

CLARESHOLM CURLING CLUB BOARD

Regular Meeting Oct. 16, 2024

Attendance: Jared Sundquist, Tricia Burgess, Pat Fogg, Darcy Blair, Randal Hall, Carsen Dunlop, Avery Turner, Jocelyn Leeds, Mike Cutler (Town of Claresholm)

1. Meeting call to order 8:27
2. Minutes of last meeting – sent by email, hard copy given to Jocelyn. Moved by Darcy, seconded by Carsen to accept as read.
3. Additions to agenda – Carsen requested discussion on bonspiel dates.
4. Treasurer’s report – Trish indicated there were no updates over the summer and a full report had been provided at AGM. Moved by Pat, seconded by Darcy to accept.
5. Correspondence – Darcy noted Fort Macleod has a season-start bonspiel Nov. 8-10.
6. Old Business
 - a) Jared and others indicated the casino went well, and he thanked all volunteers for their time.
 - b) Jared updated the Dixson Memorial display saying a frame was on order and picture is ready to go.
 - c) Update to Bylaws and officers’ duties still needed. Jared, Pat and Darcy on committee to review and revise.
 - d) Foothills Ford bonspiel donation still outstanding. Carsen will contact Paul Morrison.
 - e) Liability insurance for board members. Jared will discuss with broker from Western Financial to get a quote. Pat will again try to get response from Curling Alberta as Jocelyn feels they should have a policy in place.
 - f) Soup Bowl donation. Mike will follow up as to cost and volunteer requirements. Time Cartmell has offered to donate his beet crop.
 - g) A new kitchen concession coordinator is needed. For now, the word will be put out to members to seek expression of interest. At end of November, if needed, a new approach may be considered such as seeking interest from service clubs or private caterers. Also discussed was having a ladies group run the men’s spiel and a men’s group run the ladies spiel. This still leaves a gap for the mixed spiel which always has a shortage of volunteers.
 - h) Helchim debit machine reboot. Trish has been working on this.
7. New Business
 - a) Jared welcomed new members to the Board.
 - b) Election of officers. Existing officers staying on with exception of vice-president and casino chair. Avery Turner elected vice-president by acclamation. Darcy Blair will assume role of Casino Chair for now but does not want to be Chair when next Casino date is pending.
 - c) Meeting dates will continue to be 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

- d) Repair work for siding on building is still pending. Jared will set up a meeting with Abe and Jays from the Town. Avery will join and Lyle should also be included as he knows history of issues.
8. Additions to Agenda.
- a) Lyle's employment status was again discussed. He is hired as a sub-contractor but there is no record of a contract with him. Trish indicated as such he is paid \$1500 twice monthly from mid-October to mid-April. It was decided some form of simple contract should be created as Lyle has indicated he may not stay on for too much longer and the position should be clarified should another hire be needed.
 - b) Discussion of raising cost of bar cards. At last meeting it was decided we should consider raising cost to \$50.00. As the AGM had voted to increase curling fees starting this season, it was determined raising drink prices should be tabled until next year.
 - c) Carsen indicated he and others were interested in moving the Mixed bonspiel to a date earlier in the season. Their concern was that more entries might be forthcoming. Discussion included assurance that entry numbers are still acceptable and also concern about finding a date that wouldn't conflict with other local spiels. The suggestion was made to hold a 2-day Mixed Doubles spiel instead on the weekend of November 29/30, or a variation allowing for any doubles teams. It was determined this should be proposed with a \$60 per person entry, cash prizes, and some sort of hot lunch, i.e. chili served on the Saturday.
 - d) Next Meeting Nov. 13 at 7:30
 - e) Motion to adjourn by Mike Cutler at 9:33.

Summarize the discussion for each issue, state the outcome, and assign any action items.