



Berwick Curling Club Board Meeting March 27th, 2023

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

Welcome to Dawna MacIvor, she and Steve Feltham will be taking over the Junior program in September.

Approval of the February 27th, 2023 Board Minutes: Brian Hirtle motioned to approve the minutes of the February 27th, 2023 Board Meeting. Seconded by Michelle. Motion carried.

1) Business Arising From The Minutes:

- a) **Lobster Boil Fundraiser:** Is a go. The tickets are printed and can sell out of Brad's store. The date is Saturday, June 17th. The tickets are being sold for \$28.50 a ticket and we will be selling 250 tickets.
- b) **NSCA event package bidding:** It was agreed that we will not be bidding to host any events in the 2023/2024 year.
- c) **Closing Auction – April 22, 2023:** the last time this was held was 2019. Michelle is taking the lead on this and Carol Hiscock and Peter Giffin are helping. It will be a potluck dinner and members will be donating items for the silent auction. We may ask to do a casual RSVP on the website so we have an idea of numbers.

2) Financial Report:

- a) **Bank Balance:** The bank balance as of March 27th is \$41,036.54 + Investments.
- b) **Financial Committee Update:** Waiting on Bill C to get back to discuss asset management. Brian to set next meeting.

3) New Business:

- a) **Apple Spiel Review - Danny:** The curling went well. The trophy has been engraved for the winners of the Murray and Apple Spiel. Rough numbers are: Revenue: Entrance Fees: \$3200, 50/50: \$189. Expenses were: Prizes: \$1220, Food \$1780, Stereo \$115. Net income approximately \$1275. There was a lack of volunteers for the kitchen, where there was mainly the same 3 people working all weekend. It was noted that the Volunteer Sheets weren't set up in time. We also may want to look at hiring a bartender for Saturday night.
- b) **Beginner Bonspiel – April 1:** It was a last minute decision to host this event again. We had enough people sign up for 8 teams. Thanks to Rob & Cathi Devine, Megan White and Jesse Kemp for organizing. There will be two draws in the morning and one after lunch. Everything will be wrapped up by 3:00, and everyone will play 2 games.
- c) **Carpet Steamer Quote – Sandy:** Sandy would like to see us invest in a steam cleaner as the carpet is now 5 years old, and the carpet and lounge and locker rooms needs it. Michelle moved that we purchase a steam carpet cleaner for \$300 inclusive of tax (includes soap). Bill M seconded. Motion carried. A question was raised about the carpet on the ice starting to fray. Instead of singeing the carpet, could we put a lip down. No, this is a slip hazard.

- d) **Volunteer Awards – County of Kings:** It was noted this did not need to be decided tonight, as we have time to make a decision at the next board meeting. The County of Kings volunteer awards are going ahead again, where Volunteers in the community are publicly celebrated. Prior to Covid this was done on a yearly basis. The last time, we had a ballot system and Donnie and Wanda were the ones we chose to recognize, but are unsure if they got recognized due to Covid. It was brought up that maybe we should do some recognition at the closing auction. Michelle is open to the idea on how to recognize these people. It was thought for the County of Kings awards, we nominate teams so we would have the opportunity to recognize more people. The teams we thought to recognize are the kitchen team (Judy, Bev, Connie, Wanda), and the ice makers (Brad, Donnie, Toshi). Michelle, Todd and Danny to chat about volunteer recognition at the closing auction.
- e) **Sign Invoices – change in timing:** Over the last two years, the sign invoices only got out after Christmas and the season had started, however this year we had someone decide to not reoffer their sign, and had to negotiate a deal as it had been up for part of the season. To prevent this from happening in the future, we are going to send out the next sign invoices this coming May for the next season, the due date of the payment is not yet decided. This was already the plan pre-covid, but due to uncertainties around the curling season, this never came to fruition. There will be a note with the invoice explaining this change. With such a quick turnaround this could potentially create some questions and possible non-renewals.
- f) **Board/Executive Nominations:** A note will be sent out to see if the executive and the 3 directors whose terms are up will be re-offering. These directors are: Toshi Imai, Bill Coldwell and Matt Redden. Mike has stated that he will re-offer as president for one more year, but will not be for the following year, as it is time for someone else to take over this role. It has always been known that Danny will not move from VP to president so Danny will be stepping down from his VP role to allow for Mike's successor to learn the ropes. The AGM in 2024 will be the last meeting Mike will chair. Bylaws state that we have a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 9 directors, and the question arose, do we want to increase the number of board members? It is also important for the future that we clarify term limits.

4) **Departmental Review:**

- a. **Bar:** Are looking for a scheduler.
- b. **Ice:** April 7 is the last day the ice will be in. This will be the first time that the curling ice will be in longer than hockey.
- c. **Learn to Curl:** Surveys were done and ratings were high. There were lots of good suggestions made. Mixed Doubles is interested in switching nights with LTC, coaches need to provide feedback on this.
- d. **Day Curling:** End of season dinner is going to be held tomorrow (March 28). There will be 5 ends played, lunch at the Lions hall and then a second 5 ends. They had a lot of fun this year and there were many days that there were extra participants.
- e. **Junior Curling:** Very successful year. It was the biggest year since the club opened. The Jr Bonspiel had a good turnout of 24 teams. There were lots of volunteers and the closing is coming up on Monday.
- f. **Wednesday Night League:** Is having playoffs. The winner of the A division will be awarded 2 drink tickets the night they win.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 24th at 7:00PM at the Curling Club

Adjournment: Brian Hirtle motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:43PM.

Minutes submitted by Tracy Smith, Secretary