



Berwick Curling Club Board Meeting September 13th, 2022

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

Approval of the August 2nd, 2022 Board Minutes: Curt motioned to approve the minutes of the August 2nd, 2022 Board Meeting. Seconded by Michelle.

1) Business Arising From The Minutes:

- a) **New Banners:** We are proceeding with getting them done, however due to the owner being involved in an accident, the banners may not be completed before the ice goes in. If that is the case, the banners will be hung after the ice comes out in the spring for safety reasons.

2) Financial Report:

- a) **Bank Balance:** The bank balance as of September 13th is \$61,334.95 + \$50,175 GIC. GIC matures October 7th. Since the August meeting, the power bill has been paid, the KMCC Common Costs paid, and a new laptop for the treasurer has been purchased.
- b) **Financial Committee Update:** There was a meeting on August 18 with a financial advisor regarding moving money into investments. However, the regular advisor familiar with the Curling Club's file was not in that day so they needed to touch base with the regular advisor before proceeding. Mike to follow up as he has not heard back yet almost a month later.

3) New Business:

- a) **Bar Pricing Analysis:** Prices have increased over the last two seasons. Bryan Illsley moved that bar prices be increased by \$0.25. Brian Hirtle seconded. Motion carried.
- b) **Nominating Committee Update:** Megan White has agreed to join the board as a second-year director pending membership approval at the Annual General Meeting.
- c) **First week of Curling – move to October 24:** Learn to Curl needs to start October 24th to have enough weeks in before Christmas. Rob and Cathi have decided that the first session will have 8 weeks and then will reassess to see if that is needed for the next session. It was decided that curling will start the week of October 24th, giving the three sessions: 9 weeks – 7 weeks – 7 weeks.
- d) **Annual Meeting Prep:** The meeting is Thursday. Mike will be looking to a few individuals to give updates for their areas. Anne Banks, Valley Zone Director, is planning on attending.
- e) **Club Cleaning:** It was agreed that Sandy will continue to clean the club next season at the same rate. There was no negative feedback received last year regarding the cleanliness of the club.
- f) **FOB System Draft Review:** The main idea of the FOB system is that the door will be programmed to lock and relock on the times determined that it is needed, and since the door is still push-open there will be no fire marshal violations. The door auto-locks after opening with the FOB, and the keys in circulation still work. It is unsure at this time how power outages will affect the door.

4) Other:

- a. Todd recently sat in on a Zoom meeting with other valley curling clubs where they were introduced to the new Valley Zone Director, Anne Banks. Her duty is to act as a liaison between the Valley curling clubs and NSCA. There will be regular regional meetings. Some information that was shared at the meeting was that Jill Brothers has been hired as Technical Director and she will be focusing on the grassroots of curling, such as the junior programs and Learn to Curl programs. There are vacant positions on the NSCA board. The NSCA website needs some work. NSCA has put on a Business of Curling session, that focusses on the financial side of running a curling club. Bill Coldwell had attending this session and will provide an update at the next meeting.
- b. We currently have \$2000 worth of radio ads on Rewind. Danny moved that we use the radio ads as follows: \$500 for the Fall Learn to Curl session, \$500 for the Winter Learn to Curl Session, \$500 for the Recreational Curling League, and \$500 for general curling ads. Bill Milne seconded. Motion carried.
- c. Michelle noted that all 12 teams will be returning to the CRL. We are hoping for 16 teams, however have budgeted for 14 teams. Michelle also noted that the name of the league has changed from Corporate Recreation League to Recreational Curling League to be more inclusive as it is not only open or limited to Corporate teams.
- d. Learn to Curl cost was \$75, so it was decided to keep it at \$75. It would be ideal to have some more coaches. Jill will be putting on a session on October 29 & 30, costing \$50 per person. Berwick will have until the end of September to identify the number of spots needed then will open to other clubs.
- e. We were given Pittsburgh Paint to cover the rust spots in the ice shed.
- f. Defibrillator batteries are checked on a schedule.
- g. Friday Night League is a go. It is drop in format, where the players play 6 end games and switch positions each end. Last year approximately 15 people would come out each week. This league has some room to grow.
- h. Social Memberships will be offered this year.
- i. The Junior Program has a new co-director – Dawna McIvor. The juniors had a successful fundraiser at Berwick Gala Days selling ice cream.
- j. Need to change some signs prior to the beginning of the curling season.
- k. Doug Dunham no longer works for the KMCC and there is a new electrical engineer.
- l. Michelle is working to get Curling information on the Town's digital sign. When the process is complete, she will create a 'how-to' for future messages for the board.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 11th @ 7PM at the Club.

Adjournment: Brian Hirtle motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:31PM.

Minutes submitted by Tracy Tate, Secretary