

**Calgary Curling Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 29, 2017**

PRESENT: Andrea Czinkota Phillip Wray Bob Laycock
Rick Rathier Maureen Leew Rob Lane
Belinda Mitchell Bob Fink Sean O'Connor
Meghan Pollock Dave York

ABSENT: Chris Bean Cheryl Bernard Reg Rowell
President Andrea Czinkota called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA:

Moved by Rob Lane, seconded by Dave York that the agenda be approved as presented. Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

MOTION:

Moved by Rob Lane, seconded by Meghan Pollock that the minutes be accepted as presented. Carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Czinkota noted that we have arrived at the end of another successful regular season of curling. She thanked Manager Laycock and his staff for their diligence in ensuring the ice was in great shape for the entire season and for continuing their work to ensure we have a world-class curling facility. She reported that the curlers at the Provincial Mixed banquet the previous night had positive comments about the ice, club and hosting. SACA and ACF were also represented at the event. Compliments were passed on with regards to the event program which was produced in-house. Copies were circulated for Board members.

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

Projects/Funding is all in place and on our summer calendar. Ice leaves April 29, and the Book Fair will be moving in May 2.

Past Presidents' Dinner is May 9th. All directors and spouses are invited. I will send out director's invitations with details in the next weeks.

Alberta Mixed 2018 is well underway. We just completed the Oilmen's and were extremely busy as they moved the whole event to the CCC. Next week we have SAIT and then the Western Cup. April is as busy as we can handle. March was a very successful financial month.

CCCM Managers' group golf day is at Inglewood on May 23rd. We have 5-6 spots to fill from the CCC. It is a noon tee time and steak after. Please let me know if you would like to play.

Summer Ice Start seems to be still in Limbo as a couple of our possible user groups are still thinking. I see the need to declare our dates. Can we motion to go ahead with Dan and I recommending the onetime event. We are very confident it will work.

MOTION: Moved by Phillip Wray, seconded by Rick Rathier, that Manager Laycock will work with Dan Bubola to determine the most efficient start date for the upcoming year based on event bookings and ice sales. Carried

Working budget for 2017/18 is available. Issues to evaluate are carbon levy, succession planning, and projecting membership. They will all be analyzed and adjusted as needed.

SACA banquet will be May 6th at the Danish Club. We usually have a club rep and send a couple to the banquet. Again, let me know if you would be interested in attending.

Newsletter is going out in the next days with coming events, scholarship, and share options.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

-50-50 Update Manager Laycock met with AGLC as a representative of the CCCM group to attempt to receive additional direction with respect to the expectations around groups receiving permission to conduct 50-50 fundraisers. He will write a formal letter to request a review of qualifications leading to clarification and potential changes on behalf of some of our smaller affiliate groups.

-All associate leagues have been informed of the changes and most are developing other strategies to recover funds. Some groups will be requesting significant increases to their league fees, using this and the carbon tax as reasoning to their members.

-Grants See Manager's report

-Babies The requested change tables will be sourced and installed during part of the summer project work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance (Andrea Czinkota)

Andrea reported a bank balance of: \$563,700. She noted that March was a strong month and the results would be available at our next meeting. We are still waiting to determine the full impact of the carbon tax on expenses and this information will be used to set targets for the 2017-18 budget in these areas. Operations and Admin salaries are expected to come in under budget by year-end.

MOTION:

Moved by Dave York, seconded by Sean O'Connor, that the Financial Report be accepted as presented. Carried

Club Draws (Rick Rathier)

Rick reported that the Wind-Up was well received with champions being declared in all three areas and winners to represent the Club at City Championships next week. The second year of the amended play-off structure was once again a success and a noted improvement over the mini square format with interest retained and fewer defaulted games. Men's playdowns were compressed with some teams playing on both Monday and Wednesday evenings. It was proposed that a Wednesday start to the season next year might allow for some change in this area.

It is hoped that we can return to full strength in all leagues for next season.

Advertising for all leagues is occurring during the Spring League. The only commitment to SACA is the Sr. District playdowns Jan. 26-29.

Food and Beverage (Bob Laycock for Reg Rowell, Chris Bean)

March has been a very strong month with many special events and banquets boosting sales to an anticipated \$15,000 for the month and a projected \$45,000 for the year.

There were some complaints during the Oilmen's event about the lack of more than 4 choices for beer which was rectified by staff. Given that we are nearing the end of the season, it is important not to have overage of draft beer on hand. Manager Laycock has made arrangements for the Inglewood club to purchase any unopened stock at the end of the season.

Ice/Building Maintenance (Dave York)

Dave reported that all mechanical work planned for this summer is funded and in the planning stages. He and Bob met with an interior designer to assess a plan to move forward with some upgrades to the Club. Attempts will be made to tie a colour scheme throughout the building. She presented samples and ideas for carpet, paint colors, materials to upgrade ceilings and lighting and furnishings. A budget will be developed that will allow for an initial outlay of cash with the project to be completed in stages.

Bonspiels & Playdowns (Sean O'Connor) The Provincial Mixed event is going well. Sean is meeting with Dan to plan the singles curling event on April 23.

Golf / Entertainment (Chris Bean/ Rob Lane)

Manager Laycock attended the golf show with the intent to source an alternative to our Carstairs booking. It seems their prices are far more practical than anything that could be found and the date and location will be retained. (June 24.)

Constitution / Shares (Belinda Mitchell)

MOTION: Moved by Belinda Mitchell. seconded by Rob Lane that a share be granted to Greg Amundsen . Carried

Facility Associate Liaison (Rob Lane)

Rob continues to work on the 50-50 issue communication. While most leagues have been compliant, the Calgary Couples league has been reluctant, needing multiple reminders.

Curling Academy (Bob Fink/ Meghan Pollock)

A successful year. Board members reported their children enjoyed the activities and instruction.

Casino / Fund Raising (Meghan Pollock)

Funds have been received and are in the bank.

Publicity (Bob Fink)

A query about auctioning an opportunity for club members to curl with elite-level curlers was discussed.

Historical (Maureen Leew/ Belinda Mitchell)

No report.

Nominating (Phil Wray)

No report

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

The 'Curling Day in Canada' idea was briefly discussed.

Two You Tube video projects were filmed at the club.

Special Projects (Maureen Leew/ Bob Fink)

No report

NEW BUSINESS

-Don Walker Scholarship – deadline is Apr. 15. Notice has been in the newsletter.

-Southern Seniors – Jan. 26-29, 2018

- Jim Romaine Manager Laycock discussed concerns with respect to theft from several areas of the Club on multiple occasions. The matter has been discussed with Jim by Bob. He will receive a letter indicating a one-year suspension due to the multiple infractions. The 2 leagues in which he plays will be notified.

- Diane Foster Due to the fact she is being fully funded by another club, a letter of support and explanation will be sent but additional funding will be denied. She received donations from the Calgary Club Ladies from their banquet this week.

- SACA Affiliations: Manager Laycock has submitted a motion to SACA for the AGM in an attempt to better monitor the affiliations of competitive curlers.

- President Czinkota announced that Manager Laycock intends to retire at the end of June, once the summer project list has been completed. A transition plan is in place for his position and further discussions involving the executive committee will determine future plans.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Rob Lane, seconded by Maureen Leew that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 PM. Carried

Andrea Czinkota
President

Maureen Leew
Secretary