

DIBCA AGM Minutes

Date of Meeting	Time	Location	Minutes Taker
Wednesday, 27 th of May 2026	19:00	Dumfries Ice Bowl	Gavin Kilgour

Present

Hazel Smith, Abigail Russell, Wallace Russell, Belle Sloan, Graham Sloan, Stephen Richards, Keith MacKenzie, Gavin Kilgour, Rosemary Lenton, Tony Lenton, Karen Robertson, Skye Robertson, Stuart Armstrong, Margaret Locke, David Baty, Susan Morrison, Tom Ross, Gweneth Graham, John Graham, Nicola Hall, Toby Hall, Scott Hyslop, Archie Hyslop, Fiona Hyslop, Alex Bryden, Bobby Carruthers, Margaret Carruthers, Jim McCrae, Ann Johnstone, Robbie Purdie, Denise Barker, Jack Halliday, Julie Halliday, Fraser Morton, Neil Wood, Lewis Whannel, David Kingan, Gordon McKnight, Caroline Donaldson, Nicole Weymouth, Mima Telfer, Indi Shuttleworth, Millie Warbeck, Janice Craig, Callum McRobert, Emma McRobert, Jane Hogg, Jim Hogg, Robin Park, Debbie Shuttleworth, Ella Perraton, Hazel Wales, Maureen Woods, Ivor Hyslop, Graham Hall, Moira Roddan, Jenni Parkin, Stewart Lee

Apologies

Wendy Hutton, Luke Wedge

Subject of Meeting

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Welcome	GK welcomed everybody to the meeting.	
Approval of Previous Minutes	Rosemary Lenton & Jim Hogg propose and second previous minutes.	

	Discussion	Action
Chairman's Report	Hello fellow curlers, Firstly, I'd like to thank a few people. Firstly, the DIBCA committee members for their support to myself and to the wider curling community through, at times a pretty stressful season. Next Graham Sloan and the staff of DCL who at times have been, in Grahams words, "trying to make ice in a tornado" along with trying to keep everybody happy. From the end of last season when he had to vacate to Tesco's café for the summer, trying to keep tabs on progress in the curling hall. To trying to second guess when he could start to put ice down and try and give clubs some notice of when the new season would start. Then from October till the end of April trying to work with the new ice making equipment that to start with was a little temperamental and he wouldn't know if he would have ice or a swimming pool when he went in in the morning. This past year we have seen a major change in that the old Directors decided to step down which meant we needed to find new ones. We also felt that 3 Directors was too little and if we could get 5 that would be a good number. This we did and the new Directors took their posts last October. They won't mind me saying this, but it has been an uphill struggle at times to come to grips the whole process. It should also be remembered at this point that just like the DIBCA	

	committee, they are all volunteers who are unpaid for all the work that they carry out. Thanks, must also go to Dumfries & Galloway Council for showing their commitment to the Ice Bowl with all the refurbishment work that was carried out last summer and over the season. It shows that D&G Council are committed to keeping the Ice Bowl open and specifically to the ice sports that use the building including curling and long may that continue. Also, to you the Dumfries curling community, who when asked stepped forward to volunteer to do ice prep; man the bar; man the doors; sell tickets etc. Also, the Ladies section and Junior sections for providing traybakes etc for the bigger competitions. Once more curlers, both juniors and seniors, who started their curling journeys at Dumfries under Graham and the other coaches have had tremendous success both nationally and internationally over the season and the future looks bright for that to continue. We as an organisation have held World; European and National championships over the past season with the World organising body actually coming to us to see if we could host a competition. This doesn't just cover adults and juniors but also wheelchair and less able-bodied curlers too. All are welcome. Lastly, I want to finish with an appeal. We have all heard of the doom and gloom about falling memberships and lack of finances that is affecting all ice rinks, probably all sports clubs if the truth be told. Try and bring a friend(s), a relative along to Try Curling. If we all do our little bit, then it would be surprising the kind of effect that would have on you own clubs and the Curling in Dumfries as a whole.	
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	So, thank you for your support these past years and I hope that you will continue to support curling at Dumfries. Yours, Gavin Kilgour. Chairperson, Dumfries Ice Bowl Curling Association.	
Treasurers Report	This is my report to you as a treasurer and it is with pleasure that I present to you our results for the last year, 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026. The Year End Balance at the 31st of March 2026 was £31,338.32 for the year. The balance for this year is greater than last year by £5,755.28; these figures do not include the Ice Levy for the year which amounted to £6,945, these have now been paid to DIBCA from DCL and will appear in next year's accounts. Income We had donations and grants of £15219 of which £8000 was from D & G Council from the Major Event Fund and a figure of £6000 also from the Council was a reversal of an error. A further £1000 was a donation to the Wheelchair Curlers. In addition, we received £19884.50 from the Hollywood Trust, this being the penultimate year of such payments, the payment for 2026 will be the final year. Expenditure As usual our largest expenditure was the Grant from Hollywood Trust of £13519, which we transfer to Dumfries Curling Ltd as per the agreement. We donated to the Young Curlers £535 of which £500 was for a "Smart Broom". A further amount of £200 went to the Wheelchair Curlers for their entry into the Scottish Championships held here in Dumfries. A payment of £14000 was made to DCL, the income we received from D & G Council on their behalf.	

	All things considered in the current economic climate we have a healthy set of accounts, the Ice Bowl is continuing to deliver competition, coaching and club ice at a very high standard as well as continuing to produce some exciting talent here at Dumfries. Rosemary Lenton, Treasurer	
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Election of Executive Committee	All existing committee members were re-elected. Stewart Lee was proposed by Gavin Kilgour and seconded by Robert Carruthers.	
AOCB	No other Competent Business to report.	