



Berwick Curling Club Board Meeting February 27th, 2023

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

Approval of the January 30th, 2023 Board Minutes: Danny motioned to approve the minutes of the January 30th, 2023 Board Meeting. Seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

1) Business Arising From The Minutes:

- a) **Food Handling Course:** Was given on Saturday, January 28th. Eleven club members took the course, and there were 2 that already had the course so we now have 13 club members with the food handling course.
- b) **International Student Visit – February 10:** Appreciate the effort put in by Alice. Due to the storm that day and the delayed start to school, the arena event in the morning needed to be cancelled. Comments were there was a great bunch of interested students. There was a request to do it again for students from Annapolis, it would need to be done in the morning as the Friday afternoon league is back.

2) Financial Report:

- a) **Bank Balance:** The bank balance as of February 27th is \$44,983.68 + \$90,000 GIC. We are caught up on our bills for the common costs. Moving forward for the next fiscal year we have increased the common costs to be paid during the curling season, so that we don't need to pay in June, July, and August when we don't have any income.
- b) **Financial Committee Update:** There was no meeting to report on, however Brian H. had a sneak peek at the project done by the consultants on asset management, and in his opinion it was not done well, so the group needs to sit down and decide on our direction for asset management and capital reserve.

3) New Business:

- a) **Apple Spiel:** The Apple Spiel is coming up this weekend. There are 16 teams entered and all have paid. A stereo has been rented for the weekend. There are only two draws, with everyone playing one game Friday, and two games Saturday. The Saturday lunch is chicken burgers, prepared on site by the kitchen workers. We will analyze the costs of food at the end of the season to determine if, moving forward we need to increase the costs of entry fees. Door prizes have been donated from Smokehouse and Barreling Tide, plus the items Ashley Lockhart received. Thanks to Eassons for donating muffins and ice cream. 38% of the entry fees are being used for prizes.
- b) **Debit Card/Credit Card Discussion:** We will be replacing debit cards with low limit credit cards. For ease of purchases, we need to have options for single sign. We will consider having a limit of three credit cards and the value of these equal to a GIC. We will continue to have double signing for cheques. As part of a financial review, Arlene will sit with the purchaser(s) once a month and review the purchases made. Bill says we can manage with the current situation until the end of the season and then when the GICs become due, we will arrange for the credit cards.

- c) **Accessibility Scorecard for Club:** NSCA has grant money available to help make clubs more accessible in preparation for the regulations coming into effect in 2030. Bruce and Darlene Densmore have done an Accessibility Scorecard for our club, and we fared well. They were happy with the ramps and widths of areas, as well as the washrooms. One area of improvement is that the main door doesn't have any opening hardware. This is not a failure because for Wheelchair curling, they have a person on the team that retrieves stones, so they could open the door as is.
- d) **Lobster Boil Fundraiser:** George is eager to get this fundraiser going again. He is talking to the fisherman on pricing. They believe that the maximum price would be \$10/lb, but more likely would be between \$8-9. At \$12/lb, it costs \$22 for the meal. It is assumed that the other raw material pricing has increased since the last price analysis. Bill Milne moved that the price of the lobster dinner be \$28.50. Michelle seconded. Motion carried. There will be 250 tickets made.
- e) **NSCA Event Package Bidding:** If we were to bid for an event, it is important to note that the technical information needed about the club has already been done. Due to the lack of support from the NSCA when doing the Scotties in 2021, Mike would like to refrain from doing an event where NSCA needs to be heavily involved. We also should be mindful that for the last few years due to Covid the club really hasn't had many 'fun' events. We do not particularly want to continue to pull on our volunteers and shut down the club for events that do not benefit our members. There are some events we are still working on getting back up and running such as the Opening Spiel. This topic will be tabled at the next meeting.

4) Departmental Review:

- a. **Bar:** Are looking for a scheduler. Will ask Shannon what the challenges are with scheduling to see if we can address them moving forward.
- b. **Recreational Curling League:** Playoffs are happening. Michelle will have a small trophy and prizes for the winners. The season is going well and everyone is having fun.
- c. **Day Curling/Friday Night Mixer:** There are lots of new people coming out on for Day Curling and Friday nights that are recent LTC grads. Question was raised on where to get a BCC jacket. Amy's Embroidery or Bob at BrandPro in Coldbrook could embroider a jacket.
- d. **Junior Curling:** Going well. Steve and Dawna will be taking over fully next year. There are 40 participants on Mondays.

5) Other:

- a. The KMCC Dinner and Auction is coming up, and it is advertised that the proceeds is for a Zamboni. Nothing about the proceeds is actually changing, the Curling Club will be getting their regular cut, but the arena will be using their proceeds for a Zamboni.
- b. The last time the Curling Club had a closing auction was in 2019. Where it is for members only it can be potluck. We will need to have someone to take it on. The date would be April 22, and we would draw for the Pay the Pig 50-50

Next Meeting: Monday, March 27th at 7:15PM at the Curling Club

Adjournment: Brian Hirtle motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:39PM.

Minutes submitted by Tracy Smith, Secretary