

Orwell Ladies Curling Club

Minutes of the 40th AGM held on Tuesday 4 April 2017

in the Loch Leven Suite, Green Hotel, Kinross

Welcome

President Sue Cameron welcomed 47 members to the 40th AGM.

Apologies

Apologies were received from: Frances Algie, Kathleen Brown, Lesley Mearns, Lynne Page, Moira Stewart, Jane Bruce, Barbara King, Lyn Baillie, Dorothy Pollett, Jean Robertson and Avril Baird.

Minutes of last AGM (held 5 April 2016)

Agreed as a true record. Proposed: Maggie Saunderson. Seconded: Angela Wilcox.

Matters Arising: None.

Review of Membership

Angela Wilcox reported that:

- This year there were 72 members in the club; 49 playing members and 23 social members.
- There are no resignations.
- Jean Robertson is hanging up her curling shoes after a very successful curling career and becoming a social member.
- Last year we had a number of players join us over the summer, so they were never formally accepted into the club at last year's AGM, but members will know most of them as they have been playing with us all season. They are: Kirsty Cassells, Val Gaudin, Lesley Mearns, Mo Robertson and Moira Stewart. All were proposed by Susan Scougal and seconded by Valerie Inglis.
- We have one new member to consider; Gill Roberts plays with the Fun Girls on a Monday morning and would now like to curl with a club. We are pleased she has chosen us. Proposed: Christine Taylor. Seconded: Sue Cain.

Secretaries' Report

Angela Wilcox, Match Secretary, reported as follows:

Results

The winners of club competitions will be revealed at the dinner on 13 April and results of KDLB competitions will be covered by Maggie Scott in her report.

By my count, Orwell Ladies Curling Club have played over 160 matches this season and that does not include all the curling that individual members do in outside competitions.

1. Friendly Matches

In our regular friendly matches, we had wins against Fossoway Ladies and Bishopshire, lost to Dunfermline Ladies and took one game each against Fossoway (men). Unfortunately, Glenfarg Ladies had to withdraw from their friendly due to lack of players.

We also won three new friendlies where club thirds skip the games. These were against Loch Leven, KCDC and Boreland.

In the Orwell match we had two wins, a peel and a loss. Overall the score was 22 each, however we claimed the win on points!

Against Kinross we only won one of the three games, losing 17-18 overall. Close enough to get them worried for next year!

2. KCT Competitions

KCT Opening Bonspiel: There were two Orwell Ladies in the KCT Opening Bonspiel winning rink, Susan Scougal and Jane Drysdale, playing with Blair Melville and Maureen Wilson.

Club Championships: We entered a team in the KCT Club Championships in October. Sue Cameron, Edna Nelson, Angela Wilcox and Kathleen Brown were the only ladies' rink, and although they did not win any games it was a great weekend with a high standard of curling.

Over 40s: Liz Glennie, Maggie Scott, Angela Wilcox and Eileen Thomas entered the new KCT Over 40s weekend competition and got to the low road semi-final. Another team of Susan Scougal, Sue Cameron, Robin Kay and Caroline Liddle were runners up in the consolation event.

KCT League Division 3: Having been demoted last season, we set out to gain promotion this time. Winning five out of the six games will put us back in division 2 next season.

Ladies Superleague: Members of Orwell Ladies play in seven of the 10 teams. This competition does not finish until tomorrow, but teams Brownlie, Glennie and Wilcox are all in contention.

NFU Division 1: Liz Glennie, Maggie Scott, Susan Scougal and Sue Cameron played in this Sunday evening league but will be demoted to division 2 next season.

John Stewart Double Rink Knockout: Unfortunately, we were knocked out in the first round by Kinross Ladies.

American Tour: Several members played against the incoming American Ladies tour in November.

KCT Closing Bonspiel: We have two teams competing in the KCT Closing Bonspiel on Saturday.

3. Area Competitions

We had a win in the Inter-province League and a loss in the Fife & Kinross v Perth Bonspiel in Perth.

4. Province Competitions

After coming runner-up in the Wilson Trophy last year, we were invited to represent Loch Leven Province at the **Province Championships** in October since the winners, K2, did not wish to attend. Valerie Inglis, Susan Scougal, Angela Wilcox and Sue Cameron went to Greenacres in October and made it to the low road semi-finals. Not bad since they were the only all ladies team there.

This season we played in the **Province Bonspiel** and the **Blairhill Challenge**, and came **runner-up** in the **Wilson Trophy**, losing in the final to Kinross Juniors.

Two strong wins in the **Festive Potty** put us **on top** with a score of +21 shots.

5. Lomond League

Orwell Ladies played 15 games, won five and peeled two. Overall, we came 11th out of 16 teams, with Rothes winning the league.

6. Henderson Bishop

Wilma Brownlie and Margaret Nelson with Pat McFarlane and Mary Lamont won the Kinross playdowns for the Henderson Bishop and went on to represent Kinross at the finals.

7. Outside Competitions

Perth Ladies Open. Valerie Inglis, Susan Scougal, Angela Wilcox and Maggie Saunderson were runners-up in November.

Sellar. In January in Edinburgh Valerie Inglis, Susan Scougal, Angela Wilcox and Sue Cameron won the low road.

National Masters competition. In Greenacres in February, Maggie Scott with Yvonne Aitken, Margaret White and Fiona Rutherford were runners-up.

Scottish Senior Championships. Liz Glennie, Maggie Scott and Susan Scougal played with Fiona DeVries and got to the semi finals.

Stirling Ladies Open. This competition was very well attended by Orwell Ladies, although none were in the winning rink.

Perth Heatworks Bonspiel. Valerie Inglis, Susan Scougal, and Maggie Saunderson were in the winning rink in March.

Police Championships. Liz again skipped the winning team at the police championships in Inverness, making it three-in-a-row that she has skipped the winning team. Well done again.

Scottish WI competition. Liz Glennie skipped the team which included Margaret Nelson to the runner-up position of the High Road in Dumfries.

I know that members of the club competed in many more competitions both here in Kinross and around Scotland. There are too many for me to know about and certainly too many to list here.

8. Other Achievements

In February, three of our ladies scored an 8-ender while playing as part of the Fun Girls Curling Club. Congratulations to Margaret Greener, Christine Taylor and Sue Cain.

9. 40th Anniversary

33 members played in the fun bonspiel and 53 attended the lunch. It was a very enjoyable day celebrating the success of the club, especially the founding members.

Thanks: All of this would not be possible without a hardworking committee, a group of readily available subs and all of you who make this club what it is.

Thank you also to Lenore for again printing the cards for us.

And finally, most of this information can be found on the **website**, with photos. If your achievement is not there I do apologise. Next season, remember to take a photo and send me a report and I'll put it on the website so other club members can see it.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Hester Niven, handed out copies of Draft Accounts and explained them. The Losers' Pot was £182.85. It was suggested that we round this up to £200 from club funds and then donate to KCT. This was agreed.

Approval of interim accounts was proposed by Lenore Kyle and seconded by Marion Forbes.

It was agreed that we would continue with the Losers' Pot next season and that it is to be donated to the Kinross Curling Trust.

Representative Members' Report

Maggie Scott gave the report on behalf of the Representative Members. Maggie asked that applause be left until the end as 16 Orwell Ladies had won prizes.

KDLB Competitions and Events

Senior Pairs (Oct 2016): Winners: Susan Scougal and Caroline Liddle. Runners up: Heather Gough and Elaine Paterson.

Ladies Open (Oct 2016): Lizzie Glennie, Maggie Scott, Jane Drysdale and Eileen Thomas. Runners up: Lesley Brown, Sheona Reid, Fiona Doig, Fiona Rutherford.

American Tour (Nov 2016): 16 KDLB ladies played. We won one game, peeled one and lost two. We had a lovely lunch at the ice rink and supper at the Kirlands. We hosted the players.

Henderson Bishop play downs (Nov 2016): As Kinross were hosting this year, we thought it would be nice to have two teams playing. Angela Wilcox very kindly entered a team to boost our number and we managed to have two teams. Winners: Wilma Brownlie, Margaret Nelson, Pat McFarlane, Mary Lamont. Runners up: Fiona Spain, Alison Fyfe, Kathryn Spain and Gabby Wallington. It was a fantastic final; peeled at the end, so it was a draw to the button. Fiona went first and drew the four. For Wilma to better that she had to draw the poppy. Wilma delivered, Pat and Mary sweeping, Margaret directing and – yahoo! – right on the poppy!

Centre Bonspiel (Jan 2017): Winners: Angela Wilcox, Helen Mackinnon, Kim Massey, Margaret Greener. Runners up: Irene Baillie, Barbara Nicolson, Lenore Kyle, Alicia Hay.

Points (Jan 2017): Winner: Debbie Knox. Runner up: Wilma Brownlie. Team Winner: Glenfarg.

Thistle Pairs (Feb 2017): Winners: Lizzie Glennie and Jane Drysdale. Runners up: Edna Nelson and Margaret Nelson.

Henderson Bishop Finals (Feb 2017): Jane Drysdale at the helm and her committee of Lizzie Glennie, Fiona Doig, Fiona Rutherford, Ena Stevenson, Susan Rigby and Maggie Scott just loved organising this event. It was just so much fun every time we went to Jane's house to organise everything and not a drop of alcohol passed our lips! We had two outstanding teams representing Kinross in Wilma and Fiona. What strong teams came from all over Scotland; 20 teams in all. Sad to say, it was just not meant to be. Wilma, Margaret, Pat and Mary, you did us proud both on and off the ice. Me, well I was well chuffed when they arrived on the Monday morning. New outfits, girls, and they looked like models from Hello magazine. Jane, you did an absolutely brilliant job and I was proud you chose me to be part of your team.

Morton Finals (March 2017): Wilma Brownlie, Heather Gough and Irene Baillie as skips for Kinross centre beat Dumfries in the semi, but unfortunately lost to Forfar in the final.

Maggie then asked all winners to stand up while everyone gave a round of applause to show them how proud we are.

After the Henderson Bishop competition was completed, there was approximately £3,500 left of the funds raised to cover the organisation of the event. The HB committee gave £2000 to KCT, £250 to Kinross Wheelchair curlers, £250 to Kinross visually impaired curlers, £250 to Kinross Juniors and approximately £750 to KDLB.

Social Report 2016-17

Jeanne Dean gave the report on behalf of the social sub-committee.

The summer programme began with a Texas scramble golf competition at Milnathort Golf Club, capably organised thanks to Lenore Kyle. Nineteen golfers took part and, in a very close contest, the winners were Sue Jones, Susie Ballantyne, Fiona Doig and Gay Deas. Non-golfers and social members joined the participants for a soup and sandwich lunch on a glorious sunny June day.

On a slightly cooler and windy day in July our summer outing comprised a delicious afternoon tea and some hilarious 'activities' at the Boathouse restaurant.

After the opening bonspiel on 13 September, Ann Whitelaw provided us with the usual sumptuous spread and Grace Paterson very helpfully and competently organised the hall and parking arrangements. The social committee would especially like to thank Ann for all the many years she has looked after us so well and it will be a hard challenge to match for quality and the high standards she set.

Finally as 2017 saw the fortieth anniversary of the establishment of Orwell ladies, a special Anniversary Funspiel was held on Friday 24 March 2017. Thirty-three players participated in what proved to be a slightly confusing but generally greatly enjoyed experience. The music and dancing was enjoyed by many but the 'Mission Impossible' curling assignment was won overall by Laurie McKerrow, Ann Whitelaw, Alicia Hay and Gillian Russell.

This was followed by a lunch for 53 members in the Loch Leven Suite at the Green Hotel arranged by Caroline Liddle. Club memorabilia and photos were on display throughout and many of the original and longer standing members provided us with a very entertaining and inspiring cabaret about the history and development of Orwell Ladies. For those unable to attend and those who wish to revisit the day some record of the occasion can be found on the OLCC website thanks to the work put in by Angela Wilcox and photographs taken by Eileen Thomas.

The contributors are too numerous to thank each individually due to the extensive nature and variety of the contributions although special thanks must be extended to Margaret Nelson for drawing it all together with a great deal of thanks also due to Beryl Harley. Special mention also to Gay Deas for the most moving account of her early years in Orwell ladies. The social committee would also like to extend a very big general thank you to all who contributed to making this event so enjoyable.

Thanks to my fellow members of the social committee, Susan Scougal and Fiona Doig for all their work this year and over the past three years as they will be standing down at this AGM. Also to Caroline Liddle for being almost permanently co-opted in to assist especially with her expert knowledge of Kinross and for arranging so many venues and deals for us.

President's Report

Sue Cameron said the club was in good shape in its 40th year. The founder members had excelled themselves. She thanked Angela for doing great job with the club website.

Sue announced that Orwell Ladies has won the inaugural 'Club of the Year' award by Kinross Curling Trust.

Sue thanked the committees who had been fabulous and supportive so she could concentrate on talking! Special thanks to the social committee for their work on the 40th anniversary event.

She thanked everyone in the club for their support and friendship.

Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 2017-18

		<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
President	Caroline Liddle	Sue Cameron	Margaret Nelson
Vice President	Fiona Doig	Caroline Liddle	Laurie McKerrow
Secretary (general)	Eileen Thomas	Sue Cameron	Maggie Saunderson
Secretary (match)	Angela Wilcox	Valerie Inglis	Maggie scott
Treasurer	Hester Niven	Liz Glennie	Catherine Ballantyne

Social:	Jeanne Dean	Laurie McKerrow	Lenore Kyle
	Margaret Nelson	Maggie Scott	Sue Cameron
	Lesley Johnston	Ann Whitelaw	Christine Taylor
KDLB rep:	Edna Nelson	Liz Glennie	Maggie Scott
	Sue Cameron	Maggie Scott	Wilma Brownlie
Past President	Sue Cameron	n/a	n/a

It was suggested that Frances Algie might be interested in being on the committee to help organise social events but it was not felt appropriate to vote her on to the committee in her absence. If she is willing, she could help informally with the social sub-committee this year and go on the committee formally next year.

Review of Club's Programme

Club Competitions

Thistle: All content with current arrangement.

Jubilee: All content with current arrangement.

Gairney: It would be good to get another team.

Pairs: It would be good if more members could be encouraged to enter.

Points: It would be good to have more entrants. It is good for your curling.

Mixed League: The men are struggling for numbers but do enjoy the mixed curling. Angela had sent out a survey. The men are suggesting teams with 3 ladies and 1 man. Another suggestion is that they have a beginner league they would like to make mixed if we could we provide eight leads and seconds.

After some discussion, by a show of hands it was agreed that Orwell Ladies would like to keep the Mixed League as 2 men and 2 women per team. It was agreed that we would be willing to try the Mixed League Leads & Seconds for a year.

Orwell Challenge Match: In the season just finished, Orwell Ladies had taken part in a challenge match with Orwell, where the winner of one of their leagues had played the winning team of our Jubilee league. It was agreed not repeat the Challenge Match.

KDLB Competitions

It was agreed we would continue to support these.

KCT Competitions

KCT League, John Stewart Double Rink Knockout and possibly extras such as new Over 40s: All agreed.

One of reasons we were awarded club of year is that as a club we support KCT competitions and events.

Loch Leven Province Competitions

LLP Bonspiel, Blairhill, Wilson: All agreed.

Area 10 Competitions (formerly known as Area 7)

Inter Province League, Fife & Kinross v. Perth Bonspiel: All agreed.

Lomond League

Thanks to Liz Glennie for representing us at the Lomond League AGM on 28/3/17.

The top three placed teams were: 1st Rothes, 2nd Bishopshire, 3rd Leuchars.

Abdie Ladies are resigning from the LL and efforts are being made to encourage another club to apply for the vacant space prior to the start of 2017/18 season.

The Lomond League surplus is £166.65.

There was discussion at the LL AGM of the 'four nominated skips' rule. A lot of clubs are struggling with this. Some clubs were defaulting on that rule. It was agreed at the LL AGM to suspend this rule for the 2017-18 season.

Liz would encourage players to go and experience a different ice rink.

It was agreed that the Lomond League would be on the Orwell Ladies 'tick list' of competitions. Once skips are allocated, they should ask players at the beginning of season. If a problem arises, then hopefully this gives other club members a reasonable amount of notice.

Club Friendly Games

Agreed to continue the usual friendlies.

Grand Match

Agreed to take part if it arises.

Club Programme, Other

Laurie suggesting taking the Stirling Open out of our club calendar. Angela said the Stirling Open was not particularly in the Orwell Ladies calendar. In any case, it may be on a different day next season.

Review of Penalty Points

Angela explained our current bye-law regarding penalty points if a player is late or missing. Some skips take the points but others won't.

Our bye-law is different from the RCCC rules, which are 6 points and 5 ends for 30 mins without a player. After discussion there was a show of hands in favour of staying with our current bye-law. However, it was stressed that offending skips must offer the penalty points to the other team.

Review of Bye-laws in general

Agreed to keep as they are.

Review of Social Programme

Agreed to follow the usual pattern.

It is five years since we had a Curlers' Court. It was agreed to defer this until next year.

Result of Voting for Skips

In alphabetical order: Wilma Brownlie, Sue Cameron, Liz Glennie, Val Inglis, Laurie McKerrow, Edna Nelson, Grace Paterson, Susan Scougal, Ann Whitelaw and Angela Wilcox.

Any Other Business

Club history: Beryl Harley said it had been five years since Susan Scougal had asked her to write up the history of the club. This had been done and handed over to the current secretaries. The founder members had done their bit and Beryl would encourage all members to keep noting the club's achievements to continue the history.

Thank you card from Barbara King to everyone. She'd had a lovely time at the 40th anniversary.

Hand over

Sue Cameron handed over the Presidency to Caroline Liddle.

Vote of Thanks

Caroline thanked Sue for being such a good President. She also thanked secretaries Angela and Eileen and said she had only agreed to be President if they would continue in their roles! She also thanked Lenore for producing the card because she always says that! She thanked everyone for making Orwell Ladies such a great club.

The meeting ended at 14:41 hours.

The above minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting at the 2018 AGM