

**The Camanachd Association (CA)**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019**  
**6.00pm, Teleconference**

**Directors Present:**

Keith Loades	KL	President
Steven MacKenzie	SM	Director (Competitions)
Willie MacDonald	WM	Director (Youth)
Lyndsey Bradley	LB	Director (WCA)
John Finlayson	JF	Director (Comms and Facilities)
Sarah Birrell	SB	sportscotland

**Staff Present**

Derek Keir	DK	Chief Executive Officer
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**Apologies:**

Wendy Chamberlain	WC	Director (Club Development and Child protection)
Daniel Palombo	DP	Director (Finance)
Jock Turner	JT	Chieftain
Colin Cameron	CC	Director (Coaching)

**1. Welcome**

- a. All agreed agenda.
- b. KL noted passing of John Willie Campbell (Past President and Secretary CA), Duncan MacDonald (Caberfeidh), Angus Lawrie (GMA), Lyndsey MacPherson (Kilmallie)
- c. No conflicts of interest were noted
- d. Colin Cameron has retired from the board due to extending commitments in club shinty and sent his apologies and appreciation for the opportunity to be a Director.
- e. Minutes and redacted minutes: Prop by SM and seconded by WM
- f. KL congratulated JF and LB on appointment at November AGM
- g. KL a the wider board would like to formally extend their appreciation to SM (Steven MacKenzie) for his time and effort writing the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book for the CA

**2. Matters arising from November minute:**

- a. **KL** to provide sponsors with copy of book
- b. Roadshow to be confirmed in Inveraray and Fort William **DK**
- c. **LB** to confirm a WCA rep for editing the website
- d. **DK** to share minute of BBC ALBA meeting with board. DK offered to support WCA with Camogie if required
- e. Sutherland, Bullough and Strathdearn still searching for sponsors for 2019
- f. **KL** advised that sin bins are no longer viable option and the new officials director should pick up consultation in upcoming officiating workshops. No trial to be carried out in the youth game.
- g. **WM** to pick up with MacAulay association to explore youth MacAulay option.
- h. **DK** to check Three Throw Ups to be added to the byelaws

**3. Finance**

- a. Gary Innes donation is presented as income in 2018 and expenditure in 2019

- b. JF to circulate Ward Discretionary request to Fort William Councillors
  - c. **Sponsorship**
    - i. **KL** advised that we have agreed with Tulloch Homes to extend the sponsorship for two years to 2022
  - d. **Sportscotland - Government delivered draft budget in December** – Positive outcome for sport and sportscotland – slight increase in our budget of £0.9million. They have also agreed to underwrite the shortfall for lottery budgets of £3.9million for 2019. Sportscotland have an internal panel meeting in February. Following end of February sportscotland will confirm with SGBs. Wouldn't expect any change with Shinty as you are going into year 2 of a four-year investment.
    - i. SB to pick up with DK to further emphasise importance of Lottery Funding
- 4. Charitable Status** – KL advised that the finance committee will pick up and make a recommendation to March board.
- 5. Health and Wellbeing – Alcohol and Drugs**
- a. **JF** – CA recognise that there is a challenge in the wider communities and we should look at options to raise awareness and recognition that we as a Sport are concerned. We would want to be supportive should any opportunities arise to further a clubs impact in this area. We can't get involved in individual cases and we don't have the expertise or capacity. Signposting is perhaps our best solution at this stage.
  - b. **SM** – Some clubs are looking for drug testing however this is a wider societal issue and Shinty actually provides positive avenues for young people to be active.
  - c. **SB** – Clean sport is a powerful way of talking about this challenging topic positively – positive education tools are available on the UKAD website including video documents, factsheets, Healthy life – Callum Wood is the key contact at the institute. Positive values and belief – **DK and SB to catch up**
- 6. Discipline and Behaviour in Sport**
- a. DK shared CA plans to meet other sports to review Disciplinary Procedures and processes.
  - b. LB advised that parental conduct is not a specific issue in her area however it is increasingly inappropriate across wider communities in relation to schooling
  - c. JF Parents in the past would take a lead from a head teacher however this is less and less the case now. **Clubs** have got to take responsibility and only at the most senior level should we be taking things to the CA disciplinary committees – Matters in the Youth Game should be dealt with locally wherever possible
- 7. Competitions**
- a. All to communicate with SM on Fixtures
  - b. Bullough Draw has been made
  - c. Strathdearn Draw awaiting decision on Glengarry Proposal
  - d. Cottages MacTavish Cup to be drawn on 11<sup>th</sup> February. The Tulloch Homes CC draw will take place in Fort William on 11<sup>th</sup> March.
  - e. Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb meeting GAA
  - f. 125th 6s is provisionally booked for Ravenscraig in 2020 but still looking for an alternative venue in a more central location
  - g. **Glengarry – SM summarised report**
    - i. Competition committee were unanimous that the status quo is all that can be recommended because to sort it for one club it would impact multiple other clubs and competitions

- ii. KL disappointed that we can't find a solution for Glengarry's challenge but we can't affect all clubs and competition to satisfy one club.
- iii. SM would be delighted to source a solution with Glengarry
- iv. DK keen that we continue to work with Glengarry to support them
- v. JF – you have done the best possible job and given this due diligence
- vi. Board approve committee's recommendation of status quo **(DK to communicate with Glengarry)**
- vii. Board approve midweek fixtures

#### h. **Byelaws**

- i. 3.1.7 Competition Regulations and Procedures – competitions were receiving last minute requests for change of fixture – Board Approved
- ii. 3.5 – Failure to play scheduled matches – Board Approved
- iii. 3.10 - Eligibility Criteria for Cup Competitions – Board Approved
- iv. North and South Area Division 1 – Board Approved **(KL and SM to review wording)**

### 8. **Kingussie Proposal**

- a. DK – Refreshing to have such enthusiasm to host the THCC
- b. JF – It would make sense to reward the facility developments that Kingussie as a club have invested in assuming it has what is required to host the CC Final
- c. KL – advised that we need to consult with sponsors
- d. WM – It used to be held in Glasgow, Oban, FW and Inverness so current locations have had more finals recently that they used to
- e. SM – Sponsors are critical consideration
- f. KL – Club have shown initiative with pitch, stand and proposal
- g. **DK** – Would board consider moving International to new locations to spread interest and involvement across Shinty communities
- h. Board have considered proposal which was warmly received and approved subject to confirmation of funding and sponsor approval.

### 9. **WCA**

- a. Fixtures are set up and ready to be sent out
- b. DK advised the international strips arrived two days before Christmas however we have had staff absences through sickness so these will be sent out in the next week

### 10. **Comms**

- a. KL keen to see enhanced communication and partnership with the WCA
- b. CRA meeting has been set up via teleconference
- c. LB the focus of any meeting is to find a way forward
  - i. It should not be focused on dealing with historical issues, we should be able to move on from the past however it is important that all those involved have the opportunity to attend and be part of the wider discussion.
  - ii. LB suggested that Womens shinty has had to fight for its place when it was being established but that is not the case anymore.
  - iii. KL – We are absolutely committed to an integrated CA that includes growing opportunities in the Womens game and we welcome the opportunity to work with the WCA and all our members to achieve this objective
- d. JF – relationship challenges can only be resolved by open and transparent communication that includes all those concerned

- e. JF confirmed meeting for Sponsorship and Comms on the 18<sup>th</sup> February with Maggie Cunningham and Catherine Macleod
- f. JF - confirmed that the Shinty Yearbook is coming together
- g. JF - KL requested JF attendance at HIE meeting regarding comms resource
- h. JF – PR and Comms is welcome move if it can be secured.

**11. Facilities**

- a. Bught Park – Graham Cormack organised and hosted user group meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January with all users. Follow up meeting taking place on the 25<sup>th</sup> February

12. **Youth** - Indoor Scottish Champs are on the 16<sup>th</sup> Feb [REDACTED] sponsor confirmed form GS Campbell)

13. DONM - 27<sup>th</sup> March