



**MINUTES**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
September 23, 2020

**Strathmore & District Curling Club**  
**Box 2033, 180 Brent Boulevard**  
**Strathmore, Alberta**  
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## 1. Call to Order

Having obtained quorum of 10 members, according to 6.4 of the Club Bylaws, President Ken Shackleton called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

There were 30 people in attendance (we are not sure if everyone in attendance signed in).

- 9 board members
- 23 members

## 2. Introduction of the Board

Ken Shackleton introduced the Board of Directors to the members in attendance: Randy Sander, Vice President; Lyndsay Helfrich, Secretary; Mike Molnar, Treasurer; Mike McCutcheon, Curling Club Auditor; Dick Frayn, Director; Michelle Bueckert, Director; Keith Reynolds, Director; Lindsay McCutcheon, Director; Jeanette Helfrich, Director; Lynnette Aschenbrenner, Director; All Board Members were in attendance with the exception of Jeanette Helfrich.

## 3. Additions to the Agenda

- No additions

Errors and Omissions: Date in header needs to be changed. Opening balance of Junior account needs to be corrected.

## 4. Adopt Minutes from the General Meeting

Jason Wilson moved to adopt the minutes of the General Meeting held on September 25, 2019 as presented. Lynnette Aschenbrenner seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

## 5. Financial Report

The financial statements were discussed with those in attendance. Mike McCutcheon gave an update on the following items:

- Casino is extremely important to the club's financial future.
- Loss of men's bonspiel bar sales was substantial
- Projected that there will be a 20-30% drop in team membership based on survey sent out which is a significant drop in revenue.
- Additional cleaning costs are substantial without any additional revenue to cover it and it is more likely that revenues will decrease.
- Mike's recommendation is to look at not curling for a year to save the club the additional money in order to potentially save the club down the road.

- Brent Aschenbrenner motions to accept the financial report, Dennis Klemm seconded, motion was carried.

Lynette Aschenbrenner moved to adopt the Financial Report as presented. Debbie Campbell seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

## **6. Fundraising Update**

- Loonie/Toonie in the ice did not go well. We were hoping for \$2-4k but only made \$160.
- We will be creating a fundraising committee on the board in order to help rethink fundraising ideas.
- Dues will have to be raised this year in part because of fundraising and in part because of extra costs as well as Curling Canada/Alberta membership increases.

## **7. Building Improvements**

- Enhanced storage in the bar and lounge so there is more storage upstairs for bar staff
- Downside when we have a rental is that we will have to be there to get the tables and chairs out as the liquor is stored in the same space. Slightly more work but cheaper than additional security
- Also improved storage and shelving downstairs
- Plexiglass will be put on the bar and kitchen and will be complete within the week
- Still waiting to find out from the town about LED lights

## **8. Staffing Managers Update**

- Ross and Wendy are returning, the plant is being turned on on September 28. The plan is to have curling on October 15.
- Lynn and Dorothy are returning to the bar and Brenda Knight will be taking over the kitchen again.
- Brenda Frayn will be taking on the cleaning duties.

## **9. Casino Update**

- Our original dates were in August, but the dates were rescheduled and are the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of September
- Appreciate everyone who has signed up as a volunteer

## 10. Grant Update

- Grant application submitted to county by Ken Shackleton for an operating grant and we got \$5500.
- Ken will write a letter to the County as a thank you.

## 11. League Updates

- **Men's**
  - Brent Aschenbrenner and Dick Frayn are taking over the men's league this year.
- **Ladies**
  - Lynette Aschenbrenner, Judy Hildahl and Debbie Campbell will be continuing to run the league; Pam Sinclair and Ronda Chrisp are done their term.
- **Mixed**
  - Ernie Palsson, Brenda Palsson and Don McIntosh ran the league. Jos Binns and his wife are going to be taking over this year, we will find him some more help.
- **Juniors**
  - No juniors until January at the beginning; in large part because of COVID but also because we were unsure of whether or not we had coordinators.
  - Jana Robertson and Larissa Damen will take it over again and are working on tentative plans to have things going in January. They would like to try and find a plan for others to take over in another year. This would include having a coaching clinic before January in order to be ready.
  - Junior program has been successful, especially the bonspiels, so it is important to try and keep it going in some way. Recommend not accepting new registrations, only accept kids who know how to curl thus far, bonspiels are in the air. Will also have to have their own equipment, or they rent our equipment for a whole year and no one is exchanging equipment.
  - Got a \$1000 cheque from Jumpstart as we were going to volunteer for an event which ended up getting cancelled.
- **Afternoon**
  - Afternoon league will have to pay up front as it is easier to manage with COVID.
  - Robert is concerned about raising fees.

## 12. Club Rental Update

- Michelle Ledene is asking about High School curling; depending on participants the board is open to a proposal
- Dennis Klem update: rentals were down due to COVID but have still made around \$2300 in rentals. We recently had a rental and have one confirmed for December and possibly one for January. \$50 surcharge for cleaning has been approved to add to rental fee.

## 13. New Business

- New rules and guidelines for COVID will be in place (separate sheet which was read out to the members; new signage etc)
- Recommend leagues starting at 6:30 and being off the ice by 8:30 as it gives extra times
- There will be a waiver that will need to be signed by members at the beginning of the year
- Lyndsay Helfrich motions to accept COVID rules, Larissa seconds motion passed.
- 64/191 people surveyed responded, and 92% of respondents were planning to return and ~70% of people were fine with the rule changes (with some exceptions)
- Ross will put spacing markers in the ice
- Board is suggesting increasing dues by \$20 per person across the board.
- Junior league dues will need to be worked out with a half season.
- Jason Wilson suggested raising dues more than \$20, Michelle Ledene suggests raising the \$20 this year and \$25 next year to continue to keep the club safe and running.
- Lindsay McCutcheon motions to increase dues by \$20 this year and to revisit increasing next year as well for all leagues except for juniors. Brent Aschenbrenner seconds, motion carries.
- Jason Wilson moves we continue selling Nevada tickets at the bar, Debbie seconded. Motion passes.

## 14. Elections

- Dick Frayn thanked everyone for coming out tonight. Outgoing members were presented with gift cards.
- Available executive positions: Secretary, four director positions.
  - The first position open for nominations is Secretary:

- Jason Wilson nominates Theresa Kooistra, Theresa accepts.
- Currently there are four (4) director's positions available.
  - Lynette nominates Lyndsay Helfrich to the Director position. Lyndsay accepts the position.
  - Dick nominates Judy Hildal to the Director position, Judy accepts.
  - Dennis nominates Keith to continue as a director. Robert Damen seconds.
  - Dick nominates Pam Sinclair, she accepts

### **15. Question and Answer**

- Theresa asking about practice ice if the juniors pay their junior member fee. Suggests an affiliate membership so that there is access to practice ice but their membership to Curling Alberta/Canada is paid for. Okotoks is \$45 for instance. Will be an item of discussion at the next board meeting.
- Debbie Campbell is taking over for Tracy Reiss on locker rental duty.
- Wednesday ice time will be discussed at the next board meeting.
- No community water suggested.

### **16. Free Membership Draw**

- Mike Molnar won the free membership.

### **17. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Linda moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Michelle Ledene. Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

***Board of Director Requirements (excerpt from Bylaws of the Strathmore & District Curling Club, Revision 1, and filed 2015-Mar-18):***

**3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 3.1. The Board of Directors of the Club shall be composed of a minimum of 9 members and maximum of 13 members. The five executive officers position shall be filled, with the balance of 4 to 8 members elected as Directors. These members are in good standing with the Club holding the titles of:
- President
  - Past-President
  - Vice-President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer, and
  - Directors (4 – 8)
- 3.2. The Board of Directors, Executive Committee or Board, shall mean the Board of Directors of the Club.
- 3.3. A minimum of four (4) males and four (4) females shall be elected as the Board.
- 3.4. A maximum of one Junior Member may be elected as a Director.
- 3.5. The Office of the Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one person, if so decided at any Annual Meeting or General Meeting for the election of the officers.
- 3.6. The Executive Officers positions shall be elected for a two (2) year term at the Annual Meeting. \*Past President Position will be held for a one (1) year term with the option to remain on the board for one (1) additional year if agreed to by both Past President and the Membership.
- 3.7. Directors shall be elected for a two (2) year term at an Annual Meeting. Depending on the number of Directors elected, 3 to 5 positions shall be appointed to staggered terms allowing for overlap.
- 3.8. No person shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms, each term being a two (2) year period.