

ASC MEETING, THURSDAY 11th APRIL 2019: A SUMMARY OF THE MAIN POINTS.

1. Structure Review Working Group Interim Report.

Discussion on this was lively, to say the least! Much of it was centred on the timings of the survey itself and the release of the working group's interim report.

The survey appeared on the RCCC website quite late on in the season.

The interim report was only submitted to Area representatives last Friday (April 4th), by which time many clubs would have had their AGMs and no time to consider its findings. This gave Area representatives no time to discuss it with any fellow reps before our meeting. I thought it prudent to seek permission to release the report to Area Clubs before yesterday's meeting; I did this on Tuesday (9th).

The 923 responses received (the most ever to this sort of exercise, according to Bruce Crawford) represents about 8% of the total membership – even local council elections get a better response.

Bruce produced another document (see separate attachment: SWG planning draft) outlining some possible restructuring options sourced from numbers and additional comments given in response to the survey. Most of these involve fundamental changes to the current structure. The meeting was unanimous and adamant that a lot more consultation was necessary before any concrete proposals or recommendations to be put forward to votes at an AGM. There should be a series of open meetings during the next year providing opportunities for members, Clubs and Areas to voice any concerns and/or suggestions they may have.

As a result of all the discussion, there will be no restructuring proposals put forward for the 2019 AGM.

Beyond next season, it may well be that any new structure voted at and approved by a future AGM will run in parallel with the existing structure for a period of time.

2. Men's World Championships 2020.

As can be seen on the RCCC website, some tickets can now be booked. At present, only three packages are available: opening weekend, closing weekend and whole competition packages. Tickets will later be available for single days, specific draws, and it will be possible to turn up on the day and pay at the door. (As an aside, I think that £199 for a whole tournament pass seems very reasonable. My recollection from 2007, when I went to Edmonton, is that my tickets cost \$500, which with the then quite decent exchange rate made them comparable with what's being asked for next season.)

3. Lethbridge Closing Ceremony.

The introduction of Graham Lindsay as "President of the Scottish Curling" had been noticed by several people and received very badly by the ASC. WCF has been notified, with reasons, that Graham should have been introduced as "President of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club." WCF has replied, saying that it will consult and get things right for the 2020 competition in Glasgow.