

Ice hockey – Capitals confirm loss of ice contract



Ice hockey action from last season with Capitals playing Fife Flyers. Picture by Ian Coyle

Edinburgh Capitals have confirmed the loss of their bid for ice time at Murrayfield next season.

The announcement on Capitals website follows news that Racers Leisure Ltd have secured ice time at the rink for next season.

Edinburgh Capitals statement reads: “Edinburgh Capitals have lost their bid for ice time at Murrayfield Ice Rink.

“What this means for Edinburgh Capitals as a club going forward is yet to be decided at this early stage.

“More information will be provided as things become clearer.

“In the meantime, the club would like to thank everyone for their support so far.”

Recently, Capitals confirmed that they had spent the last few months working on a major change in structure to develop and create a stronger future.

And they said the club would be managed by a board who have committed to a significant level of investment.

Board members named included a chartered accountant, a solicitor, and fan and supporters club representatives.

Meanwhile, Racers Leisure Ltd are understood to be talking to the Elite League over running a team out of the famous arena in the shadow of BT Murrayfield rugby stadium next season.

The named officers on the Companies House website are 47-year-old David Hand, the brother of former Murrayfield Racers star Tony Hand, and William Andrew Dunn aged 49. Another director resigned on April 12.

The registered office address is 5 Dean Park Street, Edinburgh, EH4 1JN and Hand's occupation is listed as a company director and Dunn as a manager.

The private limited company was incorporated on March 15 this year and the nature of the business is listed as other sports activities.

Racers Leisure have only made one statement so far which pledged to operate the highest level of ice hockey possible next season.

The statement added: "The directors of Murrayfield Ice Rink agreed with the vision of Racers Leisure Ltd for the future of ice hockey in Edinburgh.

"We will now formally contact the Elite League to secure the franchise for Elite League ice hockey in Edinburgh."