

**Calgary Curling Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, January 28, 2016**

PRESENT: Marcel Zowtuk Rob Lane Bob Laycock
 Dave York Maureen Leew John Teed
 Andrea Czinkota Reg Rowell Bob Fink
 Philip Wray Rick Rathier Meghan Pollock

ABSENT: Chris Bean Belinda Mitchell

President Rick Rathier called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA:

Moved by Maureen Leew, seconded by Philip Wray that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

MOTION:

Moved by John Teed, seconded by Marcel Zowtuk that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

We are working with Huntington Hills to name a date for a High School Curling Bonspiel. Maureen is investigating a 50/50 funding application. We have commitments from Curling Canada and Curler's Corner for sponsorship. Progress is being made and we have confidence we will have 16 schools represented in the Bonspiel. It will be an open team format Bonspiel.

Legacy wall – Manager Laycock has a consultation survey to fill out with the Executive Committee to give a direction for the Legacy Wall signage. We expect the cost will be between \$2500 - \$4000 and anticipate the Alberta Oilmen's Association will cover the cost.

Al's Dinner – April 22, 2016 (Friday). Cheryl Bernard has been asked to emcee the event. We will organize a few guest speakers. The event will be a prime rib dinner. We will organize a VIP invitation list. An open invitation will be sent to the membership after the VIP list has been completed. The event will be a roast. An Honorary Life Membership will be presented to Al.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hope that everyone enjoyed their Holiday break. We're now well into the 2nd square, with only a few weeks left before the Club play-offs commence- frankly seems to simply have flown by!

Kudos to Bob & the club staff for a successful Christmas bonspiel, which commenced on Boxing Day. There were two Directors teams playing, and Bob will report later that they ended up "paying" their way, although that's not the reason why the event was a success. There were ~30 teams in the recreational side, and after having played in this event for 5 of the past 6 years, I was very taken this year by the positive "atmosphere" and mood around the club, during the event. Very relaxed & fun are adjectives that come to mind and I also noticed at least a half dozen or so family teams, which is great to see. Would like to solicit Bob Fink for his thoughts as well as he was playing with two very young curlers and observing from a couple of sheets over, they "appeared" to be enjoying themselves.

Also heard several very positive comments regarding the ice conditions, and request that Bob pass this feedback along to our ice staff.

Briefly back to play-offs, we anticipate having draws (seeding #'s only) posted sometime towards later part of next week, as draws will be worked on over week-end. This year, we're trying out an elimination draw system for teams who previously qualified to play in the square draws. Dan came up with a proposal last spring that looks good and honours our ice commitments and still guarantees a minimum of three play-off games/team and this season we will make the changes in hope of enhancing the curlers' experience, as the square draw was starting to get stale. Anticipate also being able to modestly up the prize money aimed towards this overall group of teams.

Maureen has been diligently working on the High School Curling initiative and will provide more details in her report & I understand that we may finally have a walk-in freezer online soon!

Thanks to all of the Directors for their many efforts, mostly unrecognized however much appreciated, over the past while.

Rick

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance (Andrea Czinkota)

We have \$590,650.97 in our bank account. We are in excellent financial position. Our revenues look better. Food and beverage is finally out of the hole and we do have an excellent March booked in. We are starting the carpet and freezer project this week which will come in at about \$20,000.

Ice wages looks up. I will look at this week. It may be because Dan is spending more time in the office and causing AI to book that extra position. Office is down. Also my I am hoping utilities can pick up the slack.

Year-end projections look much better as we have tightened expenses and plan to ride through the low economy.

MOTION:

Moved by Andrea Czinkota, seconded by John Teed, that the Financial Report be accepted as presented. Carried

Club Draws (Rick Rathier / Marcel Zowtuk)

Playoff draw is complete and has been reviewed. We are just waiting for results from final games to confirm team standings.

Food and Beverage (Reg Rowell / Bob Fink)

Up to this point food and beverage has lagged behind last year, but this is not unexpected with the current economic conditions. March has good bookings and we expect it will help get us closer to our budget. As mentioned above the freezer project will start this week.

Curling Academy (Meghan Pollock)

Leagues are well attended. We have experienced a reduction in events from previous years.

Ice/Building Maintenance (Dave York / Bob Fink)

We have a new representative with the City of Calgary. Manager Laycock and Dave met with our previous representative and our new representative. The meeting went well and a plan to use up our existing budget was agreed upon. This gives us some flexibility to complete some projects.

New carpet in the games room has been installed. Walk in freezer will be completed as soon as possible.

Bonspiels & Playdowns (John Teed)

Christmas Bonspiel was well attended. We will host 2018 Alberta Provincial Mixed.

Golf / Entertainment (Chris Bean / Rob Lane / John Teed)

No update.

Constitution / Shares (Belinda Mitchell)

No report.

Facility Associate Liaison (John Teed / Rob Lane)

No issues to report from associate leagues.

Casino / Fund Raising (Chris Bean / Meghan Pollock)

We may have a casino in Q4 2016.

Publicity (Philip Wray)

No report.

Historical (Maureen Leew / Belinda Mitchell)

No report.

Nominating (Andrea Czinkota)

No report.

Marketing / Advertising (Marcel Zowtuk / Phil Wray)

A discussion was brought forward of should the club consider supplying promotional items for teams going to provincial or national events. A second discussion regarding a work out room as a value add to the club was brought forward.

Special Projects (Maureen Leew & others)

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MANAGER'S REPORT (Robert Laycock):

January has been a routine month but we managed to get a lot of ongoing projects completed, started and cleaned up as you will see below.

50/50 Brier application has been completed, signed and sent to SACA.

Casino annual summary of expenses and accounting has been completed, signed off and sent to AGLC. Hopefully this will induce the next dates for the CCC.

Carpet in the games rom has been completed. The freezer is almost completed and we are waiting on the electrical hookup. A new glass water heater was purchased and replaced the one in place. Unfortunately it is easier and cheaper to purchase the tank than repair.

CCC has gone through a CRA Payroll audit. We made an overpayment of remittance and I had applied for the funds to be sent back. (2014) It took two years for our request to be looked at and we will be getting a refund. The CRA also noted that our procedures were good and documentation was stellar.

City liaison has changed again and now we have Stuart Rose. His title is a little different than previous contacts. He is Sport Development Advisor and not just facility watch person. I have also asked for an extension for the final summary of Capital Conservation as we have until July 15th to complete. We expect to be done by the end of June but we do know how contracting goes. I asked till the end of summer.

Legacy Wall progresses with some ballpark quotes / ideas. We will discuss for direction.

Christmas spiel went very well. Thank you to the directors who won back all our entry fees and have left our Directors fund in great position this year. We had 40 teams in total and some nice giveaways and treats for the players.

Al's Dinner / Roast has a tentative date of April 22. We have confirmed Cheryl and the rest of the team wants to come as well. I will need the executive to meet with me for the details, menu, invites, etc ... We can do it in the next month.

Canada Curling has asked us to participate in a pilot survey to count our members. CCCM group had a discussion Wednesday on the topic and the numbers of concerns were an arm's length long. Everything from member definition to CRA involvement was discussed. I could use some direction.

Manager Laycock is booked for CSCM conference in Comox BC in April. The conference is three days.

NEW BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Scholarship

NEXT MEETING:

February 25, 2016

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Reg Rowell, seconded by Maureen Leew that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40pm.

Carried

Rick Rathier
President

Rob Lane
Secretary