



Berwick Curling Club Board Meeting December 12th, 2022

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

Approval of the November 14th, 2022 Board Minutes: Brian Hirtle motioned to approve the minutes of the November 14th, 2022 Board Meeting. Seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

1) Business Arising From The Minutes:

- a) **Strathcona Cup:** The event is coming together. The piper has been tentatively planned, as well as the mayor. All people will be needing reminders the week prior. The program has arrived with each player's name and the menu. Thank you to Kentville Toyota for sponsorship. Town of Berwick will not have pins in time for the event so are looking to get some from Chris Palmer.
- b) **New Years Eve:** Mike is meeting with Anne on Wednesday to discuss access to the curling club and when the door needs to be open, the need to have door staff. Bartenders have been arranged and are good to go.
- c) **Stick Curling Clinic:** Ran December 12th and went very well. There were 18 participants in total (sold out). There were new and returning participants from the last clinic that was held. The Stick Curling Spiel on the weekend went very well.
- d) **Signing Authority Change:** Is in the works and will be complete by the next meeting.
- e) **Fabulously Rich:** The pricing structure is still confusing, Megan to reach out to throw out some hypothetical situations to help to understand their pricing structure better.

2) Financial Report:

- a) **Bank Balance:** The bank balance as of December 12th is \$60,822.87 + \$90,000 GIC. The Golf Tournament money has not yet come in.
- b) **Common Cost Year End True up:** The Curling Club owes \$1624.19 + HST for the end of year true-up. This is due to the issues with the refrigeration start-up issues as the rest of the yearly budget was on target. October 1st the first day of the new year and our new monthly common cost is \$3310/month. This is a slight increase from last year to account for inflation.
- c) **Financial Committee Update:** The committee is hoping to meet prior to the December Board Meeting. Brian Hirtle had attended the Town's Asset Management session. The consultant noted that the KMCC is further ahead than most groups that they meet with.

3) New Business:

- a) **Food Serving Options:** Regulations state that potlucks are acceptable at homes and at places of work, but not at an advertised event. If the event is internal, with club members only in attendance, a potluck would be acceptable as per the regulations. If serving catered or prepared food at an event, there needs to be someone present with a food handlers' course. Currently we only have 4 people associated with our club who have an up-to-date food handlers' certificate. Matt moved that the Berwick Curling Club certifies 10 people for the food handlers' course and cover the expenses at \$30 each. Michelle seconded. Motion carried.

- b) **Ice Rentals:** Currently in our ice rental policy we are allowing people to rent the club house, ice, kitchen and bar if needed. However, prior to Christmas there was an inquiry for a rental of about 100 people and they also wanted to use the ice, but had no prior experience with curling. This created the need to re-evaluate the rental parameters. Curt motioned that we change the wording on our website to clarify that using the ice surface will be allowed on a case by case basis and if the renters have no prior curling experience will need to have qualified instructors on site. Bryan Illsley seconded. Motion carried.
- c) **LTC – New Equipment:** There was a fall during learn to curl and the person hit their head hard and was taken to the hospital. The coordinators felt that this would have been less likely to have happened if there were enough grippers for all the participants to wear on both feet. Bill Milne moved that we purchase 30 grippers at \$17/gripper for a total of \$586 + tax for the Learn to Curl January session. Brian Hirtle seconded. Motion carried. There was also a discussion about providing helmets for the participants however the board felt it was each person’s responsibility to supply their own helmet.
- d) **Summer Concert – Berwick Lions:** Deferred to next meeting.

4) Other:

- a. The Dwight Johnson Spiel will be happening on December 27, with pizza for lunch. There will be no drink tickets.
- b. Rec League: The ‘Fake Sweepers’ team has pulled out as they have been dealing with illnesses since the beginning of the season. They have requested a partial refund, however in the past, the club had only issued partial refunds for medical issues. However, the board felt that we should encourage them to come back to the rec league next year so would offer a credit towards next season. Curt moved that we issue the Fake Sweepers a 2/3 credit for the Rec League entry fee next year. Megan seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 23rd at 6PM in the Board room off the walking track

Adjournment: Bill C motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:25PM.

Minutes submitted by Tracy Tate, Secretary