

Berwick Curling Club
Semi-Annual Meeting
September 22nd, 2015, 7pm

Date: Sept.22nd, 2015

Time: 7-9 pm

In Attendance: See attached

Mike Larsen called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Agenda was provided. Minutes of April 13, 2015 Annual Meeting were read. Mike asked for any errors/omissions from the minutes. Hearing none, Curt Palmer moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Gloria Berezowski. Minutes approved.

Business arising from minutes:

1. Had another successful lobster supper on June 13, 2015 selling all 240 tickets. Brad reported made approx. \$2500.00 from this event

Committee Reports:

2. Registration: Brad reported that registration/open house would take place on October 20/21, 2015, from 6:30 to 8 pm each night.
3. Scheduling: Leta reported no changes or updates at this time.
4. Bookings/rentals: Sandy reported club is available for rent throughout curling season with prices indicated on our web site.
5. Building: Greg sent regrets. This committee will look at piano disposal.
6. Ice: Brad reported everything on schedule Ice will be in by Oct.20, 2015.
7. Fundraising: Mike discussed importance to continue with our fundraising. Tickets are now available to sell for Roast Turkey dinner Oct.03, 2015 at \$30 a person. All proceeds will go to the BCC. Looking for donated items for the silent auction. See Brad if you need more tickets.
8. Bar: Tony reported he will continue to manage the bar and ensure up and running for season.
9. Social/recruiting: Michelle reported that we will be launching a Learn to Curl Program in October and January. We are hoping to attract 24 new curlers for each session. The program will run for 8 weeks at a cost of \$50.00 and anyone who joins the club after going through the program will have \$50 taken off their membership fees for the balance of the season. Cards are made up and encourage club members to pass out to anyone. Our Corporate Rec league has gone from 12 teams to 6 over the past 5 years. Our goal for this season is to return to 12 teams, and 2 full draws. Stick curling was discussed. Mike and Wayne to get together to find out more about it.
10. Juniors: Mary Ellen gave fall report. Had 36 kids in junior program last season and hope to increase by 5 children this year. Have 2 parents interested in taking club coaching

course. The cost for this will come out of Junior account. The ice makers have agreed to have a set of rings mid ice for the Little Rocks kids. Upcoming season is looking good.

11. Publicity: Pat and Wayne have been doing publicity and getting word out. Tammy will have club 200 tickets available at registration starting Oct.20, 2015.
12. Bonspiels: Claude and Shelly to look after all Bonspiels this year. Will be looking for volunteers to help as needed.
13. Seniors/Day curling: Joy to arrange meeting of seniors committee once dues and membership prices confirmed.

Financial Report:

Mike discussed club financial picture. He provided a summary of the past 5 years. Despite fund raising, we have lost money for the past 3 years (over \$6,500 last year alone), and have a bank balance of \$940.00 currently. We need changes and important to continue with our fundraising. Mike says it was a good exercise to go through and we can better look at new initiatives, knowing where we are.

Presidents Report:

Mike mentioned that the financial report would double as the President's report.

Dues Structure for Coming season:

Mike presented the Board's recommendation of a 10% increase across all dues categories (including Corporate Rec League) for the upcoming season. After much discussion Curt Palmer motioned to approve the Board's recommendation. Linda Evans seconded it. The drop in fee was discussed and decided it needed to be increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00 each time used. Non-members could do this a maximum 5 times. A member of the Club could do this unlimited times. A book will be available at bar to track this. Based on the discussion, Curt amended his motion to include the increased drop in fee along with the recommended 10% increase in dues. Curt motioned it and Linda seconded it. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Wall of fame: Greg has put considerable time and effort in to make this a success. Now want to model Wall of Fame nomination process after Berwick Sports Hall of fame. Greg has applications forms to be used to apply and list of criteria to nominate candidate. Greg wishes someone will step forward to continue to run this. It is planned for end of November this year.
2. Larsen Curling Centre: Mike updated on funding for this. On hold at this time but looks like need federal funding grant first before can get provincial funding.
3. Mike Trombley looking at having Bonspiel at club Nov.21, 2015. Looking at having a skins game format and more details to follow.

4. Apple Dome golf tournament made 53,000.00 this year. All monies to go to Apple Dome committee for use on Phase 2 of construction.
5. Open house and registration: This starts Oct.20&21 from 6:30pm to 8pm. Curling starts the week after this.
6. Mike noted that there was one change to the schedule for this season. Thursday night mixed curling will move to Friday nights, with the Learn to Curl program going on Thursday nights. Mike explained that the schedule change originated from a request from members to break up the schedule so people didn't have to curl 3 nights in a row. He stated that they had explored moving the Juniors from Monday night, but that didn't work for the coaches schedule. As well, the Board had looked at moving the Corporate Rec League, but Michelle had contacted the teams who were in the league and their wish was to remain on Sunday nights. We are hoping to turn Friday nights into a social night, along with regular league curling. The Social Committee will be meeting to brainstorm ideas.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Sandy MacDonald. Seconded by Claude LeBlanc. Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gwen Boyd, Secretary.