

Berwick Curling Club Board Meeting January 30th, 2023



Attendance: Arlene MacArthur

Brian Hirtle

Danny Vaughan N

Michelle Larsen

Bill Milne Brad Schurman Bryan Illsley Curt Palmer Matt Redden Mike Larsen Toshi Imai Todd Dempsey Tracy Smith

Absent:

Alice MacNeil Bill Coldwell

Megan White

Approval of the December 12th, 2022 Board Minutes: Michelle noted that the Food Serving options should include that for internal events with club members only, pot lucks are considered acceptable. Curt motioned to approve the minutes of the December 12th, 2022 Board Meeting as amended. Seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

1) Business Arising From The Minutes:

- a) Strathcona Cup: The club has received a banner for participating. It was a lovely group of men to play against and the Berwick teams all won their games. The event went well and special thanks to Kentville Toyota for their sponsorship. The event was well promoted on social media but not in emails due to Mike being away. The event was covered by CBC for the CFB Halifax leg. Thanks to Bryan and Curt for their work organizing this event.
- b) New Years Eve: Went ok, it did not have its normal crowd. There were 120 tickets sold and about 100 people who came to the event. Thanks to Bill Milne for helping clear the tables as the bartenders were busy behind the bar.
- c) Signing Authority Change: The signing authority change from Beth to Tracy is complete.
- d) Fabulously Rich: Defer to next meeting.
- **e) Food Handling Course:** Hoping to get Nicole Metcalf in to do a session in February, so that we have some more Food Handlers prior to the Apple Spiel. There is a possibility to also do the course online.
- **f) Ice Rental Policy:** The Ice Rental Policy has been updated on the website however requires some more changes to make the entire policy consistent.
- **g) LTC Equipment Purchase:** The grippers have been purchased and is making a huge difference for the Learn to Curlers.

2) Financial Report:

- a) Bank Balance: The bank balance as of January 30th is \$67,746.81 + \$90,000 GIC. The Golf Tournament money has come in for about \$8800, and there are approximately \$40,000 in bills to be paid (electrical bills and common costs).
- b) Financial Committee Update: There is no update to report, waiting for the Town of Berwick to meet to discuss the consultant's work on asset management. We are hoping to get an assessment of the refrigeration unit in the report.

3) New Business:

- a) **Summer Concert Berwick Lions / Town:** Mike H. is understanding of our decision of not financially participating in this event. They may be interested in using our lounge should the event move forward.
- b) International Students Visit February 10: The Centre for Education is having a day at the KMCC at the KMCC for the International Students Grades 9-12. They will be skating, have lunch with the Lions, and try their hand at curling. We will be requiring 12 chaperones, and the students will need helmets (which they already will have for skating).

- c) Wildcats Night: Brennan Benedict reached out and was interested in doing another curling night for the Wildcats Team. However, with LTC scheduled on Monday nights until the end of February and then play offs for the Wildcats, the timing may not work to have the Wildcats have a team building curling session this season.
- d) **Debit Cards:** Several years ago, we got extra debit cards so that people didn't need to go to Arlene's work to get the debit card. However, when the signing authorities changed, the debit card with Beth's name on it got cancelled without notice. We are currently down to one debit card to share that is being managed by group text. The only way to have more than one debit card is to have only one signing authority. Other options include getting a low limit credit card through other banks; ideally we would like to keep the curling club with RBC. This is an item to be discussed by the Finance Committee.

4) Round Table:

- a. Apple Spiel: Has 14 of 24 teams registered, which is slower than previous years. Twelve of these teams are Berwick teams. Danny had sent an email to previous teams who had participated in the Apple Spiel to hopefully get them to sign up. The binder on how to run the Apple Spiel states that we do a potluck, which is no longer possible with the regulations. Normally we do nachos on Friday night which would be possible if we had someone in the kitchen preparing them with a food handlers course. At the end of the year we will review the costs associated with catering events and adjust entrance fees as necessary for next year.
- **b. February 18**th: We will be holding a one day Doubles spiel.
- c. Ice: Flood this weekend
- d. Edie Spiel: went well and was fun and friendly.
- e. Friday Night Mixer: Have about 30 people coming, it's a great bunch of people and are having fun.
- f. Day curling: A week ago on Tuesday had 40 people come play and are getting a few drops ins.
- g. Elex Lockhart's team lost the finals at the U15 provincials and the club is very proud of his accomplishment.

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

Adjournment: Bill M motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:19PM.

Minutes submitted by Tracy Smith, Secretary