GLASGOW PROVINCE CURLING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD WITHIN BRAEHAD ICE RINK ON WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH 2016

Present: The committee and the following members of several of the Province Clubs

- Robin Shand [Carmunnock & Rutherglen], Robin Turner [Drystanes], Ian B Wylie [Old Glenalmond], Clive Thomson [Beechnuts], Alan Smith [Giffnock], Alan Sloan [Glasgow XX], Yvonne Chalmers [Glasgow Ladies], Elaine Semple [Glasgow Ladies], John Fingland [Drystanes], Graeme Nicolson [Drystanes], Drew Fulton [Drystanes], Mark Lombardi [Drystanes], Ian McNair [Whitecraigs], Bobby Corbett [Giffnock], Gordon Deakin [Pollok], Christine Stewart [C&R], Hugh Stewart [C&R], Craig Thomson [Drystanes], Gordon Nicholl [C&R], Arran Cameron [Whitecraigs], David Black [Crossmyloof], Margaret Quin [Glasgow Ladies], Sandie Byers [Glasgow Ladies], Alan Hannah [BCDG], Graham McGuigan [Beechnuts], Jeff Marvin [Whitecraigs], Gillian Drury [Glasgow Ladies], Ian Taylor [Pollok], John Henderson [Glasgow XX], Liz Marven [Whitecraigs], Alastair Campbell [Whitecraigs].

- President, Clive Thomson, called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees.

- The notice calling the meeting and the previous years AGM notes had been e-mailed by the Secretary to all GPCC Secretaries and had also been displayed on the Province notice board on the 15th January 2016.

- Apologies were received from Valerie Lindsay [Glasgow Ladies], David McRoberts [Eaglesham], Anne Airey [Glasgow Ladies], Madeleine Sharp [Cawder House], Niall Murray-Lyon [Cathcart Castle], Robin Dale [Harlequins], Wendy Highet [Cathcart Castle], Leslie Ingram-Brown [C&R]

- The secretary intimated the following deaths and a short silence was observed in respect of our departed members: -
  
  Tony Black – Giffnock
  Brown McMaster – Crossmyloof/Pollok
  Evelyn McDade – Glasgow Bank of Scotland

- President Clive presented his report [Appendix 1]

- Secretary Bobby presented his report [Appendix 2]

- Treasurer Ian Wylie presented the Province’s financials report and accounts [Appendix 3]

- Area 4 representative Bobby Corbett presented his report on Areas Standing committee [Appendix 4]

- BCDG. Alan Hannah presented a report on BCDG matters [Appendix 5]

- Web Master, Gordon Nicholl, presented his report. [Appendix 6]
• There were no resignations or new Clubs joining the Province this year.

• Election of office bearers:

  President  Gordon Deakin [Pollok CC]
  Vice  Alan Sloan [Glasgow XX CC]
  Junior  Sheena Boyd [Glasgow Ladies CC]
  Secretary  Bobby Corbett [Giffnock CC]
  Treasurer  John Henderson [Glasgow XX CC]
  Area 4 Rep  Bobby Corbett [Giffnock CC]
  Auditor  Alan Sloan [Glasgow XX CC]

• President Gordon thanked Clive for his year’s work and said how proud the Province was to have the next president of the RCCC in our ranks. President Gordon further thanked Ian Wylie for 15 years of unstinting service as Treasurer and leaving the province finances in such good shape. Ian is retiring to spend more time with his family and to spend time perfecting his delivery. He has also accomplished the impossible by finding a successor namely John Henderson.

• Benevolent Fund Sub Committee.

  Agreed the membership should be Senior Vice President, Treasurer, and a Representative of the Friendship Trophy winners at the Bonspiel. (Old Glenalmond)

• Presentation of trophies then took place by Past President Clive Thomson:-

  Arthur Frame: Drystanes CC. John Fingland, Drew Fulton, Graeme Nicolson, Mark Lombardi

  Glenalmond Trophy: Drystanes CC. William Johnston, Drew Fulton, Craig Thomson

  Shanter Trophy: Glasgow Ladies CC. Elaine Semple, Jean McMaster, Caroline Clark, Gillian Drury

  Province Bonspiel: Whitecraigs CC. L I-B Cup
  Team 1: Arron Cameron, Jeff Marvin, Liz Marvin
  Team 2: Clive Thomson, Ian McNair, Dhru Prakash, Alastair Campbell
  Drystanes CC. Stainton Crosswaite Cup
  Team 1: Craig Thomson, Robin turner, Bill Chalmers, Douglas Dewar
  Team 2: Andrew Henderson, Malcolm Gauld, Charles Scott, Jim Naismith

  Friendship Trophy: Old Glenalmond CC – J Higgins et al.

  Janie Glen Trophy: Anne Airey, Meg McDonald, Magda Scott, Madeleine Sharp
  David Liddell Points Salver. This was played on 31st March
Winner: Bruce Clarkson, Giffnock CC. 43 points

AOCB

- **Janie Glen Trophy; Email from Valerie Lindsay**

To Glasgow Province CC committee: I shall not be able to attend the Province AGM in person. I write instead to submit a couple of items for AOCB – I hope it is not too late to do so. Valerie Lindsay

Member of Maxwell Ladies CC also Crossmyloof CC, Cambuslang CC, Glasgow Ladies CC

1 Convenorship of the Janie Glen Bonspiel

In season 2014/5, the then Secretary of Glasgow Province, Robin Shand, asked me to take on the convenorship of the Janie Glen, as the previous convenor, Pat Orr, had asked to be allowed to stand down after many years’ service (i.e. 2002/3 – 20013/4) Pat served as Province President in 2003/4, having been proposed by Glasgow Ladies CC

I understand that it now falls to Glasgow Ladies CC to propose the new Junior Vice President for next season. I would like to suggest that the incoming Junior Vice President be invited to take over from me, with immediate effect.

This year there were a few problems with communication and misunderstandings, which I feel would be avoided in future, if the Convenor were to be a serving member of Province committee.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to help out with recruitment for the Janie Glen and hope the bonspiel continues to attract good support from the lady curlers of Glasgow Province.

2 Eligibility for Province competitions and Bonspiels

In general, and according to the club constitution - Province competitions and bonspiels are quite rightly - run for the benefit of Province members. To be eligible to participate in a Province event, a curler must pay the annual subscription of 50p per person (plus tour levy) through his or her club(s) at the start of the season.

In the case of the Janie Glen Bonspiel this rule was relaxed, when the number of participants had dwindled to 16 in 2014. For the last 2 years, the event has been open to “all lady curlers playing at Braehead” - with the idea that more ladies clubs might be encouraged to join Province. Participating numbers rose to 48 this year, but no new ladies clubs have joined Province. The experiment does not seem to have worked. Feedback from the ladies clubs suggests that the lack of interest is largely due to the fact that Province competitions take place in the evening or at weekends, and traditionally ladies clubs play during the day and during the week. Furthermore, most ladies who are keen competitive curlers, are members of more than one club. Any lady who wants to play in Province events will usually have the opportunity to do so through one or other of her clubs, even though her Mother Club may have opted not to join Province.

For the above reasons, I see no need for Glasgow Province to change its constitution to open the Janie Glen to “all lady curlers playing at Braehead”. I would like to suggest that eligibility to play in the Janie Glen be restricted once again to paid up members of Glasgow Province only.

NB The RCCC website lists 31 clubs as “members of Glasgow province” but does not differentiate between paid up member clubs and clubs which have opted NOT to join Province. It would be helpful to the Janie Glen Convenor, if the Province Treasurer would each year supply the Convenor with a list of paid up Glasgow Province member clubs (both ladies and mixed clubs) from which to recruit players.

Following considerable discussion the following was agreed:

1. The Junior VP, Sheena Boyd, agreed to run the competition next season
2. Agreed that the competition would remain a Glasgow Province Competition, but that it would be opened to all ladies playing at Braehead Ice Rink.
• European Championships. Past President Clive reported as follows:

These will be held at Braehead 19th – 26th November

Steering Group formed for a 4 International Events

Royal Club has set up a company to run these events and appointed a full time Events Manager

For the Europeans an – LOC – Local Organising Committee has been formed. The Chairman is Bob Kelly – former World Curling Silver medallist

Others on the LOC include – Alan Hannah, Gordon Nicholl, Margo Steele, Andy White, David Robertson and Dave McRoberts, and more.

Around 150 Volunteers are required and already over 100 have applied through the RCCC Website

Members are getting the opportunity to buy Tickets before the general public and details of how to apply will be announced through ‘Your Curler’ in a few days time.

• Areas Review

This was completed in January and the recommendations were accepted by the Royal Club Board.

There was a significant consultation process to determine whether the members of the Royal club were being served well by the Areas and Provinces.

It was determined that the Provinces worked well and should remain in place.

A number of Areas were also working well but some were not.

The conclusions were that the Areas, currently known by a number – Area 4 – for example - is made up of Glasgow, Dunbartonshire and Argyll provinces – Areas should be identified in future by Geographical names.

It was also concluded that the number of members in each Area varied significantly and some were not being represented properly.

The altered structure will result in 13 geographical areas as opposed to 10 in the past - and the election of 23 Area Representatives compared with 20 in the present structure.
Area 4 will be renamed Greater Glasgow and will be made up of Glasgow and Dunbartonshire Provinces each with one representative. Argyll is moving in with Renfrewshire Province and that Area will be named Inverclyde.

- Waldie Griffiths

  Noted that Glasgow Province has not competed in this competition for many, many years. The Waldie-Griffith Inter Province Cup is a competition for Scottish Provinces. Teams are selected by each Province to play a four game match against another Province. The Province which gains the highest average majority of shots per team over its opponents will be declared the winner.

  Following discussion, agreed we should enter, teams being selected initially from clubs winning our Province competitions

- New President Gordon brought the meeting to a close and Ian Wylie [Old Glenalmond] gave a vote of thanks to the chair

1st April 2016.

Appendix 1

GLASGOW PROVINCE PRESIDENTS REPORT 2015/16

Sister and Brother curlers –
The season started very early again with the Glenalmond Trophy being played on 7th and 14th September. It was great to get so many teams out that early in the season and I suspect this early start is becoming the norm. Braehead ice is likely to be available form Mid August this year.

We did not have any Tours this season but we had a very successful Indoor Grand Match. All three sessions were filled and the small committee led by Bobby must be thanked for their organisation. I was not able to play at Braehead as I was playing against the Royal Club President and the sponsors at Murrayfield that day but since then the personal feedback I have had from various Ice Rinks around the country is that Braehead was a little bit behind the some of the other rinks in the hospitality offered and behind most in the food provision. This is something which I hope will be noted for the next event in 2020.

In January we saw the introduction of an Inter Province match against our Area neighbours – Dunbartonshire - and a good day was had by all who participated.
despite losing the match. I am sure that next year's committee will ensure that we put out comparable teams to that of Dunbartonshire.

I hope you all enjoyed a good season and I look forward to seeing you all on the ice next September when it starts all over again.

To finish, on behalf of all the Province clubs I wish to thank Bobby Corbett and Ian Wylie for the work they have put in this season.

I hope you will continue to support the committee and the work of the Province next year.

Appendix 2

Secretary's Report

My first year as your Hon Sec has now staggered to its completion. It has been more of a challenge than I expected. I have survived – just. The Province is another matter.

Our competitions have finally concluded with a thrilling final tonight. Congratulations to both teams for putting on such a splendid spectacle. Competitions have not run entirely smoothly. Cards have not been filled in correctly, not even saying what competition they were for! Cards have been posted into the Curling Office. Why, I do not know, as the envelope on the notice board has been there for many years. It even collects Dumbarton Province cards! Some teams have also paid their ice money to the Curling Office. Secretaries, please get your teams to read the rules and make sure all ice monies are paid to your Treasurers. You will be billed by the Province regardless of where money is put.

I have reworded the Competition Rules slightly. If teams wish to change a date, then contact Pamela as at present, but please tell me.

Please check the times and dates of matches. One club in one competition turned up at the wrong time and so lost the match, which may well have altered the outcome of the league.

The Janie Glen Competition was run by Valerie Lindsay with an amazing 48 players. Many thanks to her. There is more to discuss on this under AOCB.

I have been exercised by the fact that the RCCC has placed 31 Clubs in our Province. Of these several are defunct, but others, highly active curlers, play no part in the Provinces affairs. I have had a long chat with one club, but am not aware of the outcome of discussions at their AGM. I am not sure if this situation exists in other provinces and feel inclined to raise this at the ASC. Any thoughts would be welcome.

We had the first Challenge Match with Dumbarton Province. Both Provinces fielded 8 teams one afternoon in January. Sadly, we lost. Next time.
I would like to close by thanking Clive and the other committee members for their help throughout the year, and also Robin Shand who has been in the back ground ready to strike me down if I got something wrong.

Finally, not to forget the Points Competition which will be on 31st March. This date was chosen as an experiment as the ice fee is at half normal rates. Robin is running the points again, so thank you. There are still spaces for entrants.

Bobby Corbett  
Secretary GPCC  
March 2016  

Appendix 3  

Glasgow Province – Treasurer’s Report for Season 2015-2016  

Fellow Curlers and Members of the Committee, it gives me pleasure to present the Draft and Un-Audited Accounts for the Year to 31st March 2016 These have been circulated to you this evening and it is hoped that the new format will make it easier to understand the Profit and Loss Account and the Balance Sheet in accounting terms. The Notes to the Accounts in front of you are self-explanatory and any points that need to be addressed will be dealt with. At this stage, I have to assume that all payments and all income will be through the bank before our year end for the purposes of these Draft Accounts and you must take into account the fact that there is always a tight time schedule at the end of each season. You will note that the Annual subscription has fallen a little which is due to the resignation of Clydesdale Bank from our numbers. You will note that we held the first of our Inter-Province matches between 10th Dumbarton Province and Glasgow Province and that this has not impinged on the accounts. Similarly, the Janie Glen Competition has been changed in so far as the entry fee also takes into account the cost of prizes, so there is no additional cost to the Province. The Stock of Badges now reflects the total cost of prize badges and Office Bearers Badges and it should be noted that we will have to replenish the stock of Past Presidents Badges during the next season. We have tried to make the whole payment of Ice Money scenario easier for all, by introducing payment by electronic transfer, which has certainly helped the Province administration, but I am aware of certain difficulties of collection of money from members in some of the clubs and this really needs to be addressed by the individual clubs. If there are any questions, I will take them now. Lastly the Charity Account is showing a balance of £448.96 and we are due to make a payment to the charity of choice of the Giffnock CC. They have collected the sum of £359.00 during the past two seasons, which I suggest could be made up to £360.00 for their chosen charity which will be Parkinsons UK.
I would recommend that the annual subscription remain at £40.00 and that the Tour Levy Fund also remain at 50p per playing member in each club irrespective of their mother club. 
Our numbers are dropping each year and so we need to retain the status quo to achieve a sustainable income, without penalising our clubs. 
Finally I would like to record that it has been an honour to have been your Treasurer for 15 years and it is now time for me to stand down in favour of a younger and more able person and I thank you all for the trust that you have put in me. I wish and hope that the Province will flourish for many years and I wish the Committee great success for next season and in the future.

Ian B Wylie
Treasurer
21.03.2016

### Glasgow Province Accounts Year Ending 31st March 2016

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| **Expenditure**           |      |      |      |      |
| Annual Prize Engraving    | 141.00 | 138.00 |      |      |
| Trophy Insurance          | 338.71 | 325.69 |      |      |
| Secretary's Expenses      | 0.00  | 18.88  |      |      |
Janie Glen Prizes 0.00 11.60
Purchase of Badges 138.24 234.00
RCCC Rink Entry 100.00 0.00
Bank Charges 0.00 0.00

Total Expenditure 717.95 728.17

SURPLUS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE 313.55 26.91

Balance Sheet

Current Assets
Stock of Badges 345.15 382.95
War Stock 99.81 99.81
Debtor Braehead Ice Money 0.00 0.00
Cash at Bank 2657.00 * 2153.45 *
Cash on Deposit 448.96 286.86
Total Current Assets 3550.92 2923.07

Current Liabilities
Creditor Braehead Ice Money 0.00 0.00
Creditor Charitable Donation 0.00 0.00
Charity Funds 448.96 286.86
Total Current Liabilities 0.00 286.86

Total Net Assets 3101.96 2636.21

Represented by:
Stock 345.15 382.95
Securities 99.81 99.81
Cash 2657.00 2153.45

Province Funds 3101.96 2636.21

Statement of Bank Funds
Restricted *(RCCC Tour Levy) 1761.61 1440.11
Province General 895.39 713.34
Total 2657.00 * 2153.45 *

Appendix 4

Report of ASC Representative.
Glasgow Province AGM, 23rd March 2016.

- There have been 5 meetings of the ASC with 2 joint meetings with the RCCC Board and the Ladies Branch.

- The RCCC has moved to **Ochill House, Stirling**, Same 0131 phone number! Note that all committee minutes are placed on the RCCC website within a couple of weeks of all meetings.
• The new VP RCCC will be Jim Cullen, Melrose. The new Board members will be Graeme Adam and Helen Halley.

• The RCCC Board continues to have a good relationship with British curling.

• The RCCC Strategic Plan, 2015-2019 is available for all to see on the website.

• The RCCC has progressed to Levels 1 and 2 of the Equality Standard and is working towards Level 3.

• **Child Protection Policies**

  Resources are being put in place for clubs to use.

• **Television**

  BBC Alba did a good first job with the Perth Masters. But it cost RCCC £3300. There is still little curling on TV. Does anyone have TV contacts?

• The Scottish Curling Trust has been set up to look after David Smith’s legacy to Scottish Curling.

• **Misconduct of Members**

  Does your club have provision in your constitution to cover this? Probably not. The RCCC has had to revise these in light of recent events and advises all clubs to adopt the RCCC policies.

• **Sponsorship** is a big issue, with no major sponsor on board. Anyone with any ideas should contact Bruce at RCCC forthwith.

• **European championships.** The Scottish LOC will be chaired by Bob Kelly. Susan Murrin is the professional organiser. Employed by “Curling Events Scotland”. The LOC members are:

  - Chairman: Bob Kelly
  - Event Manager: Susan Murrin
  - Accommodation: Andy Whyte
  - Accreditation: Alan Hannah
  - Ceremonies: Margo Steele
  - Competition: Andrew Craigie
  - Facilities: David Robertson
  - Legacy: Fiona Kennedy & Judith Mc Cleary
  - Marketing & Promotion: Stuart McLean
  - Team Services: Sarah Macintyre
  - Technology: Gordon Nicholl
  - Transport: Dave McRoberts
A number of Rule amendments were approved at the RCCC AGM last June. There appear to be many more, 36 for this year, arising from WCF changes.

The Indoor Grand Match was a great success. Overall, the South won again, but at Braehead, the north won. A video taken at Braehead can be found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AjrdwF03_M 594 teams, 2376 curlers.

Curling Tours. There is an incoming USA Ladies tour in November. Also a men’s incoming from Canada in January 2018. There is an outgoing men’s tour to USA in January 2017. Clarke Perry is representing Braehead.

The National Performance Centre saga continues. Architects have been appointed and as a result there is an increase in cost of approx. £800000. Where this will come from remains to be seen, but overall the project appears to have all party support at Stirling Council.

Coaching committee.
Alterations to Level 2 qualification with a 3rd day required.
Assistant coach course has been amended, as has Level 1 and 2 courses
The Coaching futures Programme has been funded for an additional coach.
All clubs should have a coach.
PGV forms are needed for all coaches. 176 did not have this on 31st October. Overall there are 580 coaches with PGV.

Competitions Committee
Rule amendments will go to the AGM.
Ice Rinks are to bid soon for next season’s competitions.

Scottish Tour Committee is looking at standardising the points for all men’s competitions, and would do so for Ladies if there were enough entrants.
In last year’s Province Championships, 6 teams withdrew the day before causing considerable upset to the programme. Glasgow was asked to provide our runners up from last year, but it was too short notice.

WCF Brush Moritorium. The new hard tine brushes are not accepted due to their effect on the ice and peculiar effects on stones.

- **Marketing & Communications Committee.**

  This has been disbanded as the professionals at RCCC felt they could do things better and would report to the joint meetings. (Did only once!!).

- **Performance Committee.**

  Mixed doubles is now an Olympic sport, but is not funded by UK Sport.

  Training Days and Summer camps are well supported.

  Wheelchair curlers generally need support, but reduction in international success has led to less funding.

  Regarding athlete preparation, the importance of Science, lifestyle and talent strategy are emphasised.

  Noted that in 2018, there are potential clashes playdowns, Olympics and worlds.

- **Umpires Committee**

  Rules to be revised for Rink and Province championships.

  Time keepers and umpires expenses to be reviewed. Also to review sponsorship on clothing.

  The umpires refresher day was well attended, 57.

  Some rules have been found grammatically incorrect and so inconsistent with other rules, especially 8a(i) and 8b(i).

- **Club & Member Development Committee**

  It is the opinion of the chairman that it should be wound up.

  Development staff at RCCC, in opinion of chairman, are ‘disdainful of the committee’.

  Watch this space.

- **ASC Review.**
This was carried out by Clive Thomson and reviewed the work and composition of Areas. As afar as our Area, Area 4 is concerned, we will become a 2 province Area, with Argyll moving to Inverclyde Area. We become part of Greater Glasgow Area.

RHC/Area 4

23/3/16

Appendix 5

Notes on presentation by Alan Hannah.

BCDG has carried out various events including:
- Tactics seminar
- Junior Try Curling – aimed at Scouts, etc. Over 100 so far.
- European volunteers
- Bringing Junior events to Braehead
- Junior development – Braehead Rockers, Schools links
- Web site needs updating
- We have web streaming capability

Appendix 6

Report by Webmaster, Gordon Nicholl of Carmunnock & Rutherglen CC.

Appointment

A suggestion was made to the outgoing Secretary at the end of Season 2014/15 that the Province may welcome the opportunity to have a dedicated website to support their activities at Braehead. I indicated that I was able to provide the support for this facility and to work with the new Secretary to see what was required.

Initial Work

A series of pages were created to form the basis of the site and to promote discussion. In the absence of any clear direction or remit, the focus was upon creating what appeared to be an attractive package with a suitable framework for content. The choice of background photographs is not necessarily representative of curling in Glasgow and there is clearly scope for discussion on the matter!
Competition information was made available at the start of the season and the fixtures posted to allow visitors to check dates.

A useful body of information was provided about previous winners and this being easy to transfer into a database, resulted in the detail available on the competition pages.

**Progress**

A limited amount of work was done during the season to update the knock out competition results and it is acknowledged that this should be the core of the activity on the site.

An opportunity is sought to go through the content in detail to set specific requirements and add useful content.

It is worthy of note that curlers have been seen using the pages to check dates and fixtures and that there is an awareness of the facility.

**Conclusion**

The website provides an alternative ‘noticeboard’ that is visible from anywhere. It could be a ‘facebook’ page which would be easy to pass on to others but this may lack certain features so a combination of the two may be suitable. The aim is to keep clubs and curlers informed.

I welcome views and contributions and hope that there is a collective will to support this as an on-going project.

Gordon Nicholl  
23 March 2016