



Berwick Curling Club Board Meeting October 18th, 2021

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

Approval of the September 13th, 2021 Board Minutes: Curt motioned to approve the minutes of the September 13th, 2021 Board Meeting. Seconded by Bill.

1) Business Arising From The Minutes:

- a) **Lobster Boil:** Brad has the money for refunds for the people who have purchased tickets. An email has been sent out about how to obtain the refund, but there is also a list for board members to call people to ensure they know how to get their refund, as not everyone receives email.
- b) **Capital Reserve:** The Capital Reserve has started. On recommendation from the bank, the Berwick Curling Club has purchased a one-year cashable GIC, which would net \$175 in interest, and has the worst rate of return. The Finance Committee is to meet to discuss the policy.

2) Financial Report:

- a) **Bank Balance** – The bank balance as of October 18th is \$70,017.40 + \$50,000 GIC.

3) New Business:

- a) **Registration & Proof of Vaccination Protocol:** As of October 18th, there were 127 members registered. Some considerations are that the Wednesday night League members register as a team not as a member, which in some cases nets people being on teams but not officially registered. A limitation of the program is that couples cannot register at the same time and the same email address cannot be used. The locker fee was noticed to be incorrect; it is actually \$30, not \$20.
Help is needed at start up to verify proof of vaccination which actually indicates that registration is complete.
- b) **Space Rental Request from FSTRA:** There is a 6-week program being put on by FSTRA, which has 10 adults. A space is needed for one morning a week for approximately 2 hours. They only require the use of the lounge. This rental will start October 27th.
- c) **Start of Season Update:**
 - 1) CRL: there are 13 teams registered, but working on getting a 14th team.
 - 2) Day Curling: They are fine tuning the opening requirements; a lot of protocols will remain the same as what was done last year. Day curling is due to start on Tuesday, October 26th.
 - 3) Junior Curling: Registration was done in person on October 8th and went well.
 - 4) Night Leagues: Waiting on final numbers to build teams for the social leagues, there are 13 teams for Wednesday night, maybe 14, and if there are 14, no team would have the bye.
 - 5) Bar: Stock is starting to come in, will be ready for the opening.
 - 6) Ice: Ice making had to stop today as there was a dehumidifier issue, as it was not operating properly. There was moisture in the cabinet as a result of a singed contact. McLarens was in and ordered replacement parts. Once the parts are in and we are up and running, we can determine

if that was for sure the issue. It costs about \$1000 to repair. As of now, it is unsure if it will impact the start of the season, however there were a couple days buffer already built in the ice making schedule.

d) **Scotties Update:** Michelle has started the process of getting a committee together. Kathy Siddall from Glooscap has agreed to come on board to help as the co-chair as she has also has experience in organizing these kinds of events.

e) **Other:**

1) Stick Curling Association would like to rent space the weekend of January 29 & 30, 2022, and will finish up at 2PM on Sunday, January 30th. There will be no bar required, however will be needing coffee service. NSCA covers all curling groups except for Stick Curling and the Grand Masters.

2) Learn to Curl & Sport Nova Scotia Adult MultiSport: Kimberly Halliday from Sport NS has reached out to do a 1-hour program once a week (suggestion was Thursday evenings) for four weeks in January. It would require volunteers from our club coaches. We have declined this suggestion, as it clashes with our Learn to Curl Program, and have suggested if there is any interest in learning to curl that they join our club sessions. There is no fall Learn to Curl Session. Claude will not be organizing Learn to Curl for the winter session, however is willing to help coach.

3) New Years Eve Party: There is still interest to do a New Years Eve Party, and it is tentatively penciled into the schedule. Currently there is no gathering limit for organized indoor events, provided the attendees are wearing masks. However, there is a risk to the Curling Club if the mask mandate is not followed, no one wants to be the mask police and in recent experiences, later into the evening mask wearing dwindles.

4) Club 200 Tickets: Will be distributed in the same manner as last year at the start of the season. This will be done at the vaccination/ completion of registration check.

5) Wednesday Afternoon League is a go. They wanted at least 16 people to make it worthwhile. Will require the usage of the bar.

6) Sessions:

i. 2nd schedule: Jan 3 – Feb 14 week

ii. 3rd schedule: Feb 21 – April 4 week

Next Meeting: November 15 @ 7:30PM at the Club.

4) **Adjournment:** Tracy motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:03PM.

Minutes submitted by Tracy Tate, Secretary