

**Calgary Curling Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

PRESENT: Phillip Wray Bob Laycock
Rick Rathier Maureen Leew Chris Bean
Rob Lane Belinda Mitchell
Bob Fink Sean O'Connor Meghan Pollock
Reg Rowell Dave York

ABSENT: Cheryl Bernard Andrea Czinkota
Maureen Leew called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA:

Moved by Dave York, seconded by Rick Rathier that the agenda be approved as presented. Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

MOTION:

Moved by Belinda Mitchell, seconded by Phillip Wray that the minutes be accepted as presented. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Legacy Wall Update

Manager Laycock reported that after some issues with stain, the wall should be in place starting this Friday.

2017 Bonspiel Plan

As per previous discussions, the opening bonspiels will be combined to one weekend. Bob is working on a couple of proposals which would make it worthwhile to open earlier and have ice in place for late August. This would potentially include a possible Ice Tech course and some performance training.

Directors' Day – January 21, 2017

Invitations were circulated for Board members to peruse prior to them going out to the various Clubs. Bob Fink will work on preparing the generic governance manuals we have offered to share at this event.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (N/A)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance (Bob Laycock for Andrea Czinkota)

Current bank balance was reported as: \$517,356.52. Bob reported that we are in good financial shape, considering all of the economic challenges. Second half dues will start coming in following the New Year. Bookings for banquets and corporate events are quite positive for December with some on the calendar for 2017.

MOTION:

Moved by Meghan Pollock, seconded by Reg Rowell, that the Financial Report be accepted as presented. Carried

Club Draws (Rick Rathier, Philip Wray)

Second round has started for most leagues as of this week. There were some multi-team ties that needed to be resolved using our protocols. In one case it came down to a name draw. There was some discussion regarding using a measured skips' draw to the button to replace the name draw for future consideration in tie-breakers. The Friday mixed group are enjoying the benefits of fewer late draws due to fewer teams. A Monday draw for December 19 was added to the schedule to compensate for the end of year play-off schedule. Teams will be referred to the documents on line explaining the protocols for second-round tie-breakers in an upcoming newsletter.

Food and Beverage (Reg Rowell, Chris Bean)

Reg reported that we are ahead of last year in terms of profit margins despite the economy. December bookings are quite full and January is filling up.

Ice/Building Maintenance (Dave York)

Quotes are coming in for air intake and ice pad. Ice maintenance will take place next week. The funds that were previously allocated in the 5-year plan for the chiller have been reallocated to fund part of the phase 2 reno, carpet and chairs. Manager Laycock met with an interior designer to begin plans for some upgrades.

Bonspiels & Playdowns (Sean O'Connor)

The Original 16 event was well received in terms of the quality of ice and the format of the draw. The Holiday 'Spiel currently has 31 teams registered and it is anticipated it will be full. The Juvenile event is coming up in January and the Mixed Provincials at the end of March. This one will require a bit more planning as it is a next-level event. Volunteers will be required from the Board and general Club population.

Rob Lane suggested trying to build on the success of the Original 16 event through some advertising and additional sponsorship opportunities. He plans to meet with representatives from the Autumn Gold event to discuss possibilities for some teamwork.

Golf / Entertainment (Chris Bean/ Rob Lane) Manager Laycock has tentatively booked June 23 at Carstairs as the date for next year's event.

Constitution / Shares (Belinda Mitchell) None

Facility Associate Liaison (Rob Lane)

All leagues are up and running smoothly.

Curling Academy (Bob Fink/ Meghan Pollock)

The fall sessions have wrapped up in all areas. Big Rock and Juniors are at capacity. Some Light Rocks have graduated to Big Rocks. Learn to Curl has 21 of 24 possible spots filled for the next session. Greenhorn has 20 of 24. Corporate events are being booked but with some smaller numbers than in previous years.

Casino / Fund Raising (Chris Bean/ Meghan Pollock)

We should have our funds by late January. The third quarter pay-out was approximately \$60,000 so we should be fairly successful. We anticipate the next casino to be scheduled for third quarter, 2018

Publicity (Bob Fink)

Policy and procedure manual work is under way.

Historical (Maureen Leew/ Belinda Mitchell) no report

Nominating (Phil Wray) no report

Marketing / Advertising (Cheryl Bernard/ Rob Lane/ Bob Fink)

Some discussion was held with regard to the outdoor curling event we would like to have using the ice on the lagoon on the river. Rob Lane suggested an idea such as "Hockey Day in Canada". Manager Laycock has contacted our City liaison and is working with another group about a charity outdoor event.

Special Projects (Maureen Leew/ Bob Fink) There is a date set for a High School bonspiel again at Huntington Hills in early March but there have been some complications with respect to joint work on this project. We are looking into ways to move the league format for High School forward using available ice at other clubs and with liaison with High School principals and the Athletic Association.

MANAGER'S REPORT (Robert Laycock): see written report attached

Cold Snap is more like a cold month! Building held up till December 13 and a sprinkler head blew and flooded our back mechanical room. Furnace went down a day earlier and when the repairs were done, the room heated up and the head blew. All back in order but did create a good scare. The cold snap has been playing with our ice. We will be working on ice starting next week.

Utilities might be stretched this month. We are hoping this doesn't hang around for the next three months.

League Play is in the second round. Bonspiel count for Christmas is about 30 teams total.

Friends of Curling Wall seems to be stuck on hold. Carpenter has left the building and we have not been able to contact in weeks. We are trying to see if he went south. Latest contact said he will be here Friday to install.

Staff Xmas will be at Nico's in Kensington. Over 20 will be attending dinner on the 20th. I am planning the same gifts as last year.

Banquet season is here. We have had 6/7 events so far and we are looking at about ten more till we close on the 20th. We will be doing ice during the break. No one will be here 23, 24th, 25th. We are back on the 26th for the Xmas bonspiel.

We will also have 30, 31, and 1st off after Christmas. I and Rob will be in everyday to check furnaces, heat, water, and Bernice.

Outside lights – Two contractors are on call to replace bulbs in our outside lights when they can free up equipment to do this.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Alberta Mixed** See info in "Bonspiel" report. Volunteers will be requested using the next newsletter.
- **SACA Juveniles** (as above)
- **Travelers' Event – Family Day**

This typically involves 4-8 teams. Info will come out in the New Year. In order to avoid a 3-game day, some of the available Friday night ice from the Mixed will be utilized.

Ladies Interclub Bob has received a request to host this event and if it can be timed to coincide with an event that typically pulls away our daytime members, it will be hosted on a regular basis as it would not interfere with our regular leagues.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Alberta Mixed

August Early opening

NEXT MEETING: January 25, 2017 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Rob Lane, seconded by Maureen Leew that the meeting be adjourned at 7:22 PM. Carried

Andrea Czinkota
President

Maureen Leew
Secretary