



Berwick Curling Club Board Meeting February 26th, 2018

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

Missing: Alice McNeil

- 1) Approval of January 22nd, 2018 Board Minutes:** Curt motioned to approve the minutes of the January 22nd Board Meeting as circulated by email and posted on the website. Seconded by Michelle.

Mike opened the meeting with the allegations of bullying within the Club and conflict of interest as initiated by Cheryl Grosvold in an email to Mike February 23rd. The allegations were discussed and a plan set in place to proceed with an investigation. Curt Palmer and Danny Vaughan volunteered to speak to the parties in question and report back to the Board. Mike Grosvold had forwarded a sealed envelope containing information sheets on bullying for each board member. The conflict of interest was raised as the same individual working behind the bar (overseeing the collection and depositing of monies of the Club) is also the Treasurer. Although it is something to be considered, the Board Members do not feel that this is a current issue, nor in the past when the Club Bookkeeper and her husband operated the bar.

2) Business Arising From The Minutes:

- a) Re-Zoning Update –The development agreement will be presented at the March planning advisory committee and if passed it will go to a public discussion followed by a Council meeting in April.
- b) Larsen Curling Centre Update –Mike and Hartley attended a meeting last week at the KMCC concerning refrigeration. Mike, Hartley & Arlene spent the afternoon of February 11th with ice maker Jamie Danbrook at the Halifax Curling Club to look over their ice making setup and discuss systems and techniques. July is still the target date for completion of the new club.
- c) Registry of Joint Stocks Update – The names of the directors have been updated with the Registry of Joint Stocks Company. Financial reports will be submitted once complete.
- d) AED Machine Training – There were 15 people in attendance for the AED training. Nancy O’Halloran of BraveHeart First Aid lead the group in a lighthearted but informative session on the AED machine, how to assess the person in distress and apply the machine along with basic first aid.
- e) TOB Active Living Coordinator- LTC – Shawn Fevens is very interested in accepting the Club’s offer to attend the next Learn To Curl session. Michelle will contact him prior to the Fall session.

- f) Feb 11th Open House – At least 20 people dropped into the Curling Club during the Town of Berwick’s Winter Carnival to inquire about curling and try it out. All sheets were full at both ends. There were 4 adults who signed up for LTC and 3 who have remained as well as 3 Youth who wish to join the Juniors. This was a very successful event for the Club.

3) Financial Report – Beth

- Beth presented the Board with an Income Statement from June 1st to February 26th. The bank balance is \$48,293.10 as of February 25th.
- At Greg Marr’s suggestion, a collection bottle was set out at the Edie Spiel for rock donations. Edie’s sisters each donated \$100. At the end of the event, there was enough to cover a new \$500 rock. The Edie Spiel raised a total of \$1102.18.
- There is still \$1738.00 to come in for signs and one Corporate League team owes their fees. Eden Valley has posted a sign in the Ice Shed.
- There is an annual loan review fee that is being charged by RBC but we do not have loan or line of credit. Beth will inquire at the bank what this is for and why the Club is being charged for it.

4) New Business:

a) Committee Reports –

- I. Ice (Brad) – No report.
- II. Scheduling (Danny) – Danny is getting lots of requests from members to curl with their friends which makes it difficult to make up teams. The question was raised if newer people ever get a chance to skip. If they wish to skip, they need to check the skip column on the sign-up sheet. Tammy suggested that we consider having a skip clinic. This is something that should be given some investigation. The NSCA may offer such programs.
- III. Bar (Beth) – A bartending schedule has been created to get through to the end of the Season.
- IV. Day Curling (Connie) – There are still over 30 curlers most days. They have an Invitational March 14th and a special spiel with supper coming up, perhaps on the last Tuesday.
- V. Junior Curling (Alice-absent) – As Alice was coaching the juniors during the meeting, she submitted an email that Mike circulated to the membership. Alice noted that the Juniors are all having a great time and are showing major improvements. They have participated in four spiels to date including the Junior High Regionals. In the past week they gained four new curlers with a potential of three more for next week. They have waived the fee for the remainder of the year as there are only five to six weeks left.

The Juniors would like to hold a “Bring A Friend” night March 15th which could bring out about forty curlers. Alice has requested assistance from the membership to help that evening. They are also requesting help in the upcoming season as they hope to double their membership and are willing to cover the cost of certifying anyone as a Youth Club Coach.

The Junior Curl Into Spring Spiel is set for March 23-25th is almost full with eight U12 and ten U14 teams from across the province. Any peanut free baked goods for their canteen would be appreciated. Ice makers are required and they are looking for volunteers to help officiating and working in the canteen.

- VI. Learn To Curl (Claude) – Learn To Curl is at week 5 with 25 still in attendance.
- VII. Bonspiels (Danny) – There are 16 teams for the Apple Spiel. There are raffle door prizes and for the volunteers. In the past, it seems that volunteers have been “rewarded” with drinks. As it is difficult to set with some individuals performing more duties than others, it was decided to “continue as you see fit” but to make sure anything given out be recorded. The total expense of this will give an idea of what to expect for a cost to do this in the future. Danny had a non-club member inquire if they could sell scarves during the Apple Spiel. It was decided that was not something we wanted to start at this time.
- VIII. Building (Hartley) –The gutter was re-graded last week and so far there is no water coming in. It was discovered that the ventilators hadn’t been uncovered since the season commenced so that has been done. The parking lot is a mess from the thaw and rain with huge ruts from tires. Although it is not an expense the Board wished to incur, everyone felt that with the Apple Spiel and Junior spiel coming up that this should be fixed. Bryan motioned that the Board approve the purchase of 2 loads of gravel for the parking lot. Seconded by Curt. Motion carried. Hartley will contact Kerrigan to order the gravel. The Cleaner will be in on Friday morning and it will be up to the members to keep things tidy during the Spiel.
- IX. Fundraising (Bryan) – Not all of the rocks have been sold but are expected to be by March 8th. A reminder that the KMCC Dinner & Auction will take place April 7th.
- X. Publicity (Arlene) – Nothing to report.
- XI. Social (Tammy) – Nothing to Report
- XII. Stick Curling (Deb) – There were 18 people today at Stick Curling. Deb would like to make up teams but she is not sure the players favor it.
- XIII. Bookings / Rentals (Curt) – Sawler Gardens rented the Club last week for their First Aid Training. The Day Curlers are set for March 14th.

5) Roundtable:

- a) March 31 Plan.....Final Day of Curling In the Old Club – It was decided that the Club should have an open house the afternoon of the 31st along with the potluck and auction in the evening. We could have a guest book, take a photo and have everyone sign it for display in the new Club. Try to get as many past curlers to attend as possible.
- b) NSCA Bid Package for Next Season –It has been many years since the Berwick Club bid on any provincial spiels. Mike suggested that we look at the Club Mixed as it is later in the season (March

22-24/2019) and is non officiated and not timed so there would be fewer volunteers required. All were in agreement to submit a bid for the 2019 Club Mixed.

c) Other –

1. Electrical Bill – In regards to the exorbitant electrical bill from the Town, the Club will pay an amount in keeping with the historical mid-January payment. The meter was read again two weeks ago and appeared ‘normal’. They are still trying to sort it out.

2. Leanne Matthews Return Dues – Beth mentioned that Leanne joined the Club but shortly after hurt her back and hip so that she only curled three nights. Michelle motioned that Leanne Matthews membership dues be refunded to her. Seconded by Tammy. Motion carried.

3. End of Year Auction – The end of year auction should go to the social committee.

4. Lottery License - There is a lottery license discussion being held at the NSCC March 13th from 5-8pm. This could be informative to attend.

6) Date of Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held 6pm on March 19th at the Wilson Room at the WKMHC.

7) Adjournment: Danny motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Arlene MacArthur, Secretary