



CAMANACHD
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THE GOVERNING
BODY FOR SHINTY

2019 Annual General Meeting Agenda

7.30pm, Friday 29th November - The Muthu West End Hotel, Fort William

1. Opening Address.

Keith Loades addressed the quorum and welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked everyone for their support. KL introduced the directors Steven MacKenzie, John Finlayson, Lyndsay Bradley, Daniel Palombo, Burton Morrison, Willie MacDonald apologies Wendy Chamberlain. Welcome to Jock Turner, Chieftain. Derek Keir, Graham Cormack, Astie Cameron, Euan McMurdo, Aarron MacLeod staff present. Apologies Ronald Ross, Katie Drain, Deborah MacPherson, Paul MacArthur.

2. Bereavements.

KL intimated his regrets at having to acknowledge the passing of many Shinty Stalwarts since AGM 2018.

Ken MacColl, Duncan Macdonald, Lindsay MacPherson, Angus Lawrie, John Willie Campbell, Dolan MacMillan, John Crawford, John Gordon, Addie Mackenzie, Laurence Jones, Ian Forbes, Catriona Ferguson, Ken Thomson, Innes Macrae, Terry Wade, John Luke, Tom Macdonald, Neil Drummond, Joan Anderson, George Ralph, George "Teep" Macdonald, Billy Tulloch, Charlie Ross.

3. Noted Attendances & Absences.

AC proceed with roll call.

33 voting strength

25 votes required for a special resolution to pass

Bute and Kilmory sent their apologies

4. Appointment of Tellers.

AC and GC tellers. EM taking minutes.

5. Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting.

KL asked for corrections none given.

Proposed: George Hendry, Lochcarron.

Seconded: David Calder, Beauly.

6. Matters Arising.

No matters arising.

7. Resolutions:

a) **Special Resolutions relating to Byelaw 1**

DK confirmed voting procedures. Any amendment coming forward the proposer can put forward their point of view. 75% required for special resolutions.

1. To approve the Special Resolution in relation to Byelaw 1.1.16 The Field of Play from Camanachd Referees Association (CRA).

KL invited Donald Stewart, CRA to speak. CRA feel fencing can help speed up the play due to length of time ball is out play behind goals. Ann Davies, Glengarry asked if planning permission is required. Richard Gall, Fort William answered and has said technically, yes.

The vote was 7 in favour: Proposal not carried.

2. To approve the Special Resolution in relation to Byelaw 1.2.1 Number of Players from Camanachd Association (CA). Minimum age for playing senior shinty and Parental Permission under the age of 16.

DK gave examples of some issues of fielding primary players playing senior shinty, advice sought from children first. About supporting our clubs make good decisions fielding youngsters.

The vote was 30 in favour: Proposal carried.

3. To approve the Special Resolution in relation to Byelaw 1.2.2 Number of Players from CA.

To correct an anomaly as 'U14' is covered in Byelaw 4.

The vote was 29 in favour: Proposal carried.

4. To approve the Amended Special Resolution in relation to Byelaw 1.2.2 Number of Players from Glenurquhart Shinty Club (GUSC).

KL invited Jim Barr, GU to speak. JB supported phasing out blue cards, but wanted clarity regarding 5 subs. DS again pointed out that the point behind is to speed up the play.

The vote was 16 in favour: Proposal not carried.

5. To approve the Special Resolution in relation to Byelaw 1.2.2 Number of Players from CRA.

The vote was 7 in favour: Proposal not carried. Status quo prevails.

6. To approve the Special Resolution in relation to Byelaw 1.2.2 Number of Players from English Shinty Association (ESA). (Bullough & Strathearn Cup only).

The vote was 18 in favour: Proposal not carried.

7. To approve the Amended Special Resolution in relation to Byelaw 1.2.5 Number of Players from GUSC.

JB stated this was a duplication which is unnecessary. DS in favour of any change to simplify wording.

The vote was 24 in favour: Proposal not carried.

8. To approve the Special Resolution in relation to Byelaw 1.2.5 Number of Players from CRA.

Proposal Withdrawn.

9. To approve the Amended Special Resolution in relation to Byelaw 1.4.4 Players Equipment – Helmets from GUSC.

CA proposed making helmets compulsory with an opt-out option until 2025. Amendment from GUSC to the CA motion. JB GUSC unanimously in support of shinty helmets, but would disagree about when it should become compulsory. GUSC felt the wording excluded current wearers of helmets. It was suggested a few GUSC members had said they may stop playing if the CA date was carried hence the later date of 2030 proposed by GUSC. DK reiterated the CA view point that the wearing of helmets is an important step in the health and safety of our game. Taking the next step to become compulsory was requested at last years plenary session and it is something we have spent time on developing. It is an important step that many clubs already advocate locally and something we must collectively take forward. GH Lochcarron stated they would support it 100% but had a question about the liability waiver affecting insurance, KL advised the advice from the Insurers was that signing the Waiver would not affect any claim in the next 1 years however we cannot predict the position beyond that. Ian Gibson Newtonmore asked for some 'watertight' wording. GC added we have asked for advice which we were hoping to have received for this evening from the solicitors. Ian Maclean Caberfeidh asked why couldn't a date be set for the wearing of helmets. Caberfeidh have made it club policy that anyone born after 1st Jan 2002 must wear a helmet. KL explained that could be deemed age discrimination.

The vote was 8 in favour: Proposal not carried.

10. To approve the Amended Special Resolution in relation to Byelaw 1.4.4 Players Equipment – Helmets from CA.

The vote was 19 in favour: Proposal not carried. KL expressed his disappointment.

11. To approve the Special Resolution in relation to Byelaw 1.4.7 Players Equipment from the CRA

CRA proposal regarding equipment and imposing of sanctions for non-compliant equipment.

IM Caberfeidh stated his experience of opposition not wearing adequate helmets. Question asked if retailers are selling appropriate faceguards, KL advised that's for the businesses to answer.

Russell Jones Kingussie asked if the Development Team could ensure clubs are aware so they do not turn up to games and they are called off, GC stated that they have been made aware every year.

The vote was 25 in favour: Proposal carried.

12. To approve the Special Resolution in relation to Byelaw 1.12.5 Fouls and Misconduct from CRA.

DS CRA advised that it was proposed to give clarity regarding kicking the ball. Robert Henderson Boleskine stated there would still be claims every week.
The vote was 25 in favour: Proposal carried.

13. To approve the Amended Special Resolution in relation to Byelaw 1.12.10 Fouls and Misconduct from GUSC.

CRA proposed amendment regarding clarifying what is a push.

JB stated there was enough written down at present and applaud the CRA for trying to simplify the wording. DS explained it is an attempt to simplify the wording.

The vote was 19 in favour: Proposal not carried.

14. To approve the Special Resolution in relation to Byelaw 1.12.10. Fouls and Misconduct from CRA.

The vote was 5 in favour: Proposal not carried. Status quo prevails.

15. To approve the Special Resolution in relation to Byelaw 1.20.10.h Penalty Hit from CRA.

CRA proposal to allow any player named on Team Lines to take part in a Penalty Play Off.

DS stated this was about speeding the game up.

IM Caberfeidh asked if a player that has been sent off could therefore take part in the penalties.

Archie Robertson Glasgow Celtic Society asked if that includes the 2 extra players from the 5 subs.

DS advised he wished to **Withdraw the Proposal**, due to possible difficulties regarding 5 subs.

16. To approve the original Special Resolution in relation to Byelaw 1.18.2 Hit in from the CA.

KL advised that this was clarification of the wording agreed at the 2018 AGM.

The vote was 31 in favour: Proposal carried.

KL thanked everyone for their patience

8. Byelaws Report.

DK presented the Byelaws report and offered everyone the opportunity to review them at their leisure.

9. 2019 Annual Report

KL stated that the Board were happy to answer any questions and opened to the quorum. No questions received.

10. 2018 Annual Accounts

DP gave overview of annual accounts. Brief overview. Successful year in 2017, gave good reserves, therefore would be difficult to match in 2018 which ended after tax

£21400 which builds our reserves towards our target of between 3 – 6 months running costs. Our aim for 2019 was to build on 2017 and 2018 towards a £10k profit by retaining and attracting new sponsors. Tulloch Homes extended their sponsorship by 2 years, Liberty entered the second year of sponsorship and further savings have been made on overheads.

GH Lochcarron which of our activities attract corp tax. DP responded. John MacDonald, Lochaber asked if the CA could put the finance detail on the screen. IG Newtonmore, asked why there was an increase in membership numbers however membership income down. DP responded.

KL thanked DP for a comprehensive report.

11. Annual Subscriptions, Registration Fees and Levies for:

- a. Membership Fees
- b. Competition Entry Fees
- c. Player Transfer Fee
- d. Insurance Fees

Insurance costs are increasing in 2020. KL asked all clubs to ensure youth members are registered.

12. Election of Directors, Chief, Vice Chief:

- a. Burton Morrison (Director Nomination) 28 passed
- b. Roddie McCuish (Director Nomination) 29 passed
- c. Ross Brown (Director Nomination) 32 passed
- d. Willie MacDonald (Director Nomination) 29 passed
- e. John MacKenzie (Chief Nomination) 32 passed
- f. David MacMaster (Vice Chief Nomination)
- g. Richard Gall (Vice Chief Nomination)

KL thanked the outgoing Chieftain Jock Turner. Vice Chief Alex MacNaughton thanked also. WC and DP are standing down and thanked by KL. DP has agreed to continue on the finance committee. KL introduced new directors Burton Morrison, Roderick McCuish and Ross Brown. Willie MacDonald re-elected and thanked for his work over the past 3 years. John MacKenzie thanked by KL. John MacKenzie thanked Beaul, Lovat and Cabers for their support in his election. KL was apologetic that only one vice chief could be appointed

RG narrowly overcame DM in a secret ballot vote and RG was appointed Vice Chief.

13. Appointment of Members of Honour & Honorary Patrons.

Ian MacPhee, Donald Skinner & Jock Turner.

14. Date of the next Annual General Meeting:
Friday 27th November 2020

KL thanked everyone for their time this evening and wished everyone a safe journey home and invited anyone to stay for the plenary session.

PLENARY SESSION

Items Raised by Members

The following items are for discussion only and will be referred to the January Board Meeting and the decision taken will be published thereafter.

- a. Glasgow Mid Argyll Letter

The topics below are for discussion only.

1. Future Implementation of Helmets in Shinty.
2. Discipline.
14 meetings last year, 2 meetings this year and 4 other cases that clubs accepted sanctions for. Some positive feedback regarding the club culture workshops held in the shinty community which will continue in 2020.
3. Shinty Memories Project.
JM gave progress report regarding the memories project. KL gave his support to the excellent project.
4. Shinty Ambassadors.

Schools of shinty development of 4 SOS throughout Scotland. Beating the barrier of schools not engaging with shinty. Shinty ambassador programme will continue next year.

5. Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup Final 2020
Thanked FW for their efforts twice this year. Would like to make as big a deal as possible for next years final 25% of next years fee can be reimbursed to the clubs for ticket sales that the club make.

AM Kilmallie agreed youth side is flourishing. Worried about senior membership and the decrease of spectators and overall attendance at shinty matches. Glengarry Tv brings a lot of money in but has a negative effect on attendance.

RJ Kingussie. SOS shinty and ambassadors, some of the things that was agreed by Kingussie HS and the other stakeholders have not happened and perhaps not been as good as publicised. Ambassadors have not been publicised formally to the involved clubs, this should happen. Work needs to happen to ensure there is a strong link between schools and the ambassadors. Jm lended his support to the ambassadors

AM Kilmallie said that last year he was assured no young person would be running the line at events. This happened at this years Strathdearn. GC gave overview of what happened

LK Oban Celtic stated we encourage youngsters to referee however a 16 year old with 3 years experience could officiate competently. KI argued that we can have youngsters play senior shinty with agreement so would need to look at appropriateness of having min age officials.