CURLING CLUB MINUTES 1880-1927

At Dornoch the twenty eighth day of December Eighteen hundred and Eighty; in a General Meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish and Burgh of Dornoch, convened after due Public Initiation with the view of forming a Curling Club; Bailie Leslie having been called to the chair the following resolutions were adopted.

- 1 That a Curling Club shall now be formed to be called the Dornoch Curling Club.
- 2 That the Management of the Club shall be entrusted to a Patron, Patroness, Resident, Vice President, two Representative members, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee or Council of Management, consisting of not more than five members; three to be a quorum.
- 3 That two General Meetings of the Club shall be held annually; one in the month of June for the election of Office Bearers and general business; and the other in the month of October for the election of skips and general business.
- 4 That excepting the Patron and Patroness all the Office Bearers including the Committee or Council of Management shall be elected annually.
- 5 That a payment in advance, of five shillings annually shall constitute regular membership; and a payment in advance of 2/6 (two shillings and sixpence) annually shall constitute Occasional Membership.
- 6 That the Rules of the Club shall be the same as those of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.
- 7 That the foregoing Resolutions shall not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting of the Club, and on notice containing the proposed alteration being given to the Secretary at least ten days previous to such meeting and the majority of votes of members present at such meetings to decide.

Thereafter the following gentlemen being present and having paid their subscription money. Viz:

Bailie Leslie

Rev D Grant Dornoch
Mr J B Kidd The Poles

Mr A Forbes Skibo
Mr James Millar "

Mr Robert Armour "

Mr Charles Neill Dornoch
Mr A McHardy Dornoch
Mr John Barclay Skelbo
Mr George Bridgeford Dornoch
Mr William Nunro Dornoch

Mr Robert Clark Achinchanter

The first General Meeting of the Club was held. Bailie Leslie still presiding.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to that Mr Sutherland-Walker of Skibo be elected Patron and Mrs Gutherland-Walker Patroness and that the Office Bearers for the current year should be the following. Viz:

President Provost Fraser
Vice President Bailie Leslie
Representative Members James Millar

Robert Armour Chaplain Rev D Grant

Committee of Management or Council Mr W S Fraser

Mr R Macdonald Cydra

Mr S Mackintosh

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Mr Kidd ThePoles

Mr W Munro Mason

Treasurer Mr John Barclay
Secretary Mr A McHardy

Mr Clark, member of the Committee or Council, intimated to the meeting that he had much pleasure in

/in offering the use of St. Michael's pond on his farm of Achinchanter for a Curling pond to the Club. The Club accept Mr Clark's offer and record their thanks to him for his kindness.

The meeting pospone the election of skips till the members of the Club should have experience of the game but authorise the Committee or Council to appoint skips from time to time as occasions require during the current year.

The next General meeting was appointed to be held in June 1881 on a day to be given notice of by the Secretaries.

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At Dornoch the fourteenth day of June Eighteen hundred and Eighty one in a General Meeting of the members of the Club duly convened.

Present

Bailie Leslie Mr W Munro Rev D Grant Mr J Beath

Mr R Macdonald Mr J Mackintosh

Mr J B Kidd Mr John Ross
Mr R Armour Mr W S Fraser

Mr Wm Dodds Mr George Mackintosh

Mr G Bridgeford Mr John Barclay - Treasurer

Mr F Nicolson Mr A McHardy - Secretary

Mr Leslie presiding

The Minutes of previous meeting, on 28 December 1880, were read and approved. Thereafter the meeting proceeded to the election of Office Bearers and Committee of Management for ensuing year and unanimously elect as follows. Viz: