

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 4th August 2025 @ 6:30pm

Present: George Forsyth, Bruce Stewart, Fiona Murray, John Murray, Liz Groat, Charlie Reid, Suz Pirie, Doug Fraser, Viv Humble, Bill Allan, Bob Waiter, Raymond Warrender.

Apologies: Cheryl North, Allan McRitchie, Lee Simpson.

1. President Remarks

George congratulated Linda Harper, Lucy Willox and Fergus Muat on the achievement at the Nationals in Ayr. He congratulated the Top 5 team in winning through to the quarter finals and to the Forbes Hendry although they lost by 9 shots in the final. The teams appreciated the support very much.

Review and acceptance of minutes from August 4th meeting.

Approved by Fiona Murray and seconded by Bill Allan

Actions from Previous Meeting

Relating To	Who	What	By When	Status
Dev Plan	George, Bruce	Work with Sandy to get shed base build	August	Closed
Club Kit	John	Contact Lee to get status of latest kit order	July	In Progress
Treasurer	Fiona	Transfer travel and accommodation funds to qualifiers	July	Closed
Events	John, Fiona, Suz	Organise Super Sixes	August	In Progress
Events	Bruce, Fiona	Organise Benachie Finals	August	In Progress
Events	Fiona, Suz	Organise Ladies Day	August	In Progress
Events	John	Promote Race Night	July	Done
AOCB	Bill	Speak with Roy MacDonald about repairing wall behind scoreboard	August	Done
AOCB	Bill/John/Fiona	Update sponsors' contact details		Done
AOCB	Raymond	Organise Risk Assessment Exercise		In Progress
AOCB	Fiona	Feedback to Audra Booth about Boccia	July	Done
AOCB	Fiona	Feedback to Heather Tough regarding bowls session	July	Done
AOCB	Fiona	Prepare Silver BowlsMark paperwork	August	In Progress
AOCB	Fiona, George, Bruce, John	Prepare Codes of conduct, Etiquette, Rink board usage, marker expectations, etc	August	In Progress

Codes of Conduct being drafted by Fiona and reviewed by trustees.

Wall behind scoreboard is OK but need to check boundary wall on Harlaw Road.

For Heather Tough's day, all in hand

2. Treasurer's Report

Statement balance as at 30th June £22,648

Statement balance as at 31st July £23,603

Invoices have been sent out to sponsors.

3. Bar Report

- Denise, Suz and helpers will manage the bar for the Super sixes with Kristy and Dani at night
- George and Mike will cover bar in the afternoon for Ladies Day with Bill and Cheryl doing the evening
- Bar will be cover by Fiona for Benachie Finals Day opening at 11am

4.Greens Report

- Usual maintenance, spiked last week and will be scarified next week.
- Green was running well for Top 5 game.

5.Match Report

Club Comps

Club comps are progressing reasonably well despite it now being peak holiday season. Doug and I have been chasing people, and we will continue to do so.

Bowls Scotland

Linda Harper was defeated in the semi-final at Ayr. Lucy lost in the quarterfinals of the Junior Ladies. Fergus and Lucy lost in round 1 of the mixed and Lucy lost in round 1 of the Ladies.

A&K Top 10

Harlaw was successful in defeating Pitmedden played at Laurencekirk and will represent A&K in National Top 10 in 2026.

A&K Top 5.

Harlaw lost 2-3 to Bervie BC played at Inverbervie on Monday 21 July in the Semi-final.

Harlaw, representing A&K, beat Marchmont from Dumfries 3-2 in a very exciting and close encounter.

Harlaw will now play Doune Castle on Sunday, August 24th in the quarterfinal. Bruce will try and organise a bus for players and supporters.

Crowmallee

Harlaw lost to Newmachar in the quarterfinals.

Forbes Hendry

Harlaw lost in the final to Balgownie in the final.

Benachie Association Knock Outs

With Harlaw hosting the Knockout finals on 17th August we will provide catering. Soup and sandwich for the league cup and mixed pairs who play at 11am and Teas and sandwiches for the Juniors, Champion of Champions, Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours who play at 2pm.

Harlaw Fours have qualified for the finals and will play Newmachar.

Two delegates from each club will also require food. Numbers will be confirmed nearer time.

The bar will be open from 11am.

ADLBA Champion of Champions

Linda Harper still in.

Craigie Knockouts

Linda still in the Singles

Cheryl and Lucy are in the final of the pairs.

Finals are at Newhills August 16th

Club Triples / Sponsors Day Saturday 30th August

Send invite to sponsors. Invite two per sponsor arriving around 2pm. Provide goody bags, wine and nibbles.

Depending on numbers offer sponsors a spider event.

Put up list for entries. John to organise the bowls.

£5 entry, provide tea and buttery and then soup and sandwiches for lunch.

6.New Club Kit

Delivery is expected within the week.

7.Club Development Programme

Clubhouse Redesign

- Unfortunately, the shed was totally damaged during Storm Floris. Fiona will contact the insurance company.

Junior Development and Funding

- George, Liz and Cheryl booked on Safeguarding courses.
- Still waiting for session plans from Cheryl to finalise

8. Events Calendar

Race Night Saturday 19th July.

A good night was had by all, but the attendance numbers were disappointing

Gaulds Gas Super Sixes 9th August

All in hand. Denise and helpers will do the bar till 6pm when after Kristy and friend will take over.

Ladies Day 23rd August

All in hand.

Aberdeen Autos will sponsor Prosecco.

Fiona and Suz to meet in next couple weeks to organise event

George Forsyth and Mike Cruikshank will cover the bar in the afternoon. Bill and Cheryl will cover the bar at night

Friends of St Andrews School will remain as the charity to receive the proceeds from the raffle.

9. Correspondence

- Advertise Rothienorman Super Six event

10. AOCB

- A plank on the bench outside the clubhouse needs replacing.
- Code of conducts, etiquette and welcome packs are required for Silver BowlsMark and are being worked on
- Raymond will take lead on doing risk assessments for the whole of the club.
- Bill may have an option in getting a container to replace the shed
- Top 10 trophy and Forbes Hendry runners-up are now in the trophy cabinet
- There are a photo album somewhere with photographs of members from the 80's and 90's. No one sure where this could be, but we will look.
- Push closing day back to Sunday September 21st and communicate to members because if the Top 5 bowlers beat Doune Castle then the finals day is Sunday September 14th the current planned closing day.

11. Actions Required

Relating To	Who	What	By When	Status
Dev Plan	Bill	Find cost and details of container	August	
Coaching	George, Cheryl, Liz	Complete safeguarding course	August	
Events	John, Fiona, Suz	Organise Super Sixes	August	
Events	Bruce, Fiona	Prepare for Benachie Finals Day	August	
Events	Fiona, Suz	Organise Ladies Day	August	
Events	John, Fiona	Organise Club Triples / Sponsors Day	August	
AOCB	Bill	Speak with Roy MacDonald about state of Harlaw Road wall	September	
AOCB	Raymond	Organise Risk Assessment Exercise		In Progress
AOCB	Allan	Replace plank on bench	September	
AOCB	Fiona	Prepare Silver BowlsMark paperwork	October	
AOCB	Fiona, George, Bruce, John	Prepare Codes of conduct, Etiquette, Rink board usage, marker expectations, etc	October	
AOCB	Fiona	Communicate closing day will be September 21 st	August	

Next Meeting Monday 1st September 6:30pm.