

Berwick Curling Club

Semi-Annual Meeting

Date: October 3rd, 2016

Time: 7:00pm

In Attendance: See attached list

- Mike Larsen called the meeting to order at 7pm.

1) Approval of minutes of Annual Meeting: Hartley motioned that the minutes of the annual General Meeting be approved as posted on the website, seconded by Shelley.

2) Business Arising From The Minutes:

- A. Wall of Fame – The Wall of Fame night will be held November 19th. The Board of Directors will approve the inductees.
- B. Day Curling Fee Structure Change – A meeting was held with selected representatives of the Board of Directors and the Day Curlers to discuss the fee structure. It was decided to increase the Day Curling Fee from \$143 to \$186 with a drop in fee of \$7.50 up to 15 times. The fee structure will be reviewed again when the Club moves into the new building.

3) Committee Reports:

- A. Registration – Registration will be held at the Club October 19th and 20th from 6:30 – 8:00pm. The Board and Executive will be given a list of people to call to remind them of the registration dates.
- B. Scheduling – Danny Vaughan- Sign-up sheets will be posted at registration. Danny reminded everyone that it is important that they sign up on time so schedules can be created.
- C. Bookings / Rentals – Curt Palmer – Nothing to report
- D. Bar – Tony will be operating the bar again this coming season. More volunteers are needed especially for the Sunday evening draws. There will be a sign-up sheet at registration for bar volunteers.
- E. Building – Hartley MacArthur – nothing to report
- F. Ice – Brad and Donnie will be looking after the ice again this season.
- G. Fundraising – Greg and Debbie Hubbert and Bryan Illsley – Greg reported that the RBC would be contributing \$10,000 again this year to the KMCC. \$110,000 has been raised in the last year.
- H. Social – Beth reported that she would like to see volunteers from all groups within the Club to assist with the Social events to make a more unified and all-inclusive Club.
- I. Junior – Alice noted that volunteers are needed for the Junior program which will be held Mondays and Thursdays (a change from Wednesdays) from 5-6pm.
- J. Publicity – Arlene reported that the Club Facebook and website have been updated of events and signs are being put up around town.
- K. Bonspiels / Learn to Curl – Claude reported that the Learn to Curl will be held Monday evenings starting October 24 and there are a few people signed up. While there are no set dates for bonspiels, they are lined up for the year.

4) Financial Report: Financial Reports were distributed. Brad noted that there is \$21,855 in the bank. Mike discussed the finances and attributed the increased revenue due in part to increased fees, Learn to Curl, increased bar sales and volunteer bartending.

5) **Presidents Report:** Mike noted that the Club had a very successful year. Many tough decisions had to be made due to the financial condition of the Club at the start of the season, but the Club was now back on solid financial ground. There is a lot planned for the upcoming season, as the Club will continue to emphasize the social aspect of curling, and making the Club as fun and inclusive as it can be. We will continue to push for volunteers to help with all aspects of the Club.

6) **Annual Dues:** The Board had reviewed the Club's financial statements, and is putting forth a recommendation that dues for the upcoming season be unchanged, with the exception of the Day Curling fee structure, already mentioned. Greg motioned that dues remain unchanged aside from the Day Curlers, seconded by Cheryl. Motion carried.

7) **New Business:**

A) Sale of the Club update – A formal offer has been received to purchase the Club. A motion was made by Curt that the general membership invests authority in the Board of Directors to complete the sale of the Club. Seconded by Ben. Motion carried.

b) Club Coaching Clinic October 29th & 30th – The Berwick Curling Club will be hosting a NSCA Coaching Clinic. The cost of \$125 will be paid by the BCC for any member who attends the clinic and commits to coach in at least 6 of the 8 Learn to Curl evenings.

Kathy Siddall noted that the Glooscap Club will be hosting a competitive coaching clinic the following week for anyone interested. She also commended the Club on the great program we are offering and she has suggested it to other Clubs.

c) Stick Curling – Stick Curling will be moving to Monday afternoons free of charge to regular and day curlers and a \$10 fee to all others as a drop in.

d) Club 200 – Tammy approached the Board in the summer to request a change in the selling of the tickets to get more people involved in the process, and get tickets sold sooner so the draws could start on time. She had suggested that at registration each member be requested to buy two tickets which they could either resell or put their own names on them for the draws. The Board has approved this request. Dan Keddy will be helping with the Club 200 this year. Additional tickets will be available at Schurman's Industrial.

e) Club Clothing – Joseph sourced a supply of club crested clothing which will be available at registration. There will be jackets, golf shirts, ball caps and toques in black or navy. Prices are not yet finalized.

f) Club Mission/Vision/Values Statement – Michelle, Danny and Mike worked on a Club Mission/Vision/Values statement and presented their rough draft to the Board. The finalized statement will be posted at the Club and included with the registration forms if ready.

g) Other • Bartending – Cheryl inquired if the bar would be open during day curling. If someone volunteers to be bartender during those times, the bar could be opened. Bartenders are also required for Sunday Corporate Rec League Curling. More bartenders need to be trained. This will

be on the agenda for the next Board meeting. It was decided that the Day Curlers could take a vote to see if they would like the bar open and if so they could try it a few times to see how it worked.

- Cleaning – Tenders were submitted for cleaning and the contract was awarded to Sandy MacDonald

- Kathy Siddall, Valley Director for the NSCA spoke to the membership about some points of interest to the Club. The NSCA is looking for a Valley Director for next year if anyone is interested. Events may be posted on The Valley Calendar. Treasurers from the various clubs should be getting together to bulk buy items. Doubles play is being promoted this year especially at the Junior level.

- KMCC – the Federal application is at the second level of government while we have been advised, but not officially, that the Provincial application has been approved in cabinet.

- Fridge – The members need to be on the lookout for a new fridge

- Grant Monies – Beth submitted for grant money from Sport Nova Scotia (\$1200) and the Valley Health & Wellness (\$1145) which will be used to purchase new equipment.

Curt called to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Hartley

Minutes Submitted by Arlene MacArthur, Secretary.