

CRESTON CURLING CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 19, 2019 @ 7 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Webster, Colleen Hedlund, Sandy Thompson, Teresa Richardson, Ellen Samuelson, Kevin Hedlund, Diane Underhill, Dave Dyck, Kellie Main

MEETING CHAIRED BY: Terry Webster

SPECIAL GUEST: Ross Gowan presented a proposal for the Creston Curling Club to host a Benefit Bonspiel for the Nelson Curling Club. A conversation about hosting a benefit bonspiel started at the Butterfly when someone suggested that Creston have a fundraising event to generate some funds to help out the Nelson Club. The Nelson Club has closed due to an Ammonia leak and now the Club needs a new plant and as well it has a \$20,000 debt. The Club does not get much support from the City of Nelson or the community. The Butterfly Bonspiel committee would like to help them, perhaps reduce their debt. It would be a shame to see them go under, they have been a key part of the West Kootenays for years!

The Board questioned where exactly the money raised would go, not to the City of Nelson! And if it goes towards their Debt, what is the debt, do they actually have a membership base to carry on a Club, apparently membership is around 200. Where is their debt coming from, how did they accumulate, or would the funds raised go towards fixing the plant. Ross confirmed that the funds raised would go towards fixing the plant as was confirmed by the Nelson Club.

Ross gave more details, it would be an Open Spiel run totally by Creston and held on November 1, 2 and 3, 2019. There would be a registration fee but no prizes. All Registration Fees and Bar Revenue net of our costs would go to the Nelson Club. Has tentatively booked the Creston Room and will ask RDCK to donate the Room.

It's definitely a good-will effort and would promote Creston. It's the right thing to do, we might raise \$5,000 to \$10,000, plus the Nelson Club may collect items and hold a silent auction during the spiel. The Butterfly Committee would work with the Nelson Club to organize this Bonspiel. Such an Event will be great PR for Creston and Nelson and surrounding area! And this could be an opportunity for our Club to continue with a fall bonspiel going forward!

Kevin motioned for the Creston Curling Club to host a Bonspiel on November 1, 2 and 3, 2019 to help benefit the Nelson Curling with proceeds going to the Nelson Curling Club to help fund a new ice Plant. No seconders.

Dave motioned that the Board approve and authorize the Butterfly Committee to proceed with the planning and organizing of a 'Benefit Bonspiel' to be held on November 1, 2 and 3, 2019 for the benefit of the Nelson Curling Club. Teresa seconded. All in favor.

Terry will talk to Josh about this extra Bonspiel for next season.

Ross reported that the Butterfly Bonspiel went very well! There were 56 teams! 255 Punch Cards were sold! People behaved and no incidents. There is lots of interest for next year, have already received some deposits! There was a bit of a mix-up with the next year's dates but that has now been corrected.

MINUTES REVIEWED: Kellie motioned to adopt the February 19, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Kevin. All in favour.

Discussed Outstanding Action Items:

- Set Date for CPR Training, remove this item, Board will not proceed with this Training.

- Install Over Ice Cameras and Monitors, Board was in agreement to add cameras for Sheet 1 and 2 for the near side as well as additional monitors for all 6 sheets. Also need to focus-in and expand the view of the cameras, see more of the guard zone and as well replace camera on far end of Sheet 4.

Sandy made a motion that the Club make arrangements to purchase monitors for Sheets 1 – 6, and cameras for Sheet 1 and 2 and a replacement for Sheet 4 and have all cameras focused and monitors in place and working for next season. Teresa seconded. Terry will investigate prices and arrange to purchase required equipment. It is the Board's intention to seek out sponsors to cover the cost of the monitors. There has been interest, for example Nelson Hilger has offered to purchase a monitor.

- RDCK Property Contract Renewal Due September 30, 2019, RDCK wishes to start negotiations by middle of April and wishes to know who they should contact. Terry has asked Ross Gowan to be the Club's representative and he has accepted. Ross worked on the last contract 5 years ago so he is familiar with the process. Terry Webster will also sit in on the negotiations. If RDCK wants to make any extensive changes we may want to get legal advice. Diane will provide Randy with the names of our representatives and their email information.

FINANCIALS REVIEWED: Balance Sheet and Income Statement as at February 28, 2019 were reviewed. It was noted that the Dues and Locker Rental revenue has been corrected and is now more in line with last year, difference compared to last year is only \$2,400.00. The overall Net Income at Feb 28/19 is \$5,008.64, down \$1,106.08 from last year as at February 28th.

Dave Motioned to accept the statements as presented. Seconded by Kevin. All in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PRESIDENT: No Report

LOUNGE: The men's bonspiel went well with everyone loving the table service. It grossed over 20k, net is approximately \$10k after labour and alcohol cost and less GST/PST. We had one potential incident with Stephanie diffusing the situation while the security guard stayed back. Same guy who didn't seem to notice people leaving with drinks. There were several drinks found at the main entrance and the washrooms. Ross was informed of all this and I hope the bonspiel committee takes action. Also he has said that they would write a letter to the person causing the problem to advise that if his behaviour doesn't change he will not be welcome.

BONSPIELS/CLINICS: Reported that the Meatspiel went really well, everyone had fun and great prizes. Board asked Kellie to check with organizing committee to ensure that the Sponsors are thanked whether through an Ad in the Advance or a Thank you letter sent to them. We must ensure that our Sponsors are acknowledged.

Diane reported that Josh received \$500 from PCCS representing a 'rental' fee for the High School PE Classes. These funds should be used to purchase additional grippers and sliders to ensure that there is sufficient equipment for the entire PE Classes. We need more small and medium sizes. This past year we have had up to 16 classes of up to 30 students, we need to ensure that we have adequate equipment for all students.

MARKETING: Statements have been mailed to the businesses with outstanding invoices. Ellen has given them a call as well.

It was noted that any new 'In-Ice' Ads/Sponsors would need to be confirmed by early September so the logo matting can be ordered and received prior to ice installation.

LEAGUE: hard to believe it is our last week of curling for the 2018 2019 season! Wow where did the year go. Nothing to report just want to say a big Thank you to both Diane and Teresa for setting up the pay online for

the club, it made it easier for me and the future League director. As far as League Reps we added three new ones this last year, Monday Open Laurie Heald, Wednesday Men Ted Hutchinson and Friday night Social Angie Pawson, Marlys Joy continuing for the Thursday night ladies. Hope they will take this job on next year. As far as spares that are classed as a drop in curler maybe we could have a meeting with the League Reps and make sure they are checking on the drop-ins, let me know what you think or some other way of keeping track.

I will check on how many of the League Reps are coming to the windup banquet for presentations for winning teams. I may be a little late this evening. The Meat Spiel was a lot of fun. Kellie I was wondering whether we should check to see if there should be a small Thank you in the paper, I realize it was not a big event but we should acknowledge our sponsors. Kathy, Mel and group may have already taken care of this for us. Great time had by all.

ICE/EQUIPMENT: Some members are interested in changing the lines in the ice. Currently a thicker line runs down the middle of each sheet, and a thinner line acts as the divider between the sheets. Could we have the thicker line serve as the divider between the sheets and have the thinner line run down the middle of each sheet? Kevin will talk to Josh about making this change.

Kevin noted that there is an old ice king scraper collecting dust and taking up space in the back storage room. We are not using it. Coeur d'Alene Club is interested in purchasing it and have offered to pay a few hundred dollars. Since we are not using, can we sell it? Board agreed to sell it.

SENIORS: Season is done, 4 game bonspiel format for the last 4 games. Season windup on Thursday.

JUNIORS: We have offered this program for six years and it is still going and growing strong. We have a core team of 4 instructors (Dale & Kelly Moberg, Scott Peet & myself). This year we welcomed help from Laddie Pavlis, Ted Hutchinson, Nelson & Susan and 3 of our "graduates" Noah Eastman, Ryan Neufeld and Abi Evans who helped whenever they were available.

The year began with the Optimist Learn to Curl Day on October 20th. This provided a good foundation on which to build the rest of the year.

Throughout the 12 weeks, we had a total of 33 young curlers ranging in age 8 – 13. Each week, we averaged 24 curlers per night. Last year, we introduced the Curl BC Skills Award Program where curlers are tested on their knowledge and skills. This year we had 7 curlers who successfully completed the Red Level (Novice) and 2 curlers who achieve their Blue Level (Junior). Scott took on this task of marking the test sheets and the on ice skill evaluations.

We ran 3 elementary school classes through a 1 ½ hour "Introduction to Curling" session. These ran on Monday mornings, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Total number for these were 35 from Yaqaan Nukigy (they came twice) and 22 from ARES. There is definitely a demand for these types of sessions, but unfortunately we were not able to accommodate all the requests this year.

We were able to purchase additional/replacement equipment with the Columbia Basin Trust Grant of \$1,910. \$1,043 has been spent for the Tuesday Night program – the remaining \$866.62 will be used to purchase sliders and grippers for the High School group and will be stored with the Curling Club inventory.

Considerations for next season:

1. We could certainly use more coaches! Perhaps the Club might consider holding a Coaching Clinic next fall. One could be arranged through Curl BC.
2. The Club host a one-day Learn to Curl Clinic (along the lines of the Optimist one) just prior to the start of our Tuesday Night Program. We could charge a nominal fee (to cover lunch), limit the number of curlers to 20. Our target group would be new or 1st year curlers aged 9+.

3. Pre-plan available Mondays and invite elementary schools to bring their class. Grades 5 – 7. Again, this will require additional coaches to be available. At our current number of coaches, we might be able to accommodate 2 Mondays/month.

4. Build the Saturday Morning Junior League. The kids that did participate really enjoyed having the opportunity. Hopefully the numbers will grow and we can create a League.

On behalf of the Junior Coaches and our young curlers, we would like to thank the Board for their continued support of this program.

Submitted by: Cathy Robinson

NEW BUSINESS:

Board reviewed an Honorary Lifetime Membership nomination. The Board did not come to a unanimous decision to approve the nomination. Most felt that it's not that the individual is not worthy, but just not at this time.

Board reviewed which Board members will be leaving this year. Teresa announced that she will be resigning as Treasurer, this is her last year. Teresa has been the Treasurer for the past 6 years! It will be very difficult to fill her boots. We need to start advertising to our membership for a treasurer. It is a time consuming position, perhaps it could be lessened if the Club were to hire a Bookkeeper to reduce workload of this position. Teresa will call around to get prices.

Dave offered to organize a fashion show for the Wind-up Banquet. It would feature all the various styles of headwear that is available to curlers and the runway models would be the Board members! Dave will talk to Carrie at Activity Base about lending us the various styles to be modeled. Board all agreed that it's a great idea and we should do it! The fashion show would be a fun way to raise safety awareness amongst members.

Terry motioned to adjourn meeting. Kevin seconded. All in favour.

Next Meeting Date: April 23, 2019 at 6 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM

Minutes recorded by: Diane Underhill

ACTION ITEMS FROM OCTOBER 17, 2017 MEETING

Update New Directors with Liquor Control	Sandy Thompson Feb/19 Update: Will submit update after 2019 AGM elections of new Directors.
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ACTION ITEMS FROM NOVEMBER 21, 2017 MEETING

First Aid Signage/Buy Blanket/Medical Supplies	Signage is complete, blanket purchased, Outstanding is Medical Supplies
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ACTION ITEMS FROM MARCH 20, 2018 MEETING

Investigate raising the lower portion of the Lounge Floor	Ongoing, Sandy, spoke with Irv, he suggested to speak to Garry Jackman, also should find the original blue prints for Lounge. Oct/18 – Sandy will follow up with Rec Ctr/Randy Nov/18 – continues to have conversation with the various people within the Complex.
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ACTION ITEMS FROM MAY 23, 2018 MEETING

Set date for CPR Training Session and invite interested members to sign-up for the session.	Board. Remove this Item – Board has decided not to hold this Training.
Install Over Ice Cameras	Terry - Cameras are installed over Sheets 3-6, Require additional new monitors or enable a split screen in order to view. Mar 19/19: Board agreed to go ahead and purchase required monitors and additional cameras for Sheet 1 and 2. Terry will investigate prices and purchase. The Club will seek Sponsorship for the monitors.

ACTION ITEMS FROM AUGUST 15, 2018 MEETING

Order a Sign for the Lounge	Sandy - Nov 22nd email Update: Sandy has talked with Jerry Storm and he is getting to work on the Bar Sign! Feb/19: Sign is done!
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ACTION ITEMS FROM AGM 2018

As per Bylaws, Board must designate a Vice President	Board
Review and prioritize the Capital Projects drafted in 2016	Done - Board reviewed the list. The top priority is to Build a Junior Storage Locker. The remainder of the list will be noted below for future review.
Board Director Responsibilities- new Directors Require Information	Board - Done
Add Bylaws & Constitution to Website	Diane - Done

ACTION ITEMS FROM OCTOBER 16, 2018 MEETING

Order and Distribute Bonspiel Poster	Ellen - Done
Prepare and Mail Billboard Invoices	Diane - Done
Create a Game Cancellation and Spares Policy	Colleen - Done
Build the Junior Storage and Cabinet Locker – 2016 Cost Estimate was \$3,000.00	Sandy will book Doug to do the job, will start in mid-November. Nov 20 Update: Doug has had surgery on his hand therefore he cannot work on this project. Need to look for other options, Dave Dyck will check with Brian Endicott to see if he can do the work. Jan. 22 Update: Terry W and Dave D started construction, including shelving and one wall, but as of Jan 21 construction is halted as CDCC's has not given their approval on this

	project. Diane and Dave will meet with CDCC on Jan 28th to determine the next steps. Feb/19: Dave & Diane had a good meeting with CDCC. They have requested for a full design plan for the storage room and explained that the construction and materials used must meet all CDCC standards and that construction must be done by qualified tradesmen including having WCB and Insurance. We have engaged Doug Thompson to complete the project, he will complete it after season is ended. Doug will provide the Board with his cost estimate.
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ACTION ITEMS FROM NOVEMBER 20, 2018 MEETING

Investigate other Investment Options to obtain higher rate	Teresa - 25,000 is month to month 50 and 25 in 1 yr - Done - Matured GICs were reinvested in a 1 year term with a slightly higher rate.
Enquire about purchasing new Sliders/Grippers for Learning to Curl programs	Kellie Done
Enquire about a Lumbermen Spiel	Kevin – Done, Received no response from Justin.
RDCK Contract Renewal is Due September 30, 2019	Mar 19/19 Update: Ross Gowan has accepted to represent the Club in the renewal negotiations along with Terry Webster. RDCK wants to meet with the Club in mid-April to start the renewal process. Diane will provide RDCK with the Club’s representative’s names and email info.

ACTION ITEMS FROM JANUARY 22, 2019 MEETING

Update the Board of Director Information Board at the top of the Stairs in the Lounge	Diane - Done
Is the Western Financial In-Ice Logo in the Ice	Ellen – Done Yes it is installed in the Ice!
Obtain a Shadow Box for Tam	

ACTION ITEMS FROM FEBRUARY 19, 2019 MEETING

Review our Fee Structure and establish consistent discounts across all leagues to enable simplification on Curling I/O	Diane is working on a new Fee Structure, will meet with Vern Ronmark on Feb 20th to discuss proposal and obtain historic fee info.
Send Statements to Advertising Customers	Diane - Done
Provide Update on Bar renovation required due to switching from Pepsi to Coke	Sandy, work will commence during the off season.
Send Teresa the Prize Money Breakdown	Diane - Done

ACTION ITEMS FROM MARCH 19, 2019 MEETING

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Build the Saturday Morning Junior League. The kids that did participate really enjoyed having the opportunity. Hopefully the numbers will grow and we can create a League.	Junior Director/Board
Advertise for Treasurer Position	Board
Talk to Josh about changing up the Ice Lines	Kevin
Arrange for the Sale of the old Ice Scraper	Kevin
Talk to Josh about additional Bonspiel	Terry
Ensure Thank Yous were sent to Meatspiel Sponsors	Kellie

Action Items for 2018-2019:

- Prepare a Club Policy and Procedure Manual

Future Possible Capital Projects (from 2016 List) (not in any priority)

- Install Replacement Camera on Ice 4 far end in ice area...\$450
- Install 6 monitors in downstairs viewing area (optional)...\$2,400
- Replace Bar Counter & Cabinets in Lounge Area....\$6,500
- Finish Drywall/Paint/Install new shelving in back Lounge Storage Rm...\$1,500
- Purchase Digital Timers for each sheet for games/bonspiels....\$900
- Re-profile Curling Stones (Striking Bands/running surface/transportation)...\$17,000
- Replace Lockers located at South end of Viewing Area.