

**Area 10 (Fife & Kinross)
of The Royal Caledonian Curling Club**

Annual General Meeting – 2026

Area 10 AGM held at Kinross Ice Rink on
Thursday 23rd April 2026 at 7.30pm

Agenda

1. In Memoriam
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of 2025 A.G.M.
4. Matters Arising
5. President's Report
6. Elections
 - President (John Taylor) and Vice President (Iain Rennick) are elected in post for 2 years until April 2027
 - Area Secretary
7. Competitions – review 2025/26 season and agree any changes for 2026/27
 - Fife & Kinross v Perth: won by Fife & Kinross (highest-up rink: Inverkeithing +7 shots)
 - George Sinclair Bonspiel: won by Boreland (+11 shots)
 - Inter Province Bonspiel: won by Loch Leven Province (Fossway, Kinross and Loch Leven Province Ladies team)
 - Inter Province League: won by Cupar Province (Abdie, Ceres and Forret)
8. Treasurer's Report
 - Accounts 2025-26
 - Entertainment Levy
9. Coaching and Development updates
 - Kirkcaldy
 - Kinross
10. Note that the RCCC AGM will be held on Saturday 27th June 2026 (venue to be announced but probably Kelso)
11. A. O. C. B.

ROYAL CALEDONIAN CURLING CLUB **AREA 10 – FIFE AND KINROSS**

DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Kinross Ice Rink on 24th April 2025 at 7.30pm

President Mike Caffyn attended online and welcomed members to the meeting.

PRESENT

Mike Caffyn (Boreland, President), John Taylor (Fossoway, Vice-President), Iain Rennick (Glenrothes, Secretary/Treasurer), Michael Baxendine (Raith & Abbotshall), John Cassells (Orwell), Bill Creevy (Largo and Kirkcaldy Coaching School), Morag Erskine (Pitlessie), James Gibb (Markinch), Steve Jamieson (Boreland), Craig Lindsay (Forret), Bill Linton (Bank of Scotland Fife), Kaye Paterson (Orwell Ladies), Sheona Reid (Glenfarg Ladies), Ian Sankey (Markinch), Maggie Saunderson (Orwell Ladies), Gordon Thomson (Thornton), Willie Thomson (Fossoway), Jill Walker (Bank of Scotland Fife), Ronnie Wilson (Markinch), Kenny Wilson (Markinch).

20 members representing 14 Clubs.

1. In Memoriam

A minute's silence was held for David Beveridge (Kinross), Victoria Bruce (Dunfermline Ladies), Dorothy Dalton (Fossoway Ladies), Douglas Lamond (Inverkeithing), John Morrison (Raith & Abbotshall), Neil Murray (Glenrothes), Robin Park (Dunfermline), Andrew Robb (Falkland), George Russell (Lundin & Montrave) and Rani Shepherd (St. Andrews).

2. Apologies

Jim Barton (Inverkeithing), Pam Craigie (Kennoway), Kim Dalland (Orwell Ladies), Kate Drummond-Hay (Abdie Ladies), Lorne Findlay (Glenfarg), Alastair McCabe (Kennoway), Jackie McQueen (St. Andrews) and Craig Sutherland (Kinross).

3. President's Report

President Mike explained that he was unable to attend the meeting in person for health reasons. This had disrupted his work on behalf of the Area over the latter half of the season, and he was grateful that John Taylor had so ably deputised for him. Thanks were due also to Area Secretary, Iain Rennick, and members of the Area Committee. Curlers in the Area could be proud that the Area operated so effectively, particularly as our member clubs played games across 7 different ice rinks. The successful hosting of the Swiss tourists in January was an example of this, with Kinross seen by them as 'the best location in Scotland'.

During his time as President Mike had established a Curling Support Group to strengthen links with our 2 ice rinks – Kinross and Kirkcaldy. This had been less successful than hoped because Kinross worked so well that it didn't need it, while management at Kirkcaldy didn't want it. There had been some limited success at Kirkcaldy in getting the stones ground for the first time in many years, and some improvement in changing facilities. It was unreasonable to expect the quality of ice at Kirkcaldy to match that at Kinross, but it was disappointing that we could not persuade them to make some of the other improvements that had been suggested.

Mike finished by saying how much he had enjoyed his time as President, before handing over to John Taylor to finish the report.

John also referred to the Swiss Tour which as well as being successful off the ice had been successful on it. The Area had won 6, drawn 1 and lost 1 of the 8 matches, winning 62 shots to 47. This contributed to an overall win for Scotland by 554-398.

The main points to report from Scottish Curling's Area Standing Committee (ASC) were:

- ASC and Scottish Curling had provided active support to 'At Risk' rinks used by clubs in Area 10 (Kirkcaldy and Perth).
- The next Indoor Grand Match would be held on 15 November 2025. Matches would be held at Kinross, but not Kirkcaldy.
- The Four Nations tournament would be hosted by Scotland next season.
- There would be an Olympic project 2026 throughout next season to attract more people to the game.
- The BBC had been pleased with viewing numbers for recent World Championship and Grand Slam matches shown on i-player. Hopefully, this would encourage them to show more.
- Congratulations were due to Bruce Mouat and his rink for their World Championship win.
- Scottish Curling would be issuing a consultation paper over the summer on future Governance Structure. This may suggest switching from the current area Structure to one based on ice rinks.

4. Elections

Mike Caffyn (Boreland) proposed the appointment of John Taylor (Fossoway) as President, seconded by Bill Linton (Bank of Scotland Fife).

Following his election, John took over from Mike as chair of the meeting.

Kenny Wilson (Markinch) proposed the appointment of Iain Rennick (Glenrothes) as Vice President, seconded by Ian Sankey (Markinch).

Iain Rennick's appointment as Vice President left a vacancy in the role of Area Secretary / Treasurer. No one had yet come forward for the role. This was a rewarding role, and a job description was available for anyone interested. Iain would continue meantime until a volunteer could be found.

As President and Vice President respectively, John Taylor and Iain Rennick would be the Area 10 representatives on Scottish Curling's Areas Standing Committee for the next two years.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the 2024 AGM held on 25th April 2024, having been previously circulated, were agreed as proposed by Willie Thomson (Fossoway), seconded by Craig Lindsay (Forret).

6. Matters Arising

None.

7. Competitions.

The meeting congratulated the winners of the various Area competitions throughout the season:

- Fife & Kinross v Perthshire - won by Fife & Kinross with Orwell (+12 shots) being the highest up rink.
- George Sinclair Bonspiel – won by Markinch (+18 shots).
- Inter Province League - Loch Leven Province (Fossoway, Kinross Juniors and Orwell).
- Inter Province Bonspiel – West of Fife Province (Bank of Scotland Fife, Raith & Abbotshall and Raith & Abbotshall Ladies).

The Secretary thanked clubs who had supported the various competitions and encouraged clubs to enter next season.

The Fife & Kinross v Perthshire match had been much better organised at the Perth end this season.

As agreed at the 2024 AGM, the Inter Province Bonspiel had returned to Dewars Ice Rink this season. Dewars would remain the venue for next season, but the competition may be moved from a weekend to a weekday night to ensure that bar facilities are open after the matches.

In response to a question from Kaye Paterson (Orwell Ladies) it was confirmed that the rules on penalty shots where a team is 1 player short at start of play would remain as agreed at the 2024 AGM: no penalty shots will be applied for bonspiel competitions (Fife & Kinross v Perthshire; George Sinclair and Inter Province Bonspiel) and penalty shots for the Inter Province League will be applied in accordance with the policy set by the Kinross Curling Trust for their competitions. Where teams are short by 2 or more players the rule remains that the game is forfeited by 6 shots to nil.

8. Treasurers Report

The Accounts, having been checked by our Examiner, Bill Linton (Bank of Scotland Fife), had been circulated in advance to all clubs with the AGM Notice and posted on the Area website. These were agreed as proposed by John Taylor and seconded by Kenny Wilson (Markinch). The Area had total funds at year end of £1409.08.

It was noted that the cost to the Area of the Swiss Mens' Tour in January had been approximately £1,900. The costs for the Canadian Mens' Tour in 2028 was likely to be at least double that as they normally spent 2 days in the Area (as opposed to just 1 for the Swiss). On current projections, the Entertainment Fund would be sufficient. The Treasurer therefore proposed keeping the Entertainment Levy at £2 per male curler, seconded by Craig Lindsay (Forret). This was agreed by the meeting.

9. Ladies Branch updates

Secretary Iain read out a report from the outgoing Kirkcaldy Ladies Branch President, Pam Craigie (Kennoway). After 43 years, the Kirkcaldy Ladies Branch had come to an end at their AGM in March. From next season, Hercules Ladies and Raith & Abbotshall Ladies would share responsibility for organising ladies competitions played at Kirkcaldy, of which there were three - the Senior Ladies League, the Ladies Opening Bonspiel and the Morton Trophy. Kirkcaldy would no longer be represented on the national RCCC Ladies Standing Committee, although some contact would be maintained.

Area 10, East of Fife and West of Fife Provinces and Kinross Ladies Branch had all offered their support to ensure that ladies competitions continue at Kirkcaldy.

Sheona Reid, Kinross Ladies Branch President, reported on the various competitions played in over the season. There were congratulations for the Kinross rink, skipped by Angela Wilcox, that had made the semi-final of the low road of the Henderson Bishop competition. That competition would be played at Kinross next season in the first week in March 2026. Kim Dalland would be the Ladies Branch President next season.

10. Coaching & Development Update

Bill Creevy (Largo) reported on the Kirkcaldy Coaching School's busy season which had seen more coaching sessions being delivered than ever before and to a wider range of people of all ages and abilities. The programme included: Try Curling sessions; support for the Gateway Club and Junior Club; cubs/ scouts / youth club sessions; the Curling's Cool programme for Schools; and Inclusive Curling. Bill hoped that clubs would play friendly matches against the Gateway Club. One area of concern was the Inclusive Curling programme, as volunteers were needed to replace the current coaches who had had to step back for health reasons. Bill finished by thanking all the current coaches and asking others to volunteer for what was a rewarding experience.

This was followed by a report from John Taylor on coaching and development activities at Kinross. The team of almost 30 coaches had run a busy programme of Try Curling events, including some for kids with special needs and events run for some of the rink's sponsors. The Beginners and Improvers session had also been well attended. KCDC (the equivalent of Kirkcaldy's Gateway Club) were very active, playing in several of the KCT leagues.

A new project driven by Active Fife which would be rolled out in 2025 was Floor Curling sessions at the schools, leading up to a Floor Curling festival. Floor curling kits had been provided in the past to many Fife & Kinross schools but often went unused. An effort was needed to find out which schools had these and to encourage PE departments to use them.

All involved in coaching and development at both venues were thanked for their efforts.

11. RCCC AGM

It was noted that this would be held at 2pm on Saturday 28 June in Inverness.

12. AOCB

None.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm with thanks to the Chair and Secretary and to Kinross Curling Trust for hosting.

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Accounts to 31st March 2026

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2025/26</u>	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2025/26</u>	<u>2024/25</u>
Entertainment Levy	1198.00	1264.00	Engraving	30.00	168.00
Swiss Tour	0.00	2571.00	Swiss Tour	0.00	4479.00
Donation	100.00	0.00	Indoor Grand Match	246.50	0.00
			Prizes (George Sinclair Bonspiel)	0.00	30.00
			Bank Charges	51.42	4.25
	<u>£1298.00</u>	<u>£3835.00</u>		<u>£327.92</u>	<u>4681.25</u>
 <i>Opening Balance</i>	 <i>£1409.08 (at 31 March 2025)</i>				
Closing Balance	£2379.16 (at 31 March 2026)				

I have examined the records of Area 10 of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club and confirm that this report is in accordance with the bank statements.

Signed.....*William B. Linton MCB*..... W Linton