



Stirling New Figure Skating Club

AGM Minutes

Sunday 29th May 2016

9.00am at The Peak, Stirling

Committee Members Present

Chair: Brian Cairns, **Treasurer:** John Sneddon, **Secretary:** Lynne Goldie,

Child Protection Officer: Pamela Thomson

Ordinary Members: David Wildman, Helen Cairns, Alan Potter

Brian Cairns opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. 38 members or their representatives attended, counted by Brian Cairns and verified by Lynne Goldie.

Minutes of the AGM 2015

Brian Cairns asked if everyone had received a copy of the previous AGM minutes which were sent out by email and whether there were any matters arising from these. None were raised and the previous minutes were adopted as a true and accurate record, proposed by Peter Carroll and seconded by Helen Cairns.

Chairpersons's Report

I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the year's activities and successes for the Stirling New Figure Skating Club.

Firstly I would like to thank the committee for their efforts and support over the last year and the parents that have helped when additional support was needed, music corner, Gala's raffle etc..

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank our coaching staff for their continued support and dedication to our skaters without their help guidance and drive we would not be seeing the successful results for our skaters at open competitions and test sessions.

With the change in the way that NISA awards its test passes moving from individual tests for Field Moves, Elements and Free to competitive test scores, our skaters now have the ability to move up through the levels faster than ever before, but this has brought its own set of problems with Skaters achieving test passes and not able to take them or being frozen out of competition as they did not have the appropriate level of field move tests to complement their competitive test pass.

However due to the great job Elaine Ritchie our test organiser has done this has not been much of a problem with our skaters.

In the last year Elaine has organised 8 test sessions with 144 skaters sitting there tests, this is made up of 122 Field Moves including 8 high level tests, 10 Element tests and 12 Free Tests covering skaters from Stirling, Coatbridge, Auchinharvie Dundee, Elgin and Cardiff.

I'm sure everyone would join me in thanking Elaine for her hard work and hope that she continues delivering the same service over the coming years to help our skaters stay ahead of the game.

For the first time some of our skaters were asked to take part in the peak Christmas skating showcase where I believe on the day there were over two thousand visitors passed through the doors, in addition our skaters were asked to take part in the Starlight synchro Christmas showcase also where they skated

their routines alongside many of the Starlight synchro club skaters including the 2012/13 Irish Men's Senior Champion.

2015 saw the redesign of the clubs logo, the idea was to create a competition where the logo would be designed by one of our skaters, the competition attracted some great designs and it was obvious that some of our skaters had put a lot of thought and hard work into their designs, but at the end of the day we had to select a winner and the decision was down to a secret vote by our skaters and the winning design was created by Kara Nelson who received the first club body warmer presented to her by Fiona McGiff one of our coaching staff.

We also seen a redesign of our web page with a selection of our skaters being picked for the animations, this will allow us to rotate the pictures around so through time all our skaters will have their photos displayed, the man behind the web page is Alan Potter who has done a great job.

Again we had a successful Mini Comp, Christmas Gala and Easter gala with even higher numbers of participants than the previous year and was good to see the support from family and friends for our skaters.

The great thing about our mini comp and galas is it's a great way to give our skaters a taste of what a competition would be like, being out there on the ice all alone.

Prior to the Christmas gala Helen Cairns with the help of most skaters parents gathered together a very impressive hamper for raffling and after all tickets were sold they raised approx. £500 for the club funds. I have been a member of the club for around five years and have constantly heard the statement "Stirling is not a competitive club" well this may have been the case a few years ago however, I have watched the club evolve and our skaters having a desire to compete and when you look at the last open at Murrayfield it was great to see the increase in numbers of skaters skating under the banner of the SNFSC, but even better it was fantastic to see these skaters bringing home trophies ranging from 3rd to 1st place and all the others setting PB's or finishing their first ever skate in competition.

This is putting Stirling on the map.

Still on competitions at the other end of the scale we have seen Megan Carroll compete at Novice A Ladies in the ISU cup of Tyrol in Innsbruck, Austria and one of our coaches Rebecca Hutchison finished first in Age group and achieved adult gold overall at the British adult championships at Sheffield this month.

Well done Rebecca.

As you all know we have been running most of the year with two coaches short and it has been a huge effort to fill these spaces, we believe mainly down to lack of interest due to limited ice at Stirling, however on a positive note we appointed Rebecca Hutchison earlier in the year and just in the last week we have filled the last vacancy with Robin McDade who started with us on 22nd May, I'm sure both these coaches will be a valuable addition to our coaching staff.

Our membership has stayed pretty stable over the year with some of our skaters leaving and new skaters joining, I would like to thank Rhiannon Morris for helping support the club with her efforts at Skate UK, trying to encourage new skaters to join our club by circulating flyers etc.

Now with the addition of two new coaches who I believe still have vacancies maybe we can attract some new members as we still have limited spaces available.

There has been rumours of a second ice pad being built at Stirling for a couple of years now but looks like it will be happening very soon.

Now is the time for the new committee to engage in dialog with the Peak/Active Stirling to establish what our opportunities will be regarding additional ice time for our club.

Our biggest worry was that we would be offered additional ice but as a club be unable to afford it, therefor the decision was taken to raise our fees at the beginning of the year to try and get to a sound financial position to take on additional ice if it becomes available.

This may need to be revisited once the club finds out what will be available, but we must be in a position to grasp the opportunity if offered as I know there are other clubs out there already considering the peak for additional ice time and it would be a travesty if we were not in a position to support our skaters with additional ice.

Treasurer's Report

Stirling New Figure Skating Club Accounts for period ended 29 March 2016

Opening Balance £5,121.04

Income for period

Memberships	£ 1,210.00
Ice Money (inc Tests/Visitors)	£19,653.90
Club Fleeces	£ 1,265.00
Galas / Comp	£ 1,553.05

£23,681.95

Expenditure

Ice Money (inc Tests)	£21,985.32
NISA & Charter	£ 226.95
Galas / Comp	£ 812.36
Fleeces	£ 450.00
Sundries	£ 116.50

£23,591.13

Surplus for Period
90.82

£

Closing Balance at 29 March 2016

Bank of Scotland	£5,211.86
Cash float	£ 100.00

£5,311.86

Treasurers Report

During the period 2015-16 the club has turned from a £690.33 loss in 2014-15 to a £90.82 profit for the last financial year. With the move from the pay on the door system to monthly subscriptions in the latter stages of 2014-15 we have seen a far more stable cash flow and be able to provide additional summer ice without resulting in a financial loss. At Xmas 2015 the decision was made to increase the monthly subscription to £30 this was due to an increase in the cost of the ice from The Peak plus a forecast of our financial situation, not increasing the monthly subscriptions would have resulted in an inability to cover the cost of our additional summer ice. Gala's and the sale of club fleeces etc have provided a welcome boost to funds as did the number of visitors at the club during the summer of 2015. Moving forward there may well be opportunity for more permanent ice time when the new pad opens, however this is only an assumption at this point, it would be prudent to take this into account as if we were to want to expand our club ice time we would need to set our monthly subscription at a level to cover the additional cost.

Changes to Constitution

Brian Cairns went through all the proposed changes. Karen Aberdeen proposed to adopt the changes, seconded by Stuart Gordon. Proposals were approved by those present.

Election of New Committee

All current committee members resigned as committee positions are held for one year only. A vote was held for the position of treasurer as 2 nominations were received, John Sneddon received the majority of votes.

New Committee:

Position	Name	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chair	Brian Cairns	Peter Carroll	Alan Potter
Secretary	Julie Black	Helen Cairns	Brian Cairns
Treasurer	John Sneddon	Graeme Glen	Tara Williams
Membership Secretary	Lynne Goldie	Helen Cairns	Tara Williams
Child Protection Officer	Pamela Thomson	Lynne Goldie	Marie Potter

Ordinary members:	Nicola Abbs	Rachel Pheely	Helen Cairns
	Helen Cairns	Peter Carroll	Alan Potter
	Peter Carroll	Brian Cairns	Helen Cairns
	Mike Hendrix	Helen Cairns	Brian Cairns
	Linda Kerr	Brian Cairns	Alan Potter
	Lorna Kujawa	Brian Cairns	Helen Cairns
	Rachel Pheely	Nicola Abbs	Lorna Kujawa
	Alan Potter	Brian Cairns	Peter Carroll
	Garry White	Alan Potter	Brian Cairns
	Susan White	Helen Cairns	Peter Carroll
	David Wilkie	Lynne Goldie	Helen Cairns
	Carol Willmott	Rachel Pheely	Peter Carroll

Brian Cairns asked if there were any objections to the new committee. No objections were raised.

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A question was raised regarding the new ice pad and whether there would be skating on it. Brian Cairns responded that at the moment we believe that no skating will be permitted but moving some of the curling sessions may allow extra skating time at The Peak. It was agreed that the new committee should arrange to meet with Active Stirling to discuss the plans and the implications for SNFSC.

Brian Cairns closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

