

**CRESTON CURLING CLUB**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE: April 23, 2024**

**COMMENCED @ 6:30 PM**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Terry Webster, Carol Thompson, Cathy Christensen, Miriam Firth, Carol Bennett, Dave Drennan, Ted Hutchinson, Jennifer Rankin, Andrea Peet, Terry Jaeger

**ABSENT:**

**MEETING CHAIRED BY:** Carol Thompson

**MINUTES REVIEWED:** Minutes of March 12, 2024 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept minutes made by Jennifer, seconded by Ted .Carried

**Review Unfinished Business/Action Items:**

Disclaimer for FB page - Carol T working on - will get before curling season. We'll tie it into RDCK and Curl Canada posted ethics.

**Directors Reports**

- **President** - No report
  - **Vice President** - No report -Carol will send us an email in next day or two re: the making of the curling rocks.
  - **Treasurer** - Income report submitted. So far the club has received no money from any bonspiels. Motion to compensate Sandy for bar rental revenue in the amount of approximately \$450 made by Ted, seconded by Carol B. Carried.
  - Looks like Banquet came in under budget, Ted just got receipts and will report later.
  - **Lounge/Bar/Rentals**
  - Rotary Club meets every Wednesday which requires a general clean including coffee cups and vacuuming after each meeting, I propose we manage this through volunteers until the fall. I would suggest, that rather than trying to identify a weekly schedule we look for volunteers on a monthly basis. Carol B would be willing to take the month of April. Ted will show everyone how to run the dishwasher.  
Volunteers: Ted will do May. Carol T. will do June, Dave will do July. Terry W. will do August and Jennifer will do September.
  - Requests that come in to rent the lounge for events which include wedding receptions and other special event requests. These are typically initiated through the curling club email which we will need to decide how to handle going forward. In the past we have run into issues that include miscommunication, gaining access through community centre employees and uncompleted forms to include details therefore tighter controls are required if we decide to move forward with this through the summer. We will want to make a decision if we want to take any of these events on in the summer and if so what does managing these events look like.
  - As a result of this conversation the board decided not to advertise the lounge for this summer and in fact put a statement on our website saying that the lounge is not available from May to October 2024. (last year we had 2 rentals over the summer totalling approx.\$350). It was a unanimous decision by the board.
  - Cathy to add a note to the website saying lounge is not available from May to October 2024. (done)
- Andrea is stepping away from the bar manager position for the summer.
- **Bonspiels / Clinics** - no report.

- **Leagues** - No report. Miriam will set up the leagues for next fall. Let's discuss increase at next meeting. Perhaps some examples from other Kootenay's. Should we have a special meeting about registration?
- **Ice/Equipment** - no report. We have to order new blades for the nipper. They are about \$650. There is discussion that Edmonton now has a blade sharpening location. It would be cheaper to send them there. Terry J. will look into it.
- **Secretary** - No report. Carol T. Has been added as second admin on FB page.
- **Facilities** - Report submitted. We need new vacuum(s) for our carpets and perhaps rug cleaning included in the lease discussions. Wall painting, on ice surface walls and lounge walls. Are cameras necessary for the lounge? For the safety of the workers. Something to think about.

Dave is working with the rec centre re: doors leading out to the ice and the back door. This is a detriment to our ice . Dave will work on a letter to the RDCK about this issue.

Trophies - what are we doing with them? Most of the trophies are just storage.

The bonspiel "walls" Maybe a big vinyl blowup of our logo and put on one wall.

Photos - an ongoing issue that Dave is working on. Digitizing is one way of making them all uniform. Give Dave any ideas.

Dave will talk to Richard Kasperski re Telus for cell phone use in the lounge. We still have to go through the RDCK and probably Telus with this issue. Having cement walls does not help reception in the lounge

- **Seniors** - The seniors league would like the kitchen for the bonspiel. Can we negotiate that a 3rd event be added to our lease. The Sr bonspiel may have to increase their fees to make some money next year.

Jennifer took the idea to the Sr. League and sent a rep to the bonspiel sponsorship meeting but the senior league is "independent" and not really interesting in joining the sponsorship committee.

## **New Business**

Renegotiate lease - June or July.

- Do we want to see if we can get an additional week for clinics pre season. This includes getting the ice in early.
- senior league would like a 3rd kitchen use.
- Carpet being cleaned added to the lease? Professionally cleaned.
- Letter about seals for the doors leading into the ice area.

Terry W will be in on the meetings for the lease negotiations.

There are a lot of expenses coming up in this report: Vacuums, cameras. We need a list of hard expenses. Please submit ideas on paper with approx. cost if you can to Ted. The board can then prioritize.

Josh's contract yearly - renew that with stipulation of timeline for ice to go in. Is it time to renegotiate his contract or at least review it. Carol T has it to try to re-write the contract in "plain language".

Butterfly committee- how did they decide the amounts they gave away - prize money? There was a budget for prizes and when it went to cash they just converted it.

The Valentines committee says once their books are done they may return some money to the club.

Executive replacement by end of May - another email should go out, as people will stop thinking curling for the summer and we are still short a few people for the next executive. 5 members are finished their 2 year commitment this year.

Suggestion that the banquet date be set at the AGM and it not be moved.

Suggestion: Instead of wind up dinner use the money for prizes for the leagues instead. Should this go out to the members for discussion?

Could be discussed later.

If time:

- Lounge Management for the summer (discussed, see above)
- Bar Manager has stepped away for the summer (discussed, see above)

Added to next meeting agenda:

- Discussion re employee bar manager vs. contracted out
- Job description changes to include: Employee relations requirements and curling club representation
- Proposed changes to lounge management in works
- Lounge manual to begin next month

We will table these for next meeting.

Inventory: We need a good inventory done this summer. Ted and Dave and Terry J will take care of that.

We need a complete list Miriam will look for the list. (Miriam has since forwarded inventory list to executive)

BCIMCA Fees - Is it mandatory, if so or not, how do we collect it? It is a decision made by the club be a part of this association so if our members wan to they can go to the Masters competitions. We are the only club in the Kootenay sill involved..

We could pay this through general revenue for the whole club if we take an additional \$2 from each member. Motion made by Dave to remain a member BCIMCA and to use general revenue to pay that fee, Ted seconded. Carried. It will be removed from the Friday morning mens. Gary Wilson is the BCIMCA rep for this area

A program to attract new curlers -Suggestion: a 6 week course - from starting to curl, bit of instruction and then you play. Aim for Saturday afternoons - as we have nothing going on then, if that doesn't work we can maybe share the ice for this with the Tuesday league. List of Volunteers to help with that. Also Marketing. Facebook, Website. Message board. Farmer's market table. Ted will start and Dave will assist. Suggestion: approach Janet and Pete Plante.

**Next Agenda: Bothamley going forward.**

Motion to end meeting made by Miriam.

Next meeting date: May 21, 2024

Adjourn meeting time: 8:55pm