

Esquimalt Curling Club Men's League Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	Feb 11, 2025	Meeting Time	19:30
Location	ECC Lounge		

Attendee List

✓	Brad Walsh - President	✗	Doug Leask - Director
✗	Randy Tonks – Vice President	✓	Ryan Davies - Director
✗	Matt Broughton - Treasurer	✗	Steve Peckford – Director
✓	Tony Grimm - Secretary	✓	Kelly Ketcheson – Director
✓	Jim Williams – Past President	✓	Geoff Murray – Director
✓	Doug Muir - Draw master	✓	Jonathan Lomas - Director
✓	Rod Fehr - Director		

1) Call to Order

- Meeting called to order on February 11, 2025 @ 7:37 PM

2) Review, additions and approval of the agenda

- No change floored for the agenda.

Approved by Kelly Ketcheson and seconded by Geoff Murray.

3) Approve minutes from:

October 1, 2024: Approved by Ryan Davies and seconded by Jonathan Lomas.
 October 29, 2024: Approved by Kelly Ketcheson and seconded by Geoff Murray.

4) Treasurer's report

- Matt Broughton was not present for the meeting.
 A treasurer's report was not submitted for review at this meeting.

Brad will ask Matt to send out a report to the executive for review.

5) Esquimalt Curling Club Update

a) Curl BC / Canada dues increase:

Curl Canada will be increasing fees over the next 5 years, the increase will result in a season fee of:

Current season 2024-2025: \$2.00,
 Seasons 2025-26 and 2026-27: \$5.00,

Seasons 2027-28 and 2028-29: \$8.00,
Seasons 2029-30: \$10.00.

Curl BC will be increasing their fee by \$2.00, the increase will result in a fee of \$24.00.

Matt will look at the numbers to see if we have an opportunity to absorb these increases and maintain our current member fees for next season.

We don't expect to see the municipal ice fees increase next season, as we are currently paying a premium rate. Other Leagues will see their fees increase to the premium rate.

b) Curler of the Year – nominations

Nominations are open for the Pat Kennedy Memorial Curler of the Year.

Nominations must be received at least 30 days prior to the Club for consideration.

Nominations can be provided to a member of the Esquimalt Curling Club Board of Directors.

6) Business arising from the previous meeting minutes.

- Member donations prior to Christmas resulted in \$800.00 being delivered to Rainbow Kitchens. They were very appreciative for the support.

We will continue this next season to give back to the community.

7) Correspondence

- None

8) New Business

a) Review this year's activities:

i Snack Nights

- We had 2 snack nights this year: September and Christmas.
- Received good feedback for using Village's pizza and Sarpino's pizzeria.

ii Bonspiel

- Doug Muir received excellent feedback on the success of the Driftwood Bonspiel. Special mentions included the food and massage services.
- Discussed creation of the Driftwood Bonspiel trophy. Geoff Murray will be contacting Gary Lindsay of Driftwood to discuss the design of the trophy.
- Discussed new sponsors that have shown interest in supporting our league next year.

ACTION:

Executive will send out sponsorship letters to interested parties at the start of next season.

iii AGM & Dinner

- The caterer menu needs to be determined for the dinner.
- Need to get a measure of attendance for the AGM & dinner.
- Event winner patches have been received for presentation at the AGM.
- Discussed possible candidates for the Gord Peterson Award and Larry Travis Award.
- An effort is underway to have a curling season photo slide show on the Lounge TVs during dinner.
- Discussed what draw prizes may be considered: hats vs gift cards? Matt Broughton will provide input on whether we will provide one or two jugs of beer this year.

iv Discussion on registration limitations for next year

- Prefer an even number of Teams to prevent byes.
- With the potential influx of new teams, a code of conduct may be needed to ensure our Esquimalt curling culture is preserved. This is “To Be Determined”.

b) League Start Times and Buzzers

- The playoffs are set at 8 ends, with extra ends to break ties. Buzzers are not needed and will be ignored for the playoffs

c) Request for new rocks

- No update for this meeting.
- Discussed setting up a challenge to provide donations to the community – i.e. food bank.

8) Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be for the 2025/26 season and will be scheduled in August. The exact date will be distributed by Brad Walsh by email prior to the meeting.

9) Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned @ 20:24 PM

Approved by Jim Williams and seconded by Kelly Ketcheson