

Claresholm Curling Club Board

February 26, 2025

Attendees: Jared Sundquist, Tricia Burgess, Randal Hall, Pat Fogg, Tim Cartmell, Carsen Dunlop, Erik Bishop, Jocelyn Leeds, Mike Cutler

1. Meeting call to order 7:35
2. Minutes of last meeting – sent by Pat via email. Moved by Mike, seconded by Carsen to adopt as submitted.
3. Additions to agenda – Mike asked to update one issue from the Town.
4. Treasurer’s report – Trish provided verbal update of bank account totals. As of Jan. 31, balance is \$43,868.54; Casino account \$39,220.66; High Interest \$13.46; ??? \$28,516.38; Term acct. \$23,293.70. She also updated that following Carsen’s suggestion, the 6x6 Term account has been transferred to our High Interest account. Jared and Tim updated their efforts to allow them to co-sign for etransfers.
5. Correspondence – Pat reported Richardson international requested direct deposit for their future payments; Trish has provided them the account information. Pat has sent them email address. Cimco has submitted an invoice, Pat forwarded to Trish, has been paid. 9 EFT’s received for Juniors dues as well as Zentner and Santanna Thom for sign ad renewal. Denise Spencer sent info regarding Registration Fair on March 19 at Social Centre, \$25 per table. Discussion on this as Randal suggested it might be worth doing but later in the year, not in March. Carson Schultz from Sturling.net had sent congrats re the Sturling Bonspiel (Bonnie Cartmell copied) as the Airdrie team had provided positive feedback. EKOS Research Survey involving inclusivity and accessibility. Pat will follow up. Jared noted he had replied to an AGLC survey re: casino. We also received notice from Town regarding the updated Land Use change for the former School Board/Auxiliary building. Mike noted this is just a first step. While there is a company considering developing the site, no application has been made as yet.
6. Old Business
 - a) Sponsorship – Carsen and Randal are winding things up, with only a few cheques outstanding. Payments have come from Zentner, Thom, Brandt, Legacy, and Pollock. Still waiting for Western Financial to indicate their continuing support.
 - b) Collection of league dues. Pat noted the unpaid dues from the first list he was given and some of those have paid. Pat will send the list to Trish to see if she can track down receipts of those members unpaid.
 - c) Jared indicated confirmation from Lyle that fans have been repaired. Awaiting the invoice for payment.

- d) Winterfest was successful and a positive effort for the Club. Floor mats kept most of the facility clean. Jared has contacted Levy about a major carpet clean, will have to wait until April for his equipment to get replaced. Jared suggested we consider removing carpet from the main entrance and kitchen area, tile would be much easier to clean. It was noted about 30 people came out for curling instruction and were positive about the experience, several indicated interest in joining leagues in the fall. There was a good turnout for the market and a number of people seeing the facility for the first time were impressed. Could lead to possible future rental deals. There was discussion that we should consider purchase of a large monitor, many possible rentals would need a video presentation capability. Mike updated how the Legion expressed concerns about the parking situation on Saturday. He noted the Town now plans to confront the Legion to educate them that the parking lot is Town property. He noted there might be a fence erected along the property line so the Legion members would not have access to the parking lot. Tim also noted the Legion contribution to Winterfest was just their usual meat draw and had been told it was most successful, in part because Winterfest visitors checked it out.
 - e) Carsen apologized saying he has not had a chance to follow up so far about installing soundproofing to improve the curling experience. He still plans to talk to Jay Penner about Carmangay's experience and then do further research.
7. New Business
- a) Jared noted he is prepared to appear as a delegation at a Town Council meeting in April, to provide the annual update on our status. Mike indicated there are two meetings that month and we just have to give notice that we will attend.
 - b) The Ladies Bonspiel is coming up this weekend and a few bar shifts still need to be filled. Jocelyn offered to contact Steph Norby from the New Fox about possibly opening the concession ½ earlier and staying on 1 hour later as extra draws will be needed for the 24 teams entered in the spiel. Most of the details are set, dinner will be Saturday at 7:00 with Jason Hemmaway leading the prep team. There was chat about eating in shifts but it was decided using the upstairs kitchen area would accommodate all the ladies. The Mixed spiel will be March 14-16, unfortunately this year it conflicts with the Carmangay event.
 - c) Jared noted the annual Men's League Oyster Feed will be held March 21. Two for one drinks will not be offered as it would violate AGLC regulations but perhaps some deal can be presented, 4 drinks for 3 punches? Food has been ordered. Event is open to all, spread the word.
 - d) Discussion regarding a League Championship night. Last year the Men's League and Mixed League played their finals on the same night and drew good crowd. Can't do that this year as the Mixed winds up a week earlier but possibly hold Men's and Ladies finals together. Will have to poll league members to see which night would work best for such an arrangement. The plant will be shutting down March 26, following Stirling play.

- e) Jared indicated Lyle will be away in November for 10 days for a family wedding. Someone will have to cover ice duties. Suggested possibly Keith Thompson or Jay Penner who both have covered in the past. Jocelyn indicated Mark Leeds is also interested in learning the ropes.
 - f) Plans to donate the old ice making machine were quashed as Lyle has confirmed it no longer works. Someone will be recruited to remove that equipment and the vending machine and take to the dump.
8. Next Meeting March 26th, 2025.
 9. Meeting adjourned 8:30..