

FERGUS CURLING CLUB

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING, 2 December, 2018

- Called to order:** 7:01 PM.
- In Attendance:** Avon Giddings (Chair), Bonnie Talbot (Vice), Steve Graham (Treasurer), Greg Moulton, Marks Cripps, Carl Gray, Bob Hook, Kevin Curran,
- Regrets:** Phil Chester, Debra Burt, Krista Pederson, Gloria Bancroft.
- Approval of Agenda:** Duly **moved** and seconded to approve the Agenda. Carried
- Approval of Minutes:** Duly moved and seconded to approve the Minutes. Carried
- Treasurer’s Report:** See attached treasurer’s “notes” submitted by Steve Graham which is self-explanatory. Funds available \$72,801.06.

Reconciled Bank Balance - November 30, 2018	\$80,996.50
Accounts Payable	\$4,082.44
Outstanding Cheques	\$ 4,113.00
Funds Currently Available	\$72,801.06

Notes:

Invoice for lights has not been received. Plan to pay this expense out of current season cash flow. Will leave the capital fund intact.

Transferred \$4,200 into our capital investment at TD Canada Trust. Current balance is \$26,315.12.

Bonspiel registration - received 10 via Pay Pal and 4 via e-transfer to date.

Advertising - Invoiced \$12,400: Received \$10,000.

O/S: Wellington North Tire \$400, Cogeco \$800, Sunbelt Rentals \$400, IPC Investment \$800

Duly moved and seconded to approve the Treasurers Report. Carried

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

- Ontario Wholesale Energy – Natural Gas and Electricity – Avon and Bonnie met with representative to discuss potential for lower electrical and natural gas rates. Waiting for an analysis from them on our electrical usage.
- OCA Masters – Chair expressed frustration with both the poor turnout for the OCA Masters at the Club and for the perceived unfairness of the ranking and draw positioning for teams from smaller

clubs. Agreed that the Club could express our opinion to CurlOn regarding the booking but that the draw complaint should not come from the Club as a whole.

- Parade – The Xmas parade float was extremely well received and it was felt that Lynda Waterhouse and her team did a great job.
- The previously discussed opportunity for Andy Maine to participate in the Ontario Championship Bonspiel as an ice maker will not be going forward. CurlOn uses a set crew and no opportunity exists..

COMMUNICATION

- Lynda Waterhouse has offered to continue producing the Hack and Back publication. All were in favour.
- Graham Parsons is producing this year's Club Directory.
- Chair discussed the positive impact of sending timely congratulations and recognition notes from the Board to people contributing to the Club. Directors are advised to send any need for notes to the President.

ELECTRONIC BUSINESS

- “Wok with Scott” fundraiser was approved for March 16, 2019
- Agreed to move forward with an SSL certificate for our website per George Loney. Avon to advise.
- Board of Director and Who Does What documents updated and approved to release to George Loney for the updating off the website.
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DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Volunteering.

1. Over 1460 volunteer hours recorded to the end of November. The hours recorded to this point last year were 990. Total hours recorded for all of last season was 5663.
2. 85 people have some volunteer hours recorded to date. Less than half of membership.
3. The volunteering sign-ups still going well. Only little prodding has been needed to fill a couple of holes to date.

Membership

No updated report, Bonnie presented her proposed process for managing desired league changes for the winter season.

Bonspiels

- No current issues have been identified from any convener to date.
- The e-transfer and online registration options have been used but sparingly.
- Two successful club bonspiels were held in November.
- Conveners have posters up and are marketing their upcoming events.
- A convener for the Giddy bonspiel on Feb 13, 2019 has been found! Sue Graham has offered her services for the event and has lined up a solid team to help her out.

Leagues.

No Issues

Kitchen

1 Volunteer requests

Have, so far, been able to recruit all the help needed and very much appreciate everyone who stepped up to fill openings as well as those who signed up so willingly.

2 I need volunteers for a committee for the Banquet. Haven't had anyone step forward as of yet, moving forward with planning

3 WDGHU kitchen inspection will happen this Wed. at 4:15. In process now

I have been in touch with Horizons and they have dropped their charge per person to do the food handlers course to \$ 50.00 plus tax that includes the test. I have some volunteers willing to take it but we are having difficulty finding a way to schedule them. I have completed mine online, it required about 6 hours, I have to go to the health unit office to do the test. I will have just under \$50.00 invested when I am done.

Bar The only thing I have to report is that I will doing the bar 101 at the beginning of January. With December busy for everyone I think there will be a better turn out in January.

A number of questions were raised that will be brought to the attention of the Bar Director:

- Need to move keys from the cupboard to a location that can be reached from the outside of the locked gate. Mark has agreed to do this.
- Questions about when the Ice machine is going to be operational. Avon to speak to Gord McLeod to see if this can be arranged
- Directors hearing comments about missing stock.

Advertising

Nothing to report

House/Maintenance.

Kevin wasn't able to attend. A number of issues/questions raised:

- See Bar report re keys being moved and plans for Ice machine installation
- A need for FOBS for Rentals
- More frequent complaints regarding televisions. Two on-ice cameras (Sheets 3 and 4) don't appear to be working. Main club TV is also giving sporadic performance. Time for a new one or is it a Cable problem?

Ice

Ice Quality

The overall speed, curl and appearance of the ice for the Intercity and the Masters last weekend was the best I have seen in my few short years in Fergus. Didn't hear how the Home Hardware went on Friday. Andy is happy with it and while we're wrestling with loose handles occasionally there were no negative comments about the ice at the Masters that I heard and only one from a member earlier in the week who didn't like the 'late' curl. Very happy.

Broom Request

Lynda Waterhouse has requested that Club investigate buying 32 House brooms complete with logos. Apparently when the school kids, and presumably rentals, 101, etc... people end up using a Hodge Podge of different and old brooms. Should have a price by the **next** meeting.

Board reviewed a quote from Goldline for 32 new Club brooms @ \$39.16. including HST. This will amount to \$1,416,03, This was duly moved and seconded. Carried.

Handles Recommendation

Still working on this but here is the plan. We create a Memory and Thank you board to mount handles which have been broken beyond repair. Will need to contact the original purchasers of these to make sure **it's** OK or if they'd rather have the handles themselves. Then we'd really only have to replace 1 handle with a standard sheet and rock number at a cost of around \$50

Some concerns about naming the board 'In Memory' as not all handles would fit this category. Avon to investigate the possibility of asking the woodshop at Pine Meadows to take this on as a project. Also suggested that we did not necessarily need to track down every owner of a handle if they were staying out in the public eye.

Ice 1 Techs

Both Barry March and Jim Carter have passed Tech 1 training. Andy has designated Wednesdays as training day and is walking them through the practical side of ice making – scraping, pebbling and to his standards of what he wants to see when they prepare the ice here.

Curling Clock

Wilkins has kindly donated a clock to replace the old one. No one seems to remember when it was originally installed. Ron Wilkins seemed to think he had donated it but couldn't recall. Said they knew it was old because it was electric – they're all battery powered now. I can remember clocks that you wound by hand!

NEW BUSINESS

- A very good discussion on the need for a capital plan to identify the large capital needs of the Club, and on a longer term. Avon, Carl, Bonnie and Steve will meet to see what can be pulled together from previous work and return to the Board with a list of needs.

Date of Next Meeting:

January 6th, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.