

Claresholm Curling Club Board

Nov. 13, 2024 meeting

Attendees: Jared Sundquist; Avery Turner; Tricia Burgess; Pat Fogg; Tim Cartmell; Darcy Blair; Carsen Dunlop; Randal Hall; Jocelyn Leeds; Erek Bishop

1. Meeting call to order 7:30
2. Minutes of last meeting – sent by email; no additions or corrections. Moved by Darcy, seconded by Avery to accept minutes as provided.
3. Additions to agenda – Soup Bowl
4. Treasurer’s report – Trish provided printed update on finances. She noted casino tips made up the entry for miscellaneous income. She noted casino revenue should come this quarter and discussed sponsorship income. She noted Petros has been paid for the first liquor purchase of the season.
5. Correspondence – Pat read a response from Curling Alberta indicating they do not carry liability insurance for members of club boards as no provider can be found. They indicate such coverage is recommended and should be sought from the Club’s insurance provider.
6. Old Business
 - a) Marguerite Dixson Memorial – Jared displayed the photo to be used and asked if there were any suggestions for wording on the plaque. None was forthcoming so he will provide the message he had suggested.
 - b) Updating of bylaws and positions of board members – Tim indicated he will join Jared, Darcy and Pat on the update committee. A tentative meeting has been set for Dec. 18, time TBA.
 - c) Insurance – board member liability. Jared has contacted Jaelyn at Western Financial. She provided a form requesting board information which Trish filled out. That will be forwarded to her which should result in a quote for the coverage.
 - d) Kitchen – no volunteers as yet but Darcy and Jared will air the need for a new coordinator at next week’s Ladies and Mens League night
 - e) Siding/issue with north wall of arena update. Jared and Lyle met with Abe and Jas from the town. Abe explained that the wall had been damaged years ago and the Town had done some patch-up work that apparently has now deteriorated. The decision was made to have a Town crew again do a temporary fix of the problem. Then Abe will get an insurance adjuster to assess the problem and hopefully provide a permanent fix. The Curling Club agrees we will pay the deductible for that work to get done.
 - f) Update on doubles spiel – Carsen updated that four entries have been received. Darcy and Jared will publicize to the Men’s and Ladies Leagues to drum up more interest. Carsen suggested a minimum of 8 teams are needed and the number of teams will determine whether the spiel would run two days or just on Saturday. The

plan is to offer a meal such as beef-on-a-bun to participants. Pat indicated he and Rita would be available for a Saturday afternoon bar shift.

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- a) Sign sponsorship update – Carsen is hoping to get out this month to start visiting sponsors and Randal will help him out. Also Gertos still has to be notified that they are getting free signage for their donation to the kitchen, and Foothills Ford is still owing on the donation they promised for the 50th anniversary.
- b) Rental Rates – currently at Current rental rates I have is \$100 for ½ day of ice, \$150 for Full day of ice. \$100 for ½ day upstairs, \$150 for Full day upstairs. \$30 for meeting. Discussion centered on the issue of raising rates but still keeping them lower than other facilities (i.e. Social Centre and Community Centre). For now they will be kept the same but the issue should be revisited in September. Ereik asked if we have a rental agreement to be signed by users. He offered to check the agreement used in Barons as it could be a template for such a document here.
- c) Bookings for December – Vet Clinic December 7, Darcy will manage bar service. Town of Claresholm booking for December 13th – Bar service required. Pat and Rita are available and other Board members would also be willing to help out. Event to start at 5:00 but no confirmation on how late it might go.
- d) Liability Waiver for players on the ice. Pat brought a sample document based on what other Alberta clubs are using, with an added clause from Curling Alberta regarding use of personal information. No objections so Pat will have copies made and distributed for signing.
- e) Lyle's Contract – Lyle said he hadn't had one for at least 10 years but was going to look up what he had when Jason Hemmaway was last on the board.
- f) Lyle has requested we widen the door from the maintenance room to the ice surface to better accommodate the new scraper, as it won't go through the door with the blade attached. Tim has investigated and found issues, with the left side being blocked by a support pillar and the right side butting against the electrical panel. One suggestion was external storage which raised concerns about cost and security. As the blade needs to be kept cold, it was suggested leaving it off the scraper and finding a better solution to attaching the blade such as an impact wrench. Tim will discuss further with Lyle.
- g) Rocks to be resurfaced. Lyle has someone lined up, but is waiting for a schedule for this action. He has asked for 3-4 people to help for a couple hours while this is done. (Update on Nov. 14, the work is scheduled for Monday afternoon, Nov. 18)
- h) Dues for spares/5 person teams. Many issues were discussed around this topic as one women's team plans to rotate seven players while a few others will have five. For now, teams will be required to pay the total expected for four players, \$250 each. Each team will have to work out how they want to collect those funds. Tim suggested we look at models used at other clubs where players pay an annual membership fee and then pay dues for each league they are playing in. An example presented was \$125 membership fee and \$125 for one league's dues. Additional fee

for a second/third league could be \$50. The main worry about such a payment schedule is that it might discourage curlers when we are trying to grow membership. This issue should be revisited at the end-of-season meeting with potential changes to be introduced at next year's AGM.

- i) Old ice machine, old vending machine, old cupboard in liquor closet all need to be removed. Jocelyn suggested checking with the Museum to see if they might be interested in the vending machine. The ice machine still works so maybe offer for free to anyone who will take it. The shelving will be removed and disposed of by someone on the Board. (Maybe after the meeting?)
8. AGLC Liquor License Audit – On November 12, Jared and Pat met with rep who was quite positive about our set up and signage. Alex did note we need to update License (Darcy had been working on this) and add drink sizes to the menu to match the chalkboard version in the bar. Darcy will complete License application, send to Jared who will forward copy to AGLC. (This was done on November 14)
9. Soup Bowl update. Pat talked to Brenda Moore who indicated the cost of sponsorship for one lunch is \$200. In addition, any volunteer help would be welcomed, we just have to let her know how many we can provide.
10. Next Meeting December 11, 2024.
11. Motion to adjourn – 8:37.