



## Berwick Curling Club Board Meeting March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

**Missing:** Alice McNeil      Bryan Illsley      Tammy West

**1) Approval of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Board Minutes:** Deb Hubbert noted that the sealed envelopes submitted to the Board members were forwarded by Mike Grosvold, not Cheryl. Hartley motioned to approve the minutes of the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting as circulated by email with the noted exception. Seconded by Michelle.

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

- a) Re-Zoning Update –The development agreement will be presented at a public discussion April 10<sup>th</sup> followed by the Town Council meeting. There will be an appeal period of 15 days. If all goes well, the process should be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup> at which time, Donna Conrad could amend the sale agreement to an earlier date than June 18<sup>th</sup>. Dave Palmer is agreeable to allowing items to remain here until they are ready to be moved to the new Club. He is also allowing the property to be used for the lobster boil.
- b) NSCA Bid Package- Club Mixed –An application has been filed with the NSCA to host the Club Mixed Championship in 2019. Mike also enclosed a letter to Virginia Jackson, head of the NSCA to advise of what is going on in Berwick.
- c) Electrical Bill – Mike has sent 2 emails to Don Regan but has not had any response.

### **3) Financial Report –**

- a) Bank Balance – The Bank Balance as of March 19<sup>th</sup> is \$49, 538.78.
- b) Year To Date Income Statement - Beth presented the Board with an Income Statement from June 1<sup>st</sup> to March 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Annual Loan Fee Being Charged by the Bank - There was an annual loan review fee of \$75 charged by RBC that they have refunded after Beth's inquiry.

#### 4) New Business:

##### a) Committee Reports –

- I. Ice (Brad) – They will need to plan for the shut down this year and coordinate with Acadia Refrigeration. Tony Stirling has not yet responded as to whether Wolfville will want any of the parts.
- II. Scheduling (Danny) – No Report.
- III. Bar (Beth) – No Report.
- IV. Day Curling (Connie) – There are still close to 30 people for Day Curling. Their social spiel and dinner will be held March 27<sup>th</sup>. The Invitational on March 14<sup>th</sup> had to be cancelled due to weather.
- V. Junior Curling (Alice-absent) – Alice was coaching the juniors during the meeting but submitted an email to Mike noting that there have been 11 new curlers over the past few weeks.

There were 32 kids and many volunteers at their “Bring A Friend” night March 15<sup>th</sup>.

There are 18 teams coming to the Curl Into Spring Spiel March 23-25<sup>th</sup>  
The Day Curlers have volunteered to bake for the canteen.

- VI. Learn To Curl (Claude) – Learn To Curl is at week 5 with 25 still in attendance.
  - VII. Bonspiels (Danny) – Nothing to Report.
  - VIII. Building (Hartley) –Nothing to Report
  - IX. Fundraising (Bryan) – Mike noted that there are only a few rocks left to be sold.
  - X. Publicity (Arlene) – Nothing to report.
- Connie volunteered at the kids camp on March 16<sup>th</sup> where 19 children between the ages of 5to10 were on the ice. They did 6 stations and everyone had fun. Thanks to the other Club volunteers who helped make this a success, George, Danny, Joy, Bev, Rick, Murray & Gary.
- XI. Social (Tammy) – No Report
  - XII. Stick Curling (Deb) – There were 12-14 in attendance this past session and \$127.50 realized to date.
  - XIII. Bookings / Rentals (Curt) – Mike noted that Scotian Gold has requested the ice for Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> for the 11-15 people wishing to attend.

- XIV. Corportate Rec. League – The last night of the Corporate Rec League is coming up this Sunday. Mike will make a presentation about the upcoming closing and about next Season.

**5) Roundtable:**

- a) Dues Proposal – An email of proposed dues as presented by the Day Curlers was circulated to the Board prior to the meeting (copy attached). Curt motioned that *the dues structure as set out in the email of March 18<sup>th</sup> be presented to the Membership at the Annual meeting*. Seconded by Michelle. All agreed to the proposed dues with an amendment of a 25% discount to those over the age of 75 rather than 80 and anyone over 85 would curl for free. This discount cannot be in addition to already reduced dues (the discount provided for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year memberships, as well as the Couples membership rate). Motion carried.

Michelle made a motion that the dues for the 2018-2019 curling season remain unchanged for regular curlers. Seconded by Connie. Motion carried.

- b) Bylaw Change to Accommodate Sign-In of Non-Members –Mike and Beth met with the NSLC representative to discuss the Club Liquor License. The existing license is for the use of members only. A bi-law needs to be written to indicate how many visitors members will be allowed to sign-in.
- The Club could consider a social membership.
  - Liquor may be given away at no-charge but cannot be given out as a prize.
  - The Lions have indicated an interest in spending time in the new Club. A special Lions member fee could be adopted.
  - Hartley motioned *to allow each member of the Club to sign in six (6) non-members*. Seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

- c) Lobster Boil Date – The Lobster Boil will be tentatively scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup>. Mike will speak to George and Gwen to confirm.

- d) Other –

1. Business of Curling Symposium – The NSCA and the other 3 Maritime Provinces in collaboration with Curling Canada will be hosting a two day event at Mount Allison University May 4-6<sup>th</sup>. This is an informative session led by Danny Lamoureux that will hopefully make each Club more profitable and enjoyable to members. The NSCA will offer each Club \$100 per Board member who attends to help off-set the costs. Michelle motioned that *the Club pay for any Board member who wishes to attend the Business of Curling Symposium*. Seconded by Connie. Motion carried.
2. March 31<sup>st</sup> Closing Event – Beth commented that it would be nice to have a press release with maybe CBC and / or ATV. She has purchased a 16 x 20 matt with an 8x10 photo space for the group photo to be taken on the ice. The silent auction items will be set up during the afternoon for bidding. There will be a toast to the founding members and last rocks thrown.
3. Lost & Found – Beth noted that there are a number of items laying around the Club that need to be claimed before we clean out and move to the new Club. She will lay everything out on a table for people to claim. Anything remaining will not be going to the new Club.

4. Drop In Curling For The Last Week of Curling – There will be drop in curling for the last nights the week before the closing event. Curling will start at 7pm. Non-members will be required to pay a fee for insurance purposes.

5. Learn To Curl Spiel – Claude will be holding a closing spiel on March 30<sup>th</sup> for the Learn To Curl group.

6) **Date of Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held 7pm on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Location to be determined prior to this date.

7) **Adjournment:** Brad motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Danny.

Minutes submitted by Arlene MacArthur, Secretary