly Jamieson, the final score was 11-3 to the opposition. Having watched the match, in my opinion the game was much closer than reflected in the score. On the other hand, since the Heriot Watt team included two Scottish Junior Champions (Colin Howden and Caitlin Barr), I think our team can be proud of the performance they put in! Many thanks to Ted Edmunds and Michael Nicholson for writing up a report on the game. This is now available in the Student Newspaper, and it's a great piece of publicity for our club - and for the sport in general.

Obviously, the Edinburgh University Curling Club is not just about the competitions. We've had some great social events this year. There was the skittles at the Sheep Heid Inn, where some people clearly had more skill at bowling than others! There was also the Christmas Dinner in December, with a wonderful meal at Teviot and general merriment thanks to a few drinks and some truly terrible cracker jokes! To round off the semester we had the points competition at the last session before Christmas – well done to everyone who braved the snow to get to the rink, and congratulations to winner David Jenkins.

This semester started off with the annual Sports Union Ball, held at the Corn Exchange and attended by six members of the curling club (although technically one of them was there with sailing!). This was a great excuse to get all glammed up and dance the night away with hundreds of other students from across all sports clubs at Edinburgh University. A thoroughly enjoyable night was had by all! A new addition to the curling social calendar this year was a karaoke night at Electric Circus. There were many truly unforgettable performances – although some for the wrong reasons! A highly entertaining event and definitely one we'll be looking to repeat in years to come. Many thanks to social secretary Laura McEwen for organising all these events and leading the way in getting involved.

There's been loads of things going on in the club itself this year – with five qualified coaches we've been able to run much more structured training sessions than in previous years, and we're looking to keep this going next session, hopefully training one or two more coaches so we can really make a difference to everyone's game, as well as help out in the wider curling community through come-and-try events and umpiring competitions at Murrayfield.

There's plenty lined up for next season for the club – we're already looking at the Linlithgow League, the SUS League and possibly one or two extra competitions. We're also planning to lay the ground work for the Curling Club's 40th Anniversary in the session 2012-2013 – fingers crossed we can make it a really big event for fundraising and making connections with alumni. Furthermore, we're looking to apply for an equipment bursary next year, in order to get some of our own training equipment and club kit like brushes and sliders, meaning we'll have to rely less on the already very generous Edinburgh Curling School.

One final thing to note is congratulations to former President and current Secretary Michael Nicholson on being awarded the Colours Award by the Sports Union for the contribution he has made to the curling club. The award ceremony will take place in June and I know I'm not alone when I say that it is thoroughly deserved, after the time and effort Michael has put in to improving and developing the club. Everything's looking good for maintaining the Curling Club and making it even better in the future – it would be great to have as many people involved as possible to keep up the good work!

Alison McAteer
Curling Club President 2010-2011

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APPENDIX 4

TREASURER'S REPORT

My first year as treasurer got off to an interesting start. Being thrown in at the deep end with the end of year accounts. But thanks to Michael the accounts were submitted on time and it has been realised that the hand over from one treasurer to another has to be more detailed than handing the records over. After this the rest of my term has been easier to manage.

Our estimates from the sports union were used to pay for our ice for the season at Murrayfield with a tiny portion paid for by the club.

The membership cost was raised this year; this was in order to enable the club to enter more competitions. This is, in turn, allowed more members of the club to play outside of club practices. The total intake from membership is £1040 with another £120 banked to be added with the next statement. This is the club main source of income after the estimate.

The membership paid for the entry into the Linlithgow Competition which cost £342, membership to ECC, £5 per member and membership to the RCCC, £4 per member. The club socials are also partially subsidised by the club.

The cost of travel to and from the SUS matches in Perth is covered by the club. The cost has been greatly reduced due to two members of the clubs having cars in Edinburgh so the club is only paying for one cars petrol instead of 4 train tickets. However due to petrol prices rising the cost from first semester was £11 rising to £13 this semester.

The current balance is £1005 however there are a few payments to go in and out of the account.

Out – SUS fees, ECC membership, RCCC membership and Stranaer fees.

In – final Kukri Payments and the £120 membership

The opening balance at the start of the year was around £500 and with the above payments the closing balance will be around the same.

Katie McGaan
Treasurer

APPENDIX 5

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Proposed: Michael Nicholson

Seconded: Ted Edmunds

1. Amend 6.1.7 to “Safety & Equipment Officer”
2. Insert at 8.1.2.2 and renumber “Perform such duties as are necessary for the effective administration of coaching at the club including, but not limited to, recruitment and engagement of coaches.
3. Amend 8.1.4.2, remove “my” and replace with “by”.
4. Insert at 8.1.4.8 “Be responsible, at the end of the committee’s tenure, for communicating to the bank details of all changes to signatories to the club’s bank account”
5. Amend 8.1.5.2 to include “to arrange periodic alumni reunion events”.
6. Amend 8.1.5.3 to “Provide regular content for the club’s website and any pages the club has on social networking or other websites”.
7. Renumber 8.1.8 as 8.1.7.2 and amend by inserting “as required”.
8. Amend 8.1.7 to “The Safety and Equipment Officer shall:
 - 8.1.7.1 Be the club’s designated Child Protection officer and...
(continue with current text)
9. Be responsible for the purchase, checking, maintenance and distribution of all equipment, clothing and other kit.
10. Amend 11.2.1 to “The President and Treasurer shall be signatories to this account”.
11. Insert at 11.2.1.1 “The committee may elect to add such other officials as they deem necessary and appropriate to the list of signatories”.
 - 11.2.1.2 “Signatories shall be deemed to mean individuals authorised to make payments from the club account by means of cheque or digital banking.