

Camanachd Association Board Meeting
 Wednesday 27th January 2020
 Time: 6pm
 Conference Call - Teams

Minute of Meeting

1. Welcome

a. Attending	Apologies	Conflict of Interests Declared
1. Steven MacKenzie (SM) President		Beaully and Aberdeen University
2. Daniel Palombo	Apologies	Inverness Shinty Club
3. John Finlayson (JF) (Communications and Facilities)		Skye Camanachd Club
4. Burton Morrison (BM) (Competitions)		GMA
5. Ross Brown (RB) (Equality)		Lochcarron
6. Willie MacDonald (WM) (Youth)		Fort William
7. Lyndsey Bradley (LB) (Officials and WCA)		Ardnamurchan and WCA
8. Roddy McCuish	Apologies	Macaulay Association
9. Kirsty Deans (Schools of Shinty)		Badenoch Ladies
10. John MacKenzie (JM) (Chieftain)		Newtonmore CC and Shinty Memories
11. Richard Gall (RG) (Vice Chief)		Fort William
12. Sarah Birrell (SB) sportscotland		NA
13. Derek Keir (DK) CEO		NA

2. Matters Arising

- a. Minutes of last meetings were proposed by JF and KD seconded minutes as an accurate record of the meeting
- b. Matters Arising
 - i. DK meeting with WCA in early February to plan for 2021
 - ii. BM confirmed Charlie Mackay was delighted with Patron status following Donald Mackay Shinty Photograph Archive.
 - iii. DK has forwarded invite to Mairi Gougeon MSP for Sport and will share facilities plan with Kate Forbes post budget.
 - iv. RM and DK to arrange date for catch up with ██████████ in A&B
 - v. Paul Macarthur to write up article on the purchasing of Macron Strips by the WCA
 - vi. JF and KD to follow up on schools of shinty post lockdown

- vii. DK confirmed that all clubs have now registered interest for season 2021.
- viii. COVID Working group met to discuss plans for season 2021
- ix. DK updated Garry Reid, sportscotland on the progress being made with the partnership group including Highlife Highland, Highland Council, Inverness Shinty Club and other users as we work towards improving facilities at the Bught Park. SB advised she would catch up with Sarah Robertson and Garry Reid.
- c. The board wish to note their condolences on the bereavement of Duncan Cameron (Ballachulish/ Glencoe Shinty Club), Finlay Macintosh (Kingussie) and Allan Macdonald (Caberfeidh)

3. CA COMPETITIONS

- a. Competitions committee have recommended Abbreviated Leagues following lockdown. Board had no objections to plans however BM advised an air of caution around travelling capacity with ongoing restrictions.
 - i. SM will contact Lisa McColl, WCA to discuss CA plans
 - ii. DK will meet with WCA on 9th February to discuss plans for shinty
 - iii. Board request that the Development Team ensure that all teams are aware of the restrictions that are in place and arrange COVID Readiness workshops for Covid Coordinators before the end of lockdown (including travel restrictions that are currently in place)
- b. Competition Committee Recommendation
 - i. 10 Mowi League fixtures for all clubs.
 - ii. National Competitions will have regionalised travel in the first two rounds.
 - iii. Cottages.com MacTavish and Celtic Society Cup Final to be pushed back to October
 - iv. 3 leagues of 6 for top two leagues (2 north and 1 south). North and South Leagues are already regionalised but will also be shaped into 6 team leagues.
 - v. DK to pick up with Kingussie Camanachd regarding THCC final in September 2021
 - vi. DK to re-assure all clubs that there is no pressure for registration. DK will share with all staff

4. Finance

- a. SM confirmed that DK had secured [REDACTED] as a grant, [REDACTED] as an interest free loan) from sportscotland to mitigate impact of the worst-case projections for 2021

5. Operational Plan

- a. SM requested all Directors liaise with staff to prepare one page paper to be shared two weeks before board. **ALL DIRECTORS**
- b. SM to explore a new Liaison for the Women's game to attend board.
- c. Board have requested that the CA continue to explore partnership with [REDACTED] to provide deployment opportunities and to aid in the recruitment of referees. LB to follow up with Paul Macarthur. DK will support in formalising the partnership.
- d. Director Profiles and staff photos are almost up to date – Willie Macdonald and Daniel Palombo bio are outstanding. Aaron Macleod to establish bio and photo for all on website.
- e. Communications – Shinty Memories information is available to backfill with information and news pieces for heritage to support daily news. SM will pick up with JM.
- f. Board agreed in principle to renewing our website. Our greatest communication tool is our website and following feedback from partners it is essential we explore it being updated. DK to liaise with Finance committee and Aaron Macleod to cost project. JM keen to explore working collaboratively to support the project via [REDACTED].
- g. Aaron Macleod to send board and staff copies of 2019 yearbook.
- h. 125th Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup – Aaron Macleod to consider looking at campaign for 125th Anniversary of Camanachd. RB – can we explore a labelled whisky for 125th Camanachd Cup. Explore

██████████ capacity to produce 125th whisky. RB to follow up with LB regarding a blended malt, ██████████
██████████ Scots Makar is changing and we have made contact.

- i. Ross Brown and Kirsty Deans joining up portfolio groups. This will include.
 - i. Equality and Inclusion – DK advised that we have already made significant steps to prioritise the importance of engaging the whole community. SM requested a discussion on the value of walking shinty/ reduced intensity shinty to bring communities together post lockdown. RB also confirmed the group will explore a discussion on demographics in our playing communities and beyond to explore how we might move forward.
 - ii. Safeguarding – DK advised that as part of the return to shinty support package for clubs that Free Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport courses will be offered to all clubs to support the restart of shinty with a focus on wellbeing for young people.
 - iii. RB – Confirmed he will explore with portfolio group how we might further enhance the profile of equality and inclusion via club accreditation.
 - iv. KD – Ambassadors programme has now delivered a number of training sessions and they are being encouraged to support teachers given extended restrictions. KD advised that teacher planning sessions may further engage teachers in the process of choosing shinty. LB advised that her first experience of shinty was via the shinty starter packs which resulted in her delivering shinty. Graham Cormack to explore funding for shinty starter packs and how we might deliver this to compliment local schools/ feeder primaries for schools of shinty to re-activate our sport.

6. KPIS

- a. DK shared draft KPIS and will share presentation for further feedback.

7. AOCB - Bught Park Report

- a. JF provided an overview of progress on Bught Park Feasibility Study being conducted by EKOS which is in the final stages of collating feedback before a final draft is presented. Initial impressions are that shinty is profiled as a gap in provision but we have asked to heighten this status given the important role the Bught park plays for many of our clubs.
- b. Paul Anderson (Renowned North East Fiddler Musician in Banchory) wrote a tune called warrior of the caman. BM suggested this may be a worthy connection for Aarron Macleod to explore and connect back to our members.