

Claresholm Curling Club minutes

September 24, 2025

Attendees: Jared Sundquist; Trish Burgess; Pat Fogg; Tim Cartmell; Darcy Blair; Erek Bishop; Jocelyn Leeds; Mike Cutler

1. Meeting call to order 7:30
2. Minutes of last meeting – emailed by Pat; moved by Mike, second by Jocelyn that minutes be accepted as provided.
3. Additions to agenda – discussion about researching potential grant money.
4. Treasurer's report
Trish presented year-end financials as of end of last season. It was noted balance was down although dues income had increased. Of note, bar income was down. As had been discussed last year, drink costs are up again, with coolers and spirits affected most. It will be proposed that we increase drink prices to \$5 per so punch cards would be increased to \$50. Tim suggested we could offer \$40 bar cards for purchase at the AGM to spark attendance. Moved by Pat, seconded by Tim that we accept Treasurer's Report.
5. Correspondence
 - a) Letter from Coaldale Jr. Curling Coordinator looking for ways to collaborate with other local clubs in build junior programs.
 - b) Letter confirming Proof of Filing for Non-Profit Organizations.
 - c) Update on emails received from Curling Alberta noting benefits for members include savings from Budget Car Rental, Belairdirect Insurance, and Best Western Hotels. This information should be passed on to curlers. Also to stay in line with the Alberta government mandate, CA has implemented Fairness and Safety in Sports Policy to include divisions designated for biological females.
6. Old Business
 - a) Looking for someone to clean the carpets. Levi is no longer offering these services so we need to find someone to take over. Jared will research if there is a company in Lethbridge or our surrounding area who offers such a program. Mike suggested we check with the golf course and/or other facilities that might also be interested, which could provide some savings for the cleaning.
 - b) Kyle Hilmer has agreed to replace the hot water tank and will also repair sink and taps in bar area.
 - c) Jared noted the Town has completed the outside building repairs. He asked Mike to thank Abe and Jace for their assistance in getting this completed.
7. New Business
 - a) It was decided the AGM will be held Oct. 22 with a start time of 7:00 so the organizational meeting can follow. We will need to new board members, with Jocelyn indicating she has one person who has expressed interest.

- b) Bonspiel dates were discussed, including the possibility of an early season open-mixed spiel. This would have to be later as Lyle will be away Nov. 5-15. The Men's will be held Jan. 16-18; Ladies will be Feb. 27-March 1. Mixed will be Mar. 20-22. The Stirling spiel date has not been set but Tim indicated it will probably be held as last year, a single day event on the usual Wednesday curling day. The ice will be going in starting Oct. 15 and league curling will begin Nov. 3. Lyle has asked we hold a work bee after Thanksgiving to help get things in order for the season. League reps will be the same as last year.
 - c) Tim updated our service from High River Brewing. While he will leave the board, he will still coordinate beer purchase and shipping. He also noted the brewery is offering us a deal on their pilsner tallboy cans. We can purchase for \$55 per flat and they will offer personalized labels with our logo and a name to be chosen. Board members have until Sunday to submit name suggestions to Jared and an online vote will be held.
 - d) Jocelyn agreed to check with New Fox to find out if Steph can provide concession service for upcoming bonspiel dates. Also would like her to extend hours to Friday night and later on Saturday.
 - e) Mike suggested the Club consider applying for grant money. He noted he will provide contact for an organization that researches sources of funds and the Town has a grant writer whose services could be of use. Jared also indicated we should still consider sending a delegation to a Council meeting to update our activities and funding needs.
8. Next Meeting – After AGM October 22 at 7:00 pm.
 9. Motion to adjourn 8:20.