



Berwick Curling Club Board Meeting
October 5th, 2023

Attendance:	Arlene MacArthur	Bryan Illsley	Mike Larsen	Todd Dempsey
	Ashley Lockhart	Leanne McIntyre	Megan White	Tracy Smith
	Bill Milne	John Ashton	Peter Giffin	
	Brad Schurman	Michelle Larsen	Toshi Imai	
Absent:	Brian Hirtle	Curt Palmer	Dawna MacIvor	Matt Redden

Introductions of all board members.

Approval of the August 28th, 2023 Board Minutes: Michelle motioned to approve the minutes of the August 28th, 2023 Board Meeting. Seconded by Bryan Illsley. Motion carried.

1) Business Arising From The Minutes:

a) **Finance Review Update:** The Financial Review is in progress. Lawrence has all the documents he requires. As part of the review, he will give his opinions on where processes need to be tightened up.

b) **Capital Reserve Contribution Update:** The contribution to the Capital Reserve has been made in early September. We have transferred \$15,000 into a GIC with a 5.25% guaranteed rate of return. To summarize the GICs:

GICs cashed in (matured):	\$ 40,000
Interest earned:	<u>\$ 1,412.50</u>
	\$ 41,412.50

GICs Purchased:	
	\$5,000 (to secure credit card)
	\$10,000
	\$26,075
	\$15,337.50

Net: \$15,000 (2022-2023 Contribution)

c) **First Aid Kits:** The first aid kits have been purchased and are at the club. They will be installed by the defibrillator (near the entrance to the ice surface) and on the ice surface itself.

2) Financial Report:

a) **Bank Balance:** The bank balance as of October 5th is \$53,347,31 + Investments (\$106,412.50).

3) New Business:

a. **Opening Bonspiel:** Registration has opened and 9 Berwick teams have signed up. The registration will open to the rest of the valley this coming weekend. The event is capped at 16 teams as there are new people running the spiel and a new kitchen committee and we want the event to be successful. The spiel has the same set up as the Apple Spiel. The kitchen schedule will be posted for volunteer sign up the week of October 16 (first week of curling).

- b. **Wednesday Night Prize Structure:** Two businesses (Schurman Industrial Supplies & Toshi Imai Plumbing and Heating) have donated \$500 each as a prize for Wednesday Night Teams. There will be a round robin played and then teams will be divided up into an A pool and a B Pool.

The Prize structure is as follows:

<p>Pool A 1st Place: \$400 2nd Place: \$200 3rd Place: \$150 4th Place: \$100</p>	<p>Pool B 1st Place: \$100 2nd Place: \$50</p>
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c. **Season Opening Update:**

- **Registration:** there are 99 members registered. Last year we had 160 for the season. Registration closes October 18th.
- **Bar:** Still looking for bartenders, particularly people that curl or would be willing to cover Wednesday night late draw.
- **Ice:** Ice making is going well. There was a bad floor sensor, but the ice will be complete for Oct 14 weekend.
- **Sunday Recreation League:** There were 14 teams last year, and so far there are 10 teams confirmed for this year with 2 teams on the fence about signing up. The challenge is finding 4 people from a business/organization to curl.
- **Rentals:** Nothing in the queue, some potentials for December.
- **Fundraising (Club 200):** Tickets are printed. A list of members and quantity of tickets purchased is needed. It takes a couple weeks to get the tickets distributed. Todd looking for some help to do this.
- **Learn to Curl:** Has 23 people registered, and is on trend to be full. The cost is \$80 (a \$5 increase to match other clubs). The coordinators have been asked to reach out to last year learn to curlers to remind them about registration as they would not yet be on the club distribution list. Bill also reaches out to remind them about the Friday Night League.

- 4) **Other:** Last year a couple members took a Stick Curling Instructor Course and are interested in getting a league started and going to other clubs to play against others. There is currently a drop in league on Monday afternoons however, it is not a good time for stick curlers that work. Typically there are only 8 people who show up for this drop in league. Will poll the membership to see who is interested and then move forward from there.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 6th at 6:00PM at the Western Kings Memorial Health Centre.

Adjournment: Bill Milne motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tracy Smith, Secretary