

**Calgary Curling Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 23, 2016**

PRESENT: Rick Rathier Rob Lane Bob Laycock
 Dave York Maureen Leew John Teed
 Reg Rowell Philip Wray Bob Fink
 Marcel Zowtuk Belinda Mitchell

ABSENT: Andrea Czinkota Meghan Pollock Chris Bean

President Rick Rathier called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion to extend the Calgary Curling Club's request for reimbursement deadline application for the Capital Conservation Grant (CCG) moved by John Teed, seconded by Belinda Mitchell. Carried

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA:

Moved by Phil Wray, seconded by John Teed that the agenda be approved as presented. Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

MOTION:

Moved by Maureen Leew, seconded by Marcel Zowtuk that the minutes be accepted as presented. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

High school bonspiel at Huntington Hills. Twelve teams attended (one team pulled out the day of the event). Generally the event was a success. Global TV attended and interviewed some of the players. Players were encouraged to "speak" about the event through social media. We are hoping for a high school league to develop out of this for the fall of 2016.

Maureen Leew is borrowing a Floor Curling set from Curler's Corner and is taking it to the Colonel Belcher facility to host a curling event there.

Legacy wall – Manager Laycock has submitted a proposal to the Alberta Oilmen's Bonspiel Directors and it will be reviewed at their April 2016 meeting.

Al's Dinner – Please let Manager Laycock know if you and a guest will be available to attend.

CFEB – We have not received an updated notice on the grant for the roof.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

We're wrapping up all of the Club's league play tonight and it seems like it wasn't all that long ago, that we started play. Spring league schedules kick in, so we're near the end of that phase of our season and enter into the busy rental & corporate phase.

Club champions have been declared for all categories except Men's and teams will be representing the Club at next week's Club Managers City Championships. Will request that we promptly list all of our Club champions in our next newsletter.

Kudos to Bob & the club staff for hosting another successful Alberta Oilmen's bonspiel, which commenced last Wednesday. I was away for this event, however, was in contact today with several of the Oilmen's Bonspiel Directors and they wanted to pass along how much they appreciate being able to call the Club, bonspiel headquarters. Their comments regarding the facilities/staff and ice were very positive and continue to more than meet their expectations. They also signalled to me today, that they would like to open dialogue in coming weeks/months about hosting the entire event at the Club, instead of the current model where games are played at CCC, North Hill and/or Acadia.

Maureen & Bob will report on the High School Curling initiative and will provide details about the bonspiel held last week. Some positive news forthcoming in other committee reports also to be submitted.

Was in Ottawa for the recent Brier and stayed longer to play in City of Ottawa bonspiel (~164 teams) with family members. Played 7 games in 6 different clubs and frankly, was in only one club that reminded me of this place, whereas the others all were lacking in something, with a couple of places that I truly had to wonder about.

It is through your continuing dedication, along with Bob's boundless efforts, that we continue to follow a path forged by prior Boards, that we can proudly proclaim that the CCC is one of the better curling clubs around. I thank all of you for your many contributions.

Rick

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance (Andrea Czinkota)

We have \$514,904 in our bank account. We will meet our budget for sure this year. The second half of the season has been very strong in all aspects. Food and beverage and banquets in particular have finished the season strong.

MOTION:

Moved by Maureen Leew, seconded by Rick Rathier to invest \$90,000 into a GIC with the intent to use the money to pay for new rocks in 5 years. Carried.

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

Club Draws (Rick Rathier / Marcel Zowtuk)

The square draws were modified from the round robin format to a playoff format. Feedback was positive. There were fewer defaults this year. Rick will follow up with a note to the teams to elicit feedback. We will recommend continuing with this playoff format for 2016 / 2017. We will review our buzzer rule in the fall as to whether we continue with the practice of finishing the end and playing one more or moving the buzzer time back and having teams complete the end they are playing in.

Food and Beverage (Reg Rowell / Bob Fink)

Our season will finish strong. We are about \$2900 behind February last year, but are not concerned considering the economy and expect a strong finish in March. Prize cards are being utilized immediately now that they are handed out with the score card at the end of the playoff games.

Curling Academy (Meghan Pollock)

No report

Ice/Building Maintenance (Dave York / Bob Fink)

Arena insulation is our key priority this summer. Our summer project list is in place with a plan to execute. We will send our rocks out for refurbishment as soon as spring leagues are complete this year and expect the cost to come in at about \$20,000. We have a quote for a new set of rocks with a running surface on each side. The quote is for \$90,000. They have also offered to pay us \$16,000 for our current set of rocks. We feel we can sell our current rocks for more than \$16,000 and will test the open market. We will confirm the cost / ability to lock in the \$90,000 quote.

Bonspiels & Playdowns (John Teed)

Sean Morris – Open Champion
Larry Hammond – Mixed Champion
Morgan Muise – Ladies Champion
Janet Biagioni – Senior Ladies
Dean Mamer – Mens Champion

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

Golf tournament is booked for June 25th at Carstairs. If anyone has prizes to donate please contact Manager Laycock.

Constitution / Shares (Belinda Mitchell)

No report

Facility Associate Liaison (Rob Lane / John Teed)

Leagues are finished for the season. Generally the season went well and the leagues appreciated the fact we were able to feed some curlers from the greenhorn and learn to curl leagues into the associate leagues..

Casino / Fund Raising (Meghan Pollock)

No report

Publicity (Philip Wray)

Newsletters are being sent out on a regular basis.

Historical (Maureen Leew / Belinda Mitchell)

No report

Nominating (Andrea Czinkota)

We will put a note out to directors in May to consider their commitment for the upcoming season.

Marketing / Advertising (Marcel Zowtuk / Phil Wray)

Cheryl Bernard mentioned the Calgary Curling Club on TSN during the Canada vs Germany game at the Women's Worlds in Swift Currnt. We were mentioned

as the facility that teams from Germany, Korea and Japan used for practice prior to arriving in Swift Current.

Special Projects (Maureen Leew & others)

SACA Board is looking for a couple of Directors is anyone is interested.

MANAGER'S REPORT (Robert Laycock):

Budgets will be met this year. The second half of our season has been strong and the mild winter has helped.

Leagues are all completed for the season as of today. Silverfox had their yearend banquet this afternoon and CC Ladies will banquet out on the 28th. Calendar is filled for the next month to keep everyone quite busy. Oilmen's went very well last weekend, Western Cup this weekend then Sait next.

Exercise Program sits over 40 for April . (more than budget) Spring League is sold out and book fair is ready to move in May 3.

Summer project list is handed out. We will be adding as we go along. **Rocks** will be about \$90,000 with no trade in. This is the total I would recommend to hold in a GIC for 5 to six years. The refurbishing is about \$5000 higher the eight years ago? Boxes are being sent out and should be here in the next weeks.

Newsletter this week will cover our champions, Als dinner, Shares purchases, Golf day, exercise program and book fair.

NEW BUSINESS

In our commitment to staff training and continuous improvement some of our ice staff will attend a rock / ice / water meeting in Edmonton. Dan Bubola has been attending the Club Managers meeting with Manager Laycock and Brian Campbell has attended some Food and Beverage conferences in Calgary.

The Alberta Oilmen's Bonspiel Directors have requested to store and / or display their trophy case. We have offered to store the trophy case but would like to consider displaying it as part of the phase II renovation.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Executive Committee – Scholarship
Roofing update
Legacy Wall decision from Alberta Oilmen's Bonpsiel Directors

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 21 at 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Maureen Leew, seconded by John Teed that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 pm.
Carried

Rick Rathier
President

Rob Lane
Secretary