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Kinross Curling Trust Annual General Meeting - 24 January 2018

Brother and Sister Curlers,

The attached information provides you with all of the official material for the AGM of Kinross Curling in January on 24 January 2018. However, I want to share a few items with you all – these are very important for the ongoing success of the Trust.

Finance:

As you will see from the Financial Accounts, last year was very successful for the Trust. This was mainly two one-off items:

- Significant additional ice provided for the elite curlers through British Curling. This additional curling revenue has now disappeared with the opening of the additional sheets of ice at Stirling and the BC commitment to their use
- A refund of VAT as intimated at last year's AGM. The.

Our revenue should this year return to more usual levels.

The Board is also adjusting the role of the Finance Committee to better support the Treasurer and we need a few new members for this Committee. If you have financial experience, please consider volunteering to serve on this vital committee by letting me know – my email address is at the top of this letter. The involvement is not likely to be particularly large – typically receipt of informational reports and 4-6 meetings every year.

Building:

During the AGM, you will hear about the exciting extension to our building scheduled to happen next summer. The key features are:

- Installation of a lift up to the Bar
- Increased size of the Bar to accommodate wheelchairs etc
- Enlarged and enhanced changing and toilet facilities for all users of the premises
- A new ice office and increased storage space.

Most of the cost of this project has already been raised from our successful operations over the last three years. We still need about £25,000 (assuming current estimates of £200,000 cost of the project). We are hopeful of obtaining grants towards the work, but we would invite anyone who feels that this project is worthy of their support to contribute. Envelopes containing donations (marked "Confidential") addressed to the Treasurer may be left in the Ice Office.

Board Membership:

I would like to take the opportunity to ask members to seriously consider whether they can assist the Trust by putting themselves forward to stand as Trustees at the AGM. For the last few years, we have struggled to find people willing to give some of their time to help run the Trust. The current Board has worked tirelessly to drive the company forward successfully, but it would be a real sign of support to them to have fresh faces offering to join the Board. Details on how to do so are provided in the accompanying material. Please help us in this matter.

Bar Usage:

We run a Bar to provide social facilities for curlers before and after their games / matches. We also provide snacks and, with prior booking, can provide hot meals for clubs and curlers. It is a quirk of the VAT system, as it affects us, that the more sales we make in the Bar, the less overall VAT we pay to HMRC. With our VAT bill this year being very significant with the building extension, the Board **strongly encourages ALL Clubs and Curlers** to use the Bar as much as possible in order to keep our VAT bill as low as possible. Your support even just through buying a drink for your opposite number and yourself after a game would make a significant difference to the bar finances and ultimately to our tax bill!

Secretary:

For the past few years, Iain Keddie has served the Board in the role of Secretary. He now feels that he would like to spend more time concentrating on his role as a Trustee. So, the Trust is looking for a new Secretary. If you think you have the time and inclination to support the Trust with this work, please let me know as soon as possible.

Lastly, we hope to see you all at the AGM. Due to the very high charges from the Hotel, this will be held in the Community Centre in Kinross this year. A good turnout would be helpful to support the Trust.

Email Addresses:

The Board appreciates that not all of you have email addresses and therefore communication with you will have to be by post. However, if you do receive this by post and you have an email address, please send an email to the address at the top of this letter and copy Phil Barton(philbarton@kinrosscurling.co.uk). The Trust can then save on postage and ensure you receive communications much more speedily.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy and Successful 2018.

Yours in curling

Mike Caffyn,
Chairman.