



Berwick Curling Club Board Meeting  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Attendance:** Alice McNeil                      Bryan Illsley                      Danny Vaughan                      Mike Larsen  
Arlene MacArthur                      Claude LeBlanc                      Hartley MacArthur                      Tammy West  
Beth Easson                      Connie Milne                      Matt Redden  
Brad Schurman                      Curt Palmer                      Michelle Larsen

**Missing:** Deb Hubbert

**1) Approval of August 2017 Minutes:** Danny motioned to approve the minutes of the August 21<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting as circulated by email. Seconded by Hartley.

**2) Business Arising From The Minutes:**

- a) Re-Zoning Update – Mike has not had an update on the re-zoning but Alice noted that a letter was received in the mail to advise of the PAC meeting. Hartley noted that Viking had also received the letter.
- b) Committee Assignments – Committee assignments were accepted as presented to the Board Members in an email from Mike September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Bar – Beth	Day Curling – Connie & Danny	Learn To Curl – Claude
Bookings /Rentals – Curt	Fundraising - Bryan	Publicity – Arlene
Bonspiels – Danny	Ice - Brad	Social - Tammy
Building – Hartley & Matt	Juniors – Alice	Stick Curling – Deb

- c) Cleaning Contract –Only one application was received for the cleaning. Despite the revised schedule, Sandy MacDonald submitted a quote at the same price as last season. Beth moved that the Club accept Sandy MacDonald’s application for the cleaning contract. Seconded by Matt. Motion carried.
- d) Gala Day Participation – The Gala Day parade went well with participation from a few members. Thank-you to Bryan Illsley for Kentville Toyota’s loan of a new Tundra for our entry. Pamphlets were handed out which resulted in a call to Claude from an interested person.

**3) New Business:**

- a) Bar Pricing (Beth) – Beth met with Tony to discuss the bar and the pricing for this season. Wine will be offered only in an 8oz glass at a cost of \$6 while beer and liquor will increase to \$4.25 from \$3.75, small draft \$3.25 from \$2.50, large draft \$4.25 from \$3.50, super-size \$6 from \$5.00 and a pitcher will be \$15 from \$14. Guinness will increase to \$6 from \$4.50 and coolers to \$5 from \$4.50. Beth will be searching for some new liquor bottle jiggers (for accurate ounce pours) and a few new wine glasses so that we have an adequate supply. She would like to prepare both a non-alcoholic and alcoholic cocktail at the spiels for a special variety. Hartley motioned that the bar prices be increased to the noted amounts in Beth’s report. Seconded by Danny.

To adhere to a better accountability of the bar stock to volunteers, a bar tab will be created and updated for each dispense of beverages to those volunteers whether it be for our ice makers during the year or volunteers at events and/or spiels. This will provide better transparency of short falls in bar sales on financial statements.

Beth also would like to have all those who sign up for bartending to meet as a group to go over the procedures and operating of the bar.

b) November 18<sup>th</sup> Fundraising Supper – Neither Colleen Jones or Russ Howard were available to attend our fundraising supper. Contact was made with comedian Marc Sauve who is the owner of Yuk Yuk's in Halifax & Moncton to provide entertainment in place of a guest speaker. The cost for a 30 minute show is \$400 cash with no contract to sign as it is a fundraiser. Connie will inquire if his name may be used in any advertising materials. Bill Wilson will provide music for the evening. George Boyd is heading the group of members who will seek out donations to our silent and live auctions. Discussion followed to determine the price to charge for the tickets and the Board settled on a cost of \$40 each.

c) Town of Berwick “Basics of Curling” Proposal (Claude) – Claude followed up on an email sent to Arlene by Carol Boylan from the Town of Berwick concerning the “Basics of Curling” proposal. The Town would like to offer free curling to the community as part of the Province’s “Facility Access” grant. The Club would need to provide the sessions and the Town would apply for funding reimbursement from the Province. Regardless of success in funding, the Town will pay for the rental. They would like us to host four Saturday morning sessions; two before Christmas and two in the New Year. Volunteers will be required for these days including juniors.

Claude will also inquire about participation in the Town of Berwick’s Winter Carnival.

d) Review of Registration Form – (Claude) The NSCA now requires each Club to submit a total of male / female members and year of birth. This information will be added to the form.

The ice will not be ready for Registration nights but will be ready for Oct 21<sup>st</sup> / Learn To Curl the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

e) Club Clothing (Claude) – Claude met with Joseph in Truro to retrieve the clothing binder and information. The clothing form has been revised for this season. Payments will be made to the Berwick Curling Club and the Club will in turn pay The Clothingline.

f) Coaching Clinics (Claude) – To date there are still no coaching clinics on the NSCA calendar. We should be okay for the Fall session but could look at hosting a clinic in the New Year.

g) New Valley Area NSCA Director – Sue Reid has taken the position of NSCA Director of the Valley replacing Kathy Siddall.

h) Wayfarer’s Ale Society Proposal (Mike) – Wayfarer’s Ale Society sent an email to the Club to introduce their business and propose a tasting to the Board members or an in-house testing. Mike will contact Wayfarer to see if they would be interested to sponsor the Ice Breaker.

i) Other - Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date of the Town of Berwick PAC meeting to discuss the proposal to rezone the current Club property to commercial once the existing sale is complete to the new owner. It would be good to have as much support at this meeting from Club members. Meeting is at 7pm.

**4) Roundtable:**

Ice Breaker – It might be better to have the Ice Breaker on Friday and Saturday evening. Discussions concluded that it might be more successful to have one night on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. The time will be decided.

Industrial League – Will start October 29<sup>th</sup>.

AAD Machines – We definitely need one at the Club. Beth will get a quote and search for any possible grants.

The Physical Education Teacher at the Berwick School would like to bring the students to the Club during the winter. Alice will provide a contact name to Mike, who will make contact to discuss this with him.

Wilson's is looking to have their name on one of the scoreboards and if not, in the ice.

Wilson's's Pharmasave Expo is being held from 9am – 3pm at the Berwick School on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Claude will have a table there but will need volunteers to assist. The table is free of charge.

The NSCA has implemented a new ruling that all curlers under the age of 12 will be required to wear a helmet. Headbands are also acceptable.

The Club should look into the cost of a debit machine.

Beth would like the Club to obtain a Simply Accounting program for the books. As Beth is taking over the accounting from Lori Dorey who has performed this task for the Club for a number of years, it would be beneficial to have our own program. Beth will look into the cost.

**5) Date of Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held at the Club on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**6) Adjournment:** Claude motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:13. Seconded by Hartley.

Minutes submitted by Arlene MacArthur, Secretary