

Claresholm Curling Club Board

October 22, 2025 – After AGM

Attendees: Jared Sundquist; Avery Turner; Tricia Burgess; Pat Fogg; Darcy Blair; Randal Hall; Carsen Dunlop; Erek Bishop; Jocelyn Leeds; Kelsey Hipkin; Mark Leeds; Kale Slaughter

1. Meeting call to order 8:08
2. Minutes of last meeting – sent by email. Moved by Randal, seconded by Jocelyn to approve as sent. Passed
3. Additions to agenda – kitchen concession options (Jared); grant applications (Jocelyn); advertising (Carsen)
4. Treasurer’s report – Trish presented to end of September. Carsen updated ad sales with Fortis having paid for last year. Randal will check to see if they are in for this year. Carsen also commented on UFA situation saying he has a new contact and expects this will make payment proceed smoothly. Moved by Darcy, seconded by Tim that the report be approved. Passed.
5. Correspondence – Pat
 - a) Receipt received from Aqua Steam Services as paid. They had asked for feedback from us, which Pat will provide (extremely satisfied).
 - b) Updates from Helcim on request for Ultimate Beneficial Ownership information as well as resetting account. Tricia will follow up.
 - c) Invoice from Curling Alberta for \$1738.00. This represents \$22 charge to 75% of last year’s membership. A final bill will come when we confirm membership numbers for this season.
 - d) Email from Lisa Froese asking for information about curling this season. Pat provided her contact information for Darcy and Breanna Seeman.
 - e) Request for facility rental by KC Doors for Christmas party Dec. 5, including use of lounge and ice. They will bring in food but would request bar service. Request to be passed on to Lyle.
6. Old Business
 - a) Carpets cleaned on October 19, 2025 at a cost of \$1788.03. Led to discussion of whether we agreed to pass total cost to the Town for Winter Festival or whether this was included in the original invoice we gave them. This was tabled until further information can be obtained.
 - b) Kyle Hilmer fixed hot water tank. Bad wiring was found.
 - c) Cimco started the plant. 2 electric motors on cooler were deemed unfit. Lyle got B&S Electric to put new motors on and will send the defective motors to have new bearings put in and possibly rewound.
7. New Business

- a) At present little interest in the Open Bonspiel on Nov. 21-22. Led to a discussion on Facebook advertising. Kelsey agreed to take over managing the Facebook page and will contact the Local Press for logo.
 - b) Jocelyn updated Junior Curling program plans. Jay Penner will again head this and is in contact with a new teacher at WCCHS who has expressed interest in getting more students involved in curling. Discussion arose about expanding the program to younger children, perhaps using the little rocks in storage and shortening the sheets used. Jocelyn indicated they would like to run the program Tuesdays after school for 5 to 6 weeks, and then Junior program would take over in the new year.
 - c) Question on Lyle's pay of \$1500 twice monthly and whether an increase is warranted. Rumors are he will retire in two years, possibly five. A raise might entice him to stay longer or might make it easier to attract a new icemaker. Jared also suggested increasing Lyle's salary could be part of creating a contract for him. Discussion about how much to increase his pay. Moved by Darcy, seconded by Pat that this be tabled for discussion at next meeting.
 - d) Election of officers – one position to be filled. Moved by Darcy, seconded by Carsen that Jocelyn take over from Pat as secretary. Jocelyn accepted and motion passed.
 - e) Kitchen concession was considered again after input from AGM. Randal will contact potential vendors to get things in place. If none can be found, Kelsey indicated she might be willing to act as coordinator, with input from Connie Quayle.
 - f) Discussion led by Jocelyn on board communications. She suggested either Team Snap or Whats App would be good programs to use. Moved by Darcy, seconded by Kole that we set up a group page on Whats App.
 - g) Jocelyn introduced discussion on the notion of applying for a grant from the Community Facility Enhancement Fund. The Club would have to match any funds received but could be a good fiscal choice for doing bathroom renos. Deadline for application is Jan. 15, and we could ask for the Town's help in preparing grant application. Jared also mentioned Dale Ohler has experience in preparing grant requests and might clarify conditions that have to be met. We should also consider other grant funds.
 - h) Carsen reviewed the prices charged for sponsorship signs in the rink, noting there are some discrepancies because of previous representative dealings. He indicated he would try to bring fees to a consistent level. Discussion also looked at earlier requests to put ads on the ice. All agreed that this could be acceptable if done in a limited display, no more than four per sheet with two at each end between hog line and rings. The matter was tabled but noted it should be decided by the last meeting of the season as the logos would have to be ready to install when the ice is put in next year.
8. Next Meeting – November 19, 2025 at 7:30.
9. Motion to adjourn 9:14.