

**Camanachd Association Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022**  
**Time: 6pm - Conference Call - Teams**

**Minute of Meeting**

<b>Attending</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Conflict of Interests Declared</b>
1. Steven MacKenzie (SM) President		Beaully and Aberdeen University
2. Daniel Palombo (DP) (Treasurer)	Apologies	Inverness Shinty Club
3. John Finlayson (JF) (Communications & Facilities - North)		Skye Camanachd Club
4. Burton Morrison (BM) (Competitions)		GMA
5. Willie MacDonald (WM) (Youth)		Fort William
6. Lyndsay Bradley (LB) (Officials)		Ardnamurchan and WCA
7. Roddy McCuish (RM) (Communications & Facilities South)	Apologies	Macaulay Association
8. Kirsty Deans (KD) (Volunteering & Safeguarding)		Badenoch Ladies
9. John MacKenzie (JM) (Chieftain)		Newtonmore CC and Shinty Memories
10. Richard Gall (RG) (Vice Chief)		Fort William
11. Sarah Birrell (SB) sportscotland		NA
12. Derek Keir (DK) CEO		NA
13. Lisa MacColl (LM) WCA		WCA, Aberdour

**1. Welcome**

- a. SM welcomed all to the meeting
- b. No new conflicts of interest were noted - Board to complete conflict of interest
- c. Bereavements - The board wish to note their condolences on the bereavement of Chris Robinson (Newtonmore), Duncan MacVicar (Kyles), Iain Chisholm (Newtonmore), Alistair Tyronney (Lovat), Alex Campbell (Kilmory), Billy MacKinnon (Skye), Dougie MacDougall (Kingussie), John MacKenzie (Lochcarron) (Additions post board - Sandy McKirdy Bute and Neilly Galbraith Kyles)
- d. Matters Arising from previous minute *(these were not reviewed but have been listed for the January Board Meeting)*

- i. Honorary Blue criteria – KD researched blues with other universities. KD to share with DK for input to UHI meeting.
  - ii. DP to provide Aarron Macleod with a personal history portfolio for website. Carried forward from previous minute.
  - iii. LB advised that per board recommendation Officiating committee considered Sin Bins to manage on field behaviour instantly with a trial in Youth Games – Committee considered this to be a bit too much too soon this year with all that has taken place with COVID. LB to pick up when things calm down.
  - iv. Draft for schools of shinty has been proposed to Nicky Grant. NG was going to review and come back for a meeting in early new year. Budget setting so matters will be deferred to February - JF and KD likely to attend meeting in February – Additionally development has started for a support pack for teaching staff in Schools of shinty
  - v. Roddy McCuish to set up sub group to meet to discuss Heritage and Shinty Trail in advance of March Board
  - vi. DK waiting on GAA coming back to us in regards to potential international in 2022
  - vii. Minutes of last meeting were proposed by JF and seconded by BM as an accurate record of the meeting.
  - viii. Deborah Macpherson to share redacted minutes with SM and DK before adding to website.
- e. UKAD – DK provided overview of CA work in this area over the past 12 months and highlighted that since the turn of the year the CA have drafted new website page to house UKAD information and CA commitment to a clean sport. We are working with UKAD and currently waiting confirmation from our submission to be fully compliant with the best practice. Profile of best practice, commitment to a clean sport and education of participants at development camps are all part of our efforts to contribute to the societal endemic. Additionally we have submitted our actions to the UK experts for anti doping and requested any feedback if there are any additional practices that an organisation of our size and purpose should be doing. As things stand our compliance with the assurance framework, profile and education alongside us being a registered governing body meaning that randomised testing can still take place within our sport. JF advised that this is in line with expectations for a sports governing body.
- f. Finance Update –DK provided summary of financial forecast for the year. DK to meet with LM at the Womens Camanachd Association to discuss areas of potential for womens game in regard to resources. Furthermore board endorse budget to focus on resourcing core elements of CA competitions and invest into game changers in line with new strategic plan. SM advised CA did not invoice Mowi for WCA investment in 2021. LM advised support for WCA funding to be used to help and aid shinty recovery
- g. Wellbeing background – DK shared wellbeing work that took place throughout 2021 and advised on next steps to work with independent organisation to support continued commitment to culture and mental and emotional wellbeing in 2022.
- h. Board wish to thank Graham Cormack, Paul Macarthur and Iain Robinson for their services to shinty and wish them well on their next steps.

## 2. Competitions

- a. To approve the Draft Fixtures – Approved
- b. To approve the Key Dates for 2022 – Approved
- c. To approve the Recommendations from the Competitions Committee: Approved
  - i. That Cruachanside replace Taynuilt in Mowi South Div 1 – Approve
  - ii. To approve the proposal to reduce the number of teams in Mowi North Div 1 to 10 for the 2023 Season. (Previously agreed for the 2020 Season which was declared Null and Void)
  - iii. To approve the recommendations from the Competitions Committee regarding Covid Cancellations. This will be finalised at the Competitions Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb and shared with board for final approval.
  - iv. To approve Make up of Sections for National Cup competitions.

3. Youth Competition
  - a. Graeme Mitchell attended Youth Committee meeting – Youth Committee agreed to explore additional youth opportunities. One of the priorities is to influence S1 and S2 participation to sustain shinty interest in high schools. GM will return to next Youth Committee
  - b. LM - Consistency on spectating is key for first shinty festival
4. Womens Camanachd
  - a. Entries – Most clubs are back and fixtures are being drafted
  - b. Flexibility provided for clubs to boost national league entry (more teams returning that played in 2019)
  - c. WCA keen to consider cancellation process that the CA implements and invited to liaise with CA on their own process.
5. Officials recruitment – low number
6. Youth – Ambassadors up to 15 schools engaged/ RR to attend Board meeting to run through child wellbeing and protection in sport
7. JF reported on Comms
  - a. Mactivish Cup draws are progressing in Skye and Awards are progressing
  - b. Cottages have a new logo for cup draws
  - c. DK to invite Malcolm Macleod to next board meeting for update on Levelling up fund
  - d. Aaron Macleod to invite Caman Makers Guild to the next board meeting
8. JM reported positive areas of work with Shinty Memories with the AGM taking place for Shinty memories on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022
9. Refresher on Equality and Inclusion – Chris Gibbons provided board induction on equality and inclusion. DK to share slides.