



Berwick Curling Club Board Meeting

November 15th, 2021

Attendance:

Alice MacNeil	Brad Schurman	Danny Vaughan	Michelle Larsen
Arlene MacArthur	Brian Hirtle	Judy Coulombe	Todd Dempsey
Beth Easson	Bryan Illsley	Matt Redden	Toshi Imai
Bill Coldwell	Curt Palmer	Mike Larsen	Tracy Tate

Absent:

Approval of the October 18th, 2021 Board Minutes: Michelle motioned to approve the minutes of the October 18th, 2021 Board Meeting. Seconded by Brian Hirtle.

1) Business Arising From The Minutes:

- a) **Lobster Boil Refunds:** There are approximately 5 or 6 tickets left to be refunded. Brian and Judy had called everyone to let them know how to obtain their refund. If the refunds have not been picked up by end of November, the club will consider them donations.
- b) **Dehumidifier:** The dehumidifier is working, and the ice is where we expect it to be. There is preventative maintenance to be done each year prior to the season starting to prevent the issue of the fire from happening again. On the manufacturer's suggestion, the location of the sensor has been adjusted, and this will be looked at again at the end of the year. The cost of repair was approximately \$1600. A question arose about insurance coverage surrounding fires. The Curling Club has insurance for its directors and the club contents, the rest falls under the building's policy.
- c) **New Year's Eve:** Anne has put the band on notice for an event for the spring or summer and understood the board's position for not wanting to have an event for New Year's Eve.

2) Financial Report:

- a) **Bank Balance:** The bank balance as of November 15th is \$92,786.17 + \$50,000 GIC.
- b) **Finance Committee:** Will be meeting next Monday, November 22

3) New Business:

- a) **Location of Championship Banner:** It was decided to place the Championship banners along Sheet A over the gap between the signs.
- b) **Murray Spiel – February 5th:** Normally the Murray Spiel would have been held on November 27th, however with the Scotties coming, it was pushed to the new year on Saturday, February 5th, 2022. The Edie Spiel will be held the following Saturday, February 12th, 2022. Neither of these dates clash with any NSCA events or Tropicurl in Kentville. Danny will touch base with the Bezanson family to give them a chance to participate in the spiel.
- c) **Wildcats team building event request:** Brandon Benedict, the head of the Wildcats, is looking to get the team out and active in the community. They want a one-night team building event, and have approached the curling club to do a 2-hour session to coach the team on curling basics. The event is scheduled for Monday, November 29th, Beth is to organize a few coaches. Will get their shoe sizes from them to ensure we have proper sized grippers and they are responsible for providing vaccination details. There is no charge for this event.
- d) **Start of season update:**

- 1) Need a remove footwear sign and a reminder to the membership to clean the rock handles prior to the game. There are 164 registered members, 36 juniors and the Corporate Rec League. The Club 200 is close to getting all the tickets distributed. There are a few Wednesday night curlers left to get their tickets, as there are a handful of curlers who haven't actually curled yet.
 - 2) CRL: There are 12 teams.
 - 3) Junior Curling: Have purchased 5 new brooms, and are looking at purchasing a third set of light rocks. They are also looking for options/places to purchase small sliders for kids. Shower caps or hair nets could be an option should they not be able to source sliders for kids.
 - 4) Night Leagues: Once all teams have played each other once on Wednesday nights, there would be 7-8 nights left of the season, so then plans to divide the teams into 2-3 divisions where the similar ability teams can play each other.
- e) **Scotties Update:** (*BCC Executive Scotties Update attached to the minutes*) There are 10 teams registered for the event, which is about 53 players and coaches. There is no official draw schedule yet, but there will be two draws on Wednesday, three on Thursday, two on Friday, three on Saturday and one on Sunday. There may not be Doubles or Corporate Rec League on Sunday dependent on games and volunteers.
- 1) **Budget:** There is a \$1250 grant from NSCA. There is ad space being sold in the program which is expected to generate about \$600 for the club. Kentville Toyota has generously donated \$500 for the opening reception. The further estimated costs of holding this event is about \$1800. Curt moved that the board approve a budget of up to \$2000 for hosting the Scotties event. Brian Hirtle seconded; motion carried.
 - 2) **Spectators:** There could be approximately 65 people at any given time in the club with people timing, volunteers, players, etc. Todd moved that for the 2022 Provincial Scotties event, spectators be allowed up to a maximum of 150 people (following Public Health Guidelines). Matt seconded. Motion carried.
 - 3) **Curling Tuesday, December 7:** Has been postponed to December 21. Day curling is still fine to continue as per normal. Moving the night league to December 21 allows the ice makers time to sand rocks and further prep for the event. Ice makers are to have sanitizing the rock handles between draws to their duties list.
- f) **Roundtable:**
- i. Spectators – Day Curling can have spectators but it is up to them to manage on their own.

Next Meeting: December 20 @ 7:30PM at the Club.

4) **Adjournment:** Beth motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:56PM.

Minutes submitted by Tracy Tate, Secretary