

Claresholm Curling Club Board

January 29, 2025

Attendees: Jared Sundquist, Tricia Burgess, Randal Hall, Pat Fogg, Tim Cartmell, Darcy Blair, Carsen Dunlop, Erek Bishop, Mike Cutler. Also Denise Spencer, Recreation Manager, Town of Claresholm

1. Meeting call to order 7:31
2. Winter Festival update. The Town's Recreation Director Denise Spencer made a presentation on behalf of the Town's Engagement Coordinator Megan McClung. She outlined plans for this year's Winter Festival which has to move locations due to renovations taking place at the Community Centre. The Town would like to utilize our space including the parking lot, the fields north of the rink, and the interior of the rink. She noted the event will take place Feb. 22 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. with fireworks then followed by a family movie night. Most activities will be outdoors including fire pit in the parking lot; a concession (run by Welcoming Claresholm); the ATCO stage featuring entertainment organized by SUCH Drama; a beer garden run by the Chamber of Commerce; beef on a bun served by the Lions Club; an outdoor skating rink and possibly other activities. Inside the rink, they would like to offer curling beginners a chance to try the game with guidance from members. Participants would have to sign up in advance, wear proper, clean footwear and probably work in shifts of five players. The kitchen would be used by the Lions to prepare their beef sandwiches. Upstairs, there will be a market with up to 25 vendors participating. Upstairs is also where they hope to host the movie. Denise indicated changes are still possible but it was noted the location has already been published on Facebook. She invited the Club to send a delegation to the next planning meeting on Feb. 11 at 7:00 at the Multipurpose Facility.
3. Minutes of last meeting – sent by Pat via email. Moved by Tim, seconded by Darcy to adopt as submitted.
4. Additions to agenda – Mike asked to address a couple of issues with the Town.
5. Treasurer's report – circulated by Trish. Tim asked for clarification of casino income. Trish noted our term savings account is up for automatic renewal at same rate. She noted we need two co-signers for etransfers. Jared Sundquist and Tim Cartmell were designated as Avery is unavailable for now. Moved by Randal, seconded by Erek to adopt report and add co-signers.
6. Correspondence – Pat reported Richardson international requested we allow etransfer for their future payments. Pat has sent them email address. Western Financial has submitted an invoice for \$3338. Pat forwarded to Trish, has been paid. 7 EFT's received for dues. Curling Alberta has moved Stick Curling Club championship to High River on Feb. 21. No local interest. Town of Claresholm invited us to be part of the Spring/summer Recreation Guide. Pat will provide the information requested, including that we have space for rent for meetings and functions.
7. Old Business

- a) Men's bonspiel concession – almost totally positive reaction to New Fox operation. Food was decent, prices were very reasonable, they left the kitchen well-cleaned. Chats with Steph Norby indicate she was pleased with the amount of business she received and happy to proceed with Ladies and Mixed spiels.
 - b) Men's bonspiel – went great. Jared thanked everyone for their help. He still has one outstanding receipt from Colleen Penner, but expects the spiel will have netted about \$300, plus bar income.
 - c) Sponsorship – Carsen and Randal are winding things up. UFA has paid for their outstanding account. Mike had a question about the Kinsmen payment. There was discussion about our ad prices versus Stavely Ag Society but we haven't raised for years so feel we're competitive. Jared noted Casa Roma is still interested in on-ice advertising. He had sent out info about a company that would provide under-ice pads with ads that had contacted Lyle. Most felt ads under the rings would be too distracting but maybe could be considered on both sides of free-guard zone. For the time being this will be tabled but Carsen suggested preparing possible package with ad rates to see if there would be much interest.
 - d) Collection of league dues and signing of liability waivers. Pat sent notes to league reps regarding unpaid dues and response was good. He will update for next meeting. Pat not sure if there are signed waivers hiding somewhere, has received batches from most leagues. He will update next meeting.
 - e) Sip n' Slide went well. Jocelyn was happy and Board was very happy with her effort. She noted a number of participants had indicated they would like more sessions but she won't have time this season. It definitely is worth giving an early try next season. It was noted a "newbie" team entered the men's spiel and were very green but did win a game. Apparently another "newbie" team is entered Ladies Spiel, so we are generating interest.
8. New Business
- a) Update on the plant – problem with fans, one has crapped out and needs replacement STAT. Others need work, at least rewinding. Lyle has Cimco coming to inspect. Randal is liaising with Lyle. Discussion involved whether rewinding is worth the effort on smaller fan motors, maybe more practical to buy new. It was decided to buy 3 new motors and then see about buying a couple of refurbished ones as backup. Moved by Darcy, seconded by Jared that we get Lyle to purchase. Lyle will be getting a quote on more work to be done over the summer, possibly \$5-6000.
 - b) Sewer back up – has now been totally resolved and pipes have been inspected to the street.
 - c) Sturling spiel to be held Feb. 18 with 12 teams. There will be two morning draws and two afternoon draws, each team plays 3 games. Tim requested that all net income be returned as prize money and this was approved. Snacks will be provided before start and soup and sandwich lunch. Two people needed to serve, Mike and Jocelyn volunteered. Ladies and Mixed spiels in March. Next meeting will focus on ensuring all is ready for them.

- d) Carsen raised the issue of installing soundproofing to improve the curling experience. It was reviewed how Keith had considered this 3 years ago after Carmangay had their ceiling done. He considered it too costly then. It is felt worth pursuing at least to look at costs. Carsen will do research starting with Curling Alberta.
 - e) Mike raised a couple of points regarding the Town. First he noted we need to provide a delegation sometime in the next few months to attend a Council meeting and update them on the season. They really just need basic information on team interest, events held, and what maintenance has been done and needs to be done. Jared agreed to take it on, Pat will join him and possibly others. Probably won't happen until early April. Mike also outlined how the Town has been looking at solar panel installation on a number of their buildings, this would like include the curling rink. Cost outlay would be about \$480,000 but panels should have lifespan of 25-30 years and save about \$40,000 per year.
 - f) Further discussion then held regarding Winter Festival. The Town is suggesting we can benefit from the exposure, and could generate revenue by opening the bar. Having more of the public see the facility is welcome but will also cause wear and tear and require cleaning before the Ladies bonspiel on the following weekend. No one thought there would be much use opening the bar for vendors market or movie night and it would conflict with outside beer garden at any rate. The Town would like to offer curling trials for newcomers or those wanting to test their abilities. Participants will have to sign up in advance, wear proper, clean shoes. Jason Hemmaway has offered his services as instructor. Jared, Tim and Mike will try to attend the Feb. 11 meeting to clarify any concerns and volunteer needs. It was determined we will charge \$600 for the room and ice rentals as well as use of the kitchen. Kitchen is to be left as found. Jared will connect with Levy's Carpet Cleaning to get a quote and whether there might be availability during the week after the Festival, at least to do a partial clean. These costs will be passed on to the Town.
 - g) Darcy noted that Cody (???) had donated a curling brush which could be used for a bar card draw. It was also noted that Petros would likely provide a bottle basket as a prize as well.
9. Next Meeting February 26th, 2025.
10. Meeting adjourned 9:12.