

Minute of Annual Meeting of the Dornoch Curling
Club held in the Masonic Hall, Dornoch, on Thursday
9th October 1913 at 8 pm.

Present

Messrs. William Fraser, R Robertson, Ewen MacLachlan, J Sutherland, D Peters, Donald
MacLean, W G Moore, T D Currie, Rev C D Bentinck and J H Arthur.

Mr William Fraser in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Statement of the financial position of the Club for the season 1912-13 was submitted,
along with the vouchers, and found correct, the balance at the debit being £7.6.2.

The Secretary reported that in consequence of there being no ice last season, no
matches had been held.

He further stated that a lean to house had been erected at the Pond at a cost of
£4.11.6. and authority was given for payment of the account of £1.4.6 due to Mr Andrew
Innes for painting the same.

The following Office Bearers were elected for the current year:-

Patrons

His Grace the Duke and Earl of Sutherland
Andrew Carnegie, Esq. of Skibo
C D Barrow, Esq. of Northfield
Sheriff Mackintosh
J B Taylor, Esq. of Grange
J C Buist, Esq. of Abden
Sheriff Campbell

Patronesses

Her Grace the Duchess of Sutherland
Mrs Carnegie, of Skibo
Brs Barrow of Northfield
Mrs Hamilton Bruce of Grange
Mrs Hacon Oversteps

President

William Fraser

Vice-President

James MacLachlan

Representative Members

D Mackenzie and John McCrone

Chaplain

Rev C D Bentinck

Treasurer and Secretary

J H Arthur

Committee and Council of

W G Moore; R Mackay; R R Johnstone; D Campbell;

Management

D McLean; R Robertson; T D Currie; F Nicolson;
William Grant and Dr Bremner

The Skips appointed for 1913-14 were J D Currie, W Fraser, R Robertson and Duncan Campbell.

The subscription for the ensuing year was fixed as formerly, namely 6/-, including 1/- for use of box, whether used or not.

Ewen MacLachlan was appointed Ice Master and the Treasurer was instructed to pay Betsy Matheson ten shillings for taking charge of the keys of the Clubhouse for the last 2 years.

A discussion took place as to having an artificial pond in the Burgh of Dornoch and D MacLean, William Fraser, William Grant, W G Moore, and J D Currie were appointed as a Sub-Committee to inquire and to report to a general meeting of the Club.

It was resolved to obtain 2 flare lamps and stands.

The following were suggested as Members of the Club:- Dr Bremner, Rev J T Kennedy, W A MacDonald, William Macleod, A R McKay, W S Fraser, D H Donaldson, C M Gillespie, George Baillie, D F McLeod, William Macrae, Robert Grant, John Grant Jnr., Charles Grant, George J Grant.

WM FRASER

Minute of Special Meeting of the Dornoch Curling
Club held in the Masonic Hall, Dornoch on
Monday 3rd November 1913 at 8.30 pm.

Present

Messrs. William Fraser, W G Moore, R R Johnstone, D McLean, W A Macdonald, D Campbell, T D Currie, William Grant, R Robertson, F Nicolson, J Sutherland and J H Arthur.

Mr William Fraser in the Chair.

The Minute of the Annual Meeting was read and approved.

The Secretary intimated that the meeting had been called to receive the report of the Sub-Committee who were appointed at the Annual Meeting to enquire as to having an Artificial Pond in the Burgh of Dornoch, and he reported that the Committee considered after examination that the piece of ground at the Meadows which lies between the buildings of Mr John Ross, Grocer and Mr William Grant, Carpenter /

/Carpenter, was suitable for a Pond, that application had been made for that piece of ground, and he read a letter from Mr John Morrison, Factor for the Duke of Sutherland, dated 1st inst., in which he intimated that the Club could have the piece of ground at the nominal rent of Five shillings per annum. After discussion it was agreed to accept of the ground on the terms stated, and the Secretary was asked to communicate with the Secretaries of the Clubs at Beauly, Golspie, Lairg Kingussie and Dunbar with the view of ascertaining the cost of the Artificial Ponds laid down by these Clubs, and to report to a future meeting of the Club.

The Secretary was also requested to enquire if trees suitable for planting around the Pond could be obtained from the Duke of Sutherland.

WM FRASER

Minute of Special Meeting of Dornoch Curling
Club held in the Masonic Hall, Dornoch, On
Monday 17th November 1913 at 8.15 pm.

Present

Sheriff Campbell, Messrs William Fraser, D MacLean, R Robertson, F Nicolson,
T D Currie, W G Moore, W A Macdonald, J Sutherland, Duncan Campbell, R R Johnstone,
D Mackenzie, William Grant, Ewen MacLachlan, John Grant and J H Arthur.
Mr William Fraser in the Chair.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

Mr Arthur reported that he had communicated with the Secretaries of the Clubs at Lairg, Golspie, Beauly, Haddington and East Lenton and the communications received from these Clubs were submitted and fully considered. After discussion it was unanimously resolved to proceed with the construction of a Pond on the ground taken in the Meadows, of three or four rinks, at a cost not exceeding £200, and Messrs William Fraser, D MacLean, William Grant, W G Moore and T D Currie were appointed as a Sub-Committee to have the ground laid off, specifications drawn up, and the work proceeded with at once, so that the Pond may if possible be ready for play this Winter.

WM FRASER

Minute of Special Meeting of the Dornoch Curling
Club held in the Masonic Hall on the 16th
December 1913 at 8.15 pm.

Present

Messrs William Fraser, R R Johnstone, R Robertson, D McLean, W G Moore, William Grant, W A MacDonald, Duncan Campbell, F Nicolson, J Sutherland and J H Arthur.
The President in the Chair.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary intimated that the Meeting had been called to consider the business specified in the notices issued to all the members of the Club, which was as follows:-

1. To receive report regarding present position of Artificial Pond.
2. To consider as to obtaining advance to meet cost of constructing Pond.
3. To consider as to raising funds to meet cost of construction of Pond.

Mr D McLean gave a report of the work already done, and his probable estimate of the cost was as follows:-

Labour	£ 40
Carting	15
Price of Tar	20
Price of Ashes	15
Price of Wood and Tiles	<u>10</u>
	<u>£100</u>

Mr Arthur also reported that he had written the farmers in the district to enquire if they would give horses and carts to drive materials, and that he had had favourable replies from Messrs Mr Hardy, Achley; Haldane, Skelbo; Sutherland, Proncy; Alick Grant, Evelix; John MacKintosh, Embo; Thomas MacKay, Lonemore; and John Grant Jnr., Hilton House.

The Secretary further reported that he had communicated with Mr Hunter, Brora, and the Manager of the Highland Railway Company regarding ashes, that the price of the ashes charged at Brora was 1/- per ton, plus railway carriage, and the price of the Highland Railway Co.'s 6/- per waggon load of 6 tons and railway carriage of 7/1d per ton from Inverness, ashes not being available at Helmsdale. It was agreed to have a waggon load of ashes from each of Brora and Inverness, with the view of seeing which kind was the more suitable.

It was resolved, in order to meet the amounts due to the Contractors, to apply for an overdraft of One Hundred pounds from the North of Scotland and Town & /

/ & County Bank Limited, and authority was given to the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and Treasurer, and the members of the Council of Management, to sign on behalf of the Club a guarantee for that amount; a separate account to be opened in the name of the Club, and cheques to be drawn by the President and Hon. Treasurer on behalf of the Club.

It was also decided to issue circulars to the Patrons and Patronesses of the Club and other likely parties for financial assistance, to defray the cost of the Pond; to have cards for collecting subscriptions circulated amongst the members of the Club and others, and to approach the ladies of Dornoch with the view of enlisting their interests in raising money to meet the debt; and the President, Messrs Moore, Johnstone, MacDonald and Robertson were, along with the Secretary, appointed as a Sub-Committee to meet with the ladies.

WM FRASER

Minute of Meeting of the Dornoch Curling Club
held in the Masonic Hall on the 15th day of
January 1914 at 8.30 pm.

Present

Messrs William Fraser, William Grant, R Robertson, R R Johnstone, W A MacDonald, F Nicolson, T D Currie, D Campbell, John Grant Jnr, Donald MacLean, J Sutherland, W G Moore, Rev. C D Bentinck, Sergt. Cowie and J H Arthur.

The President in the Chair.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

Mr Donald MacLean gave a report as to the state of the work at the Pond, and explained that it would be impossible to have it completed this season. After discussion it was resolved to execute what work could be done in the meantime and to delay until the Summer the finishing part thereof.

WM FRASER

/ the Dornoch Curling Club.

It has been suggested that the work of completing the Curling Pond should, on account of the War, be held over, but as the materials for finishing are on the ground, it is thought advisable to have the pond finished.

It was intended to secure the assistance of John Stewart, Golspie, for the finishing, but as he is away with the Territorials it is proposed to ask Mr Alexander Fraser, 14 Ruilick, Beauly, to come to Dornoch for a week or so to supervise the work. Mr Fraser has had experience in the construction of Curling Ponds and Mr Garrioch, Factor, Beauly, suggested that he might be asked to advise the Club regarding the work. If you approve of Mr Fraser being engaged for the above purpose, you might please sign the annexed Minute and return it to me.

(Signed) J H Arthur

Dornoch, 28th August, 1914

Minute by the Members of the Committee of the
Dornoch Curling Club.

We approve of the proposal that Mr Alexander Fraser, 14 Ruilick, Beauly, should be engaged for about a week to superintend the finishing of the Curling Pond and we instruct the Secretary to employ him and to pay his railway fare and a reasonable fee for his trouble.

(Signed) Robert R Johnstone
" W G Moore
" R Mackay
" Donald McLean
" Fred Nicolson
" Wm. Fraser
" Donald Mackenzie
" William Grant
" T D Currie
" Jas. MacLachlan
" John MacCrone

/ Club held in the Masonic Hall, Dornoch, on
Tuesday 24th November, 1914, at eight o'clock pm

Present

Rev C D Bentinck, Dr Bremner, Messrs. W Fraser, W G Moore, T D Currie, D Campbell,
R R Johnstone, D Maclean, W Grant, and J H Arthur.

The President, Mr W Fraser, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

A Statement of the financial position of the Club for the Session 1913 and 1914 was submitted along with the vouchers, and found correct, the balance at the debit being £5.16.8.

A Statement of the accounts for the artificial Pond was also submitted along with the vouchers, and found correct. The Secretary further reported that the new Pond had, up to the present, cost £115.1.6, that a sum of £22 had been subscribed, and that the amount due to the Bank was £91.13.5, and due to him £1.8.1.

Mr D MacLean made a Statement regarding the present position of the work at the Pond and he explained the reasons for the delay in having it completed and he further stated that it was expected that the work would be finished in four or five days if the weather were suitable. Instructions were given to have water laid on at the Pond and it was estimated that a further sum of £25 to £30 would be required to pay for labour and materials, making the total cost of about £140.

The Hon. Secretary intimated that the Duke of Sutherland had kindly presented to the Club the trees, which had been planted at the Pond, and that Mr Hardie, Factor for Skibo, had made a gift of manufactured timber. Mr Arthur was asked to write and thank the donors for their gifts, and also the farmers, who had given the use of their horses and carts for carting materials to the Pond.

The following Office Bearers were re-elected for the coming year:-

Patrons

His Grace the Duke and Earl of Sutherland
Andrew Carnegie, Esq. of Skibo
C D Barrow, Esq. of Northfield
Sheriff Mackintosh
J B Taylor, Esq. of Grange
J C Buist, Esq. of Abden
Sheriff Campbell

Patronesses

Her Grace the Duchess of Sutherland
Mrs Carnegie, of Skibo
Mrs Barrow, of Northfield
Mrs Hamilton-Bruce
Mrs Hacon, Oversteps

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/	Sir R L Harmsworth Bart, MP
	Angus Ross Esq.
	Sheriff MacIntosh
	F W Wignall Esq, of Cambusmore
	J C Buist Esq, of Abden
	Sheriff Campbell
<u>Patronesses</u>	Her Grace the Duchess of Sutherland
	Mrs Carnegie of Skibo
	Mrs Barrow of Northfield
	Lady Harmsworth
<u>President</u>	William Fraser
<u>Vice-President</u>	James MacLachlan
<u>Representative Members</u>	David Peters and John McCrone
<u>Chaplain</u>	Rev. C D Bentinck
<u>Treasurer & Secretary</u>	J H Arthur
<u>Committee and Council of</u>	W G Moore, H M Mackay, R R Johnstone, D Campbell,
<u>Management</u>	D MacLean, R Robertson, T D Currie, F Nicolson, Wm. Grant, Dr Bremner

The Skips appointed for 1920-21 were D Campbell, D MacLean, W G Moore and R R Johnstone.

The subscription for the ensuing year was fixed as formerly, namely 6/-, including 1/- for use of box whether used or not.

Mr D MacLean gave a report as to the condition of the Artificial Pond and after discussions it was resolved to expend a sum not exceeding £15 in having the Pond retarred and put in good order. It was also agreed to have the fence around the Pond repaired by Mr William Grant.

In order to obtain funds for clearing off the debt on the Artificial Pond and to meet the necessary expenditure it was resolved to hold a Whist Drive on 11th Nov. and a Jumble Sale in the Spring. The following were appointed as a Committee for making all arrangements: Messrs R R Johnstone, R Robertson, George Manson, D Macleod, T D Currie, and the Secretary with power to add to the numbers.

WM FRASER

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Wm Grant, Andrew Innes, G W Manson

The Skips appointed for 1920-21 were D Campbell, D McLean, W G Moore R R Johnstone
The Subscription for the ensuing year was fixed at 7/6 including use of box
whether used or not.

It was agreed to charge 1/- per day for occasional members.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the work at the Artificial Pond had been executed
at a cost beyond the £15 which had been authorised and that the fences around the
Pond had been repaired. He also stated that the timber had been supplied gratis
by Mr Munro, wood merchant; that Mr D McLean had given his services gratuitously;
that Sergt Robertson had been of great assistance in connection with the execution
of the repairs at the Pond and that Mr D Campbell had obtained a quantity of
sleepers for the fences. It was resolved to record in the Minutes the high
appreciation of the members for the timber given by Mr Munro and of which had been
done by Mr D McLean, Sergt. Robertson and Mr D Campbell for the Club.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to endeavour to arrange with Mr Angus Munro
to attend to the spraying of the Pond.

With the view of obtaining further funds to clear off the balance due on the
account for the Artificial Pond, it was resolved to hold Whist Drives during the
Winter months and also a Jumble and Free Gift Sale if the same could be arranged
and Messrs Angus Rose, R R Johnstone, G W Manson, D F Macleod, T D Currie, D Campbell
and the Secretary were appointed as Committee to make arrangements for the proposed
Whist Drives and Sale.

The Secretary was asked to convey to the Ladies who had given their valuable
assistance at the last Whist Drives the grateful and appreciative thanks of the
members.

R R JOHNSTONE

Minute of Special Meeting of the Dornoch Curling
Club held in the Masonic Hall, Dornoch on
Tuesday the 21st December 1920 at 7.15 o'clock
in the evening.

Present

Messrs William Fraser, W G Moore, D Campbell, William Grant, George Manson, T D Currie,
D F Macleod, R Robertson, Andrew Innes, John Sutherland, D McLean and J H Arthur /

/members.

It was resolved to employ Angus Munro, Gardener, as Icemaster on days pay.

Mr G W Manson kindly offered the use of his hose pipe for spraying the pond and he was thanked for giving the same. It was remitted to Messrs D Maclean, D Campbell and the Secretary to obtain sufficient piping for spraying the Pond along with the necessary coupling and also 2 flare lamps.

It was decided to hold Whist Drives on the 3rd or 10th November and in the month of February for the purpose of raising funds for the clearing off the debit balance on the Pond Account and Messrs Angus Rose, R R Johnstone, G W Manson, R Robertson, D F Macleod, D Campbell, Wm. Grant and the Secretary were appointed as a Committee to make the necessary arrangements.

The Hon. Secretary was requested to convey to Mr T D Currie on his leaving Dornoch the wishes of the Brother Curlers for his success in the future.

WILLIAM G MOORE

Minute of Meeting of the Dornoch Curling Club
held in the Masonic Hall, Dornoch on Thursday the
12th day of October 1922 at 8 pm.

Present

Messrs the Rev. C D Bentinck, W G Moore, D F McLeod, R Robertson, John Grant, Angus Rose, A Thompson, Wm Grant, G Manson, D McLean, Thos. Mackay and J H Arthur Mr W G Moore in the Chair.

The Minute of the Annual Meeting held on 10th October 1921 was read, approved and signed.

A Statement of the Ordinary Receipts and Disbursements of the Club for the season 1921-22 was along with the vouchers submitted and found correct, the balance at the debit and due to the Treasurer being £2.0.6.

A Statement of the receipts and expenditure for the Artificial Pond was along with the vouchers submitted and found correct, the balance at the debit being £9.15.5.

Sheriff Forbes was admitted a member of the Club and Mr Gilbert Watson and Mr A A Moir were nominated for membership.

It was resolved to place on record the loss sustained by the Club owing to /

Minute of Meeting of the Committee or Council
of Management of the Dornoch Curling Club held
at the Artificial Curling Pond on Monday the
10th day of September 1923 at 12 noon.

Present

Sheriff Forbes, Messrs D MacLean, William Grant and J H Arthur

Sheriff Forbes explained that Mr Scott, Myreside, Edinburgh had been to Dornoch, had examined the Pond and had advised that certain work should be done in order to put it in good condition. He also reported that to carry the work out 8 barrels of tar had been obtained from Messrs Wallace & Fraser, Tain, and that 2 men from Embo had been employed to do the work. The Committee approved of what had been done and also of the proposal to have the easmost part of the rink gone over and patched up where necessary.

J W FORBES

Minute of Meeting of the Royal Dornoch Curling
Club held in the Masonic Hall Dornoch on
Thursday 27th September 1923 at 8 o'clock pm.

Present.

Sheriff Forbes in the Chair.

Messrs Campbell, William Grant, W G Moore, D McLean, R Robertson, A Rose, and Alex. Thomson also Mrs Rose and J H Arthur.

The Minutes of the Meeting of 12th October 1922 and also the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council or Committee of Management of 6th November 1922 and of 10th September 1923 were read, approved of and signed.

A Statement of the Ordinary Receipts and Expenditure of the Club for the season 1922-23 was along with the vouchers submitted and found correct, the balance at the debit and due to the Hon. Treasurer being £2.16.0.

The following Office Bearers were nominated for the coming year:-

Patrons

His Grace The Duke of Sutherland

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<u>Secretary & Treasurer</u>	R Robertson
<u>Committee or Council of</u>	Messrs D MacLean, William Grant, W G Moore,
<u>Management</u>	H W Ross and J H Arthur

Sheriff Forbes, R R Johnstone, D McLean and W G Moore were elected skips.

The annual subscription was fixed at 7/6, that sum to include the price of the locker.

Mr D Maclean was appointed Ice Master and James Mackay, Dornoch was selected to do the cleaning and spraying of the Pond at a retaining fee of £1.1/- and 9d per hour.

The Hon. Secretary was authorised to obtain a hose 60ft long Wired at a price not exceeding £3, and to secure a barrel of tar and have the holes in the pond repaired.

Mr Arthur was accorded a vote of thanks for his services as Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the Club for the long period of 12 years.

The Committee were authorised to arrange terms if possible with Mr William Grant for the use of a shed near the artificial pond for the stones etc.

J W FORBES

Minute of Meeting of Dornoch Curling Club held
within the Masonic Hall, Dornoch on Monday
5th October at 8 pm.

Present

Sheriff J W Forbes, President, in the Chair.

Messrs J H Arthur, D McLean, D Campbell, F Ferguson, J Cameron, D Dingwall,
Rev C D Bentinck, R Robertson

The Minute of Meeting of 9th Oct. last was read and approved.

Accounts

The Cash-book and vouchers for last year were produced showing a debit balance due to Bank of £11.13.8.

Obituary

On the motion of the President it was resolved to record in the Minute an /