

Berwick Curling Club Executive Meeting
2015-2016 Season

Date: February 15, 2016

Time: 7:15pm

In Attendance:

Mike Larsen	Sandy MacDonald	Melissa Reeves
Michelle Larsen	Joseph MacGillvary	Pat Jodrie
Brad Schurman	Joy Parker	Claude LeBlanc
Brian Illsley	Shelly LeBlanc	

Missing: Mike Trombley, Gwen Boyd, Gloria Berezowski, Greg and Debbie Hubbert

Mike Larsen called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Agenda was provided to discuss the items.

An error in the January 2016 minutes was brought to the attention of the Board by Claude Leblanc from New Business, Item #4:

Beginner's League- Claude reported have 4 complete teams on Friday nights. Have 3 brand new curlers and 3 are going to day curling. Had 10 curlers stay from last "Learn to Curl" Program.

The minutes (with change noted in bold below) should read:

Beginner's League- Claude reported have 4 complete teams on Friday nights. Have 3 brand new curlers and 3 **came from** day curling. Had 10 curlers stay from last "Learn to Curl" Program.

Motion: Claude Leblanc motioned to approve the January 2016 minutes as amended. Shelley Leblanc seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None. Will be addressed in new business.

New Business:

- 1. Murray Spiel Debrief:** Claude reported that the Murray Spiel was a success with eight teams participating. They would like twelve teams. Claude spoke with Murray's family about moving the next Murray Spiel to no later than the second week of December and making it a skins format. The rationale behind the date change is that many people seem to be away in January. Weather was also an issue in the inaugural year. The family was in agreement with both suggestions and offered to help out in any way they can, including recruiting friends/colleagues of the Bezanson family from away. It will be important to

give the family lots of advanced notice once the date is set.

2. **Pay the Pig Night** – This will be held Saturday, February 27 at 6:45PM. There will be one 6-end game in a skins format. There is a sign-up sheet at the club for 24 participants. A poster will be sent out to the membership via email. It is up on Facebook and the website. The cost is \$5 and each skin will be worth \$5. There is over \$200 in the pig currently.
3. **Edie Spiel Debrief:** This was a great success. Pat Jodrie noted how wonderful it was to have new members participate and how she feels it solidifies their place in the club. The format changed to two 6-end games which was welcomed by participants. Edie's family made a \$200 donation to the club. The family has made a donation each year on at the Edie Spiel. Their appreciated, continued support was acknowledged during the lunch. Gwen spent \$221 on prizes.
4. **Day Curling Update:** Joy reported that day curling had a slow start to the season, but now they often have more than they need to fill the ice on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Day curlers had welcomed 24 curlers from Bridgetown in last Wednesday for an invitational and were going to have 24 more curlers coming for Friday, February 19 from 1:30-3PM from Middleton.
5. **Juniors:** Melissa reported that they have 25 kids participating. Three teams participated in Earl McKinnon's Under 12 spiel in January. In the provincial under 18's, Hannah Berthold-Brush's team placed 4th and Isabel Reeves team won giving her the opportunity to represent Nova Scotia in the Atlantic competition. Two teams with Berwick participants are headed to high school regionals in Barrington. It has been a very busy, successful season!!!
6. **Financial Update:** Brad reported that we have \$24,000 in the bank with no major outstanding bills. Money is not yet in from the Edie spiel.
7. **Closing Auction and End of Season:** Will be held Saturday, April 2, 2016. The third Pay the Pig will be drawn this evening. All regular curling will be scratched for the last week of March. March 29 and 31 will be used for the Western Draw. The Western Draw will be comprised of two 4-end games. The social committee will be engaged for snacks. The junior closing will be held on Wednesday, March 30. The last night of curling will be Friday, April 1.
8. **Kings Mutual Century Centre Fundraising Dinner:** Will be held Saturday, April 9 at the KMCC. Greg planning on getting two tables for the curling club.
9. **Day Curling Closing Dinner:** To be held March 24 at the KMCC at 5PM. Joy invited Mike and/or Michelle to attend.
10. **Kings Mutual Century Centre updates:** The Western Kings Memorial Health Board

have donated \$25,000 to the Larsen Curling Centre at the Wall of Fame ceremony to be given over the course of two years. A thank you note has been sent. The KMCC meets tomorrow night. Michelle and Mike to attend. Greg is lining up meetings with local business to discuss donations. A committee of Greg, Bill Wilson, Mike and Michelle will do these approaches between now and May 2016.

11. 2016/17 Season Board and Executive: The 2016/17 Board and executive is to be presented to the membership for voting at the annual meeting. The annual meeting, according to the by-laws should be held in March, but Pat proposed that we move this meeting to April once the season has finished. All agreed on this and that the by-laws should be amended to make this a permanent change. Mike will look for a good date for the annual meeting. Some members have come forward to express interest with being on the board.

12. Rental Fees Proposal: Mike performed a financial analysis of the curling club's expenses year over year. He determined that to run the club each year, it costs roughly \$40,000. He then looked at what it costs to curl based on the regular hours that the club is used. Each week the club is used roughly 24 hours for all of the scheduled groups and leagues. For a 20-week season, this equates to 480 hours/year of club usage equating to a cost of \$83.33/hour to run the Club (24 hours/week x 20 weeks/year = 480 hours/year, \$40,000/year divided by 480 hours/year = \$83.33/hour).

MOTION: Mike motioned that the club rental rate be changed from \$50/hour to \$85/hour and \$325/day (a day defined as anything over 4 hours) as well as daily flat rate rental fees for the bar (\$50/day) and the kitchen (\$50/day) with the kitchen left as found. Shelley seconded. Motion passed.

There will be discretion used for members (i.e. may be reduced charge for a member who would want to use the club room for a baby shower). Any existing rentals will honour the old rental rates. Dan will be asked to update the website with the new rental rates right away.

13. Committees: Discussion that committees will be looked at and reworked with a full list of responsibilities for each committee. Michelle and Mike to work on.

14. Sewer Smell: Shelley brought up that the smell in the men's bathroom is terrible by times. Brad recalled that it is an issue with the vents not being vented properly. Brad asked to have Dave Palmer come in to have a look to see what it would need to fix it and report back before a decision to proceed is made.

15. Berwick/Middleton Home and Home: Michelle inquired about this event. It hasn't happened for a couple of years. Michelle to connect with Karen Sotvedt to see if there would be interest in picking this back up. It would be their turn to host. There was also conversation about starting something similar with Greenwood Ladies.

16. Next meeting is scheduled for March 14, at 7:15 pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Sandy and Pat seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Larsen on behalf of Gwen Boyd, Secretary