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Meeting: **Esquimalt Curling Club Board of Directors**

Date: Monday, October 28, 2024

Location: Archie Browning Lounge

**Attendees:** Al Teasdale – ECC President/Senior Men’s; Karen Hoban- ECC Secretary/Sunday Funday; Len Hanishuk – Director of Advertising; Steve Peckford – Curl BC Rep; Torben Wilson – ECC Doubles; Brenda Joynson – Tuesday Evening Ladies; Rachele Perry – Youth; Dianna McIntosh – Ladies Afternoon; Judy Scott – Golden Girls; Darleen Warburton- Friday Afternoon Ladies; Graeme McLaren – Senior Mixed; Brenda Byrne - Rebels

## 1. Call to Order

- President, Al Teasdale called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. There was a quorum present.

## 2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed by email on October 23. Additions to the agenda were distributed by email on the morning of October 28

**Motion:** [Accept the October 28, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda.](#)

**Moved/2nd:** Jim Williams/Torben Wilson

**Results:** Approved without dissention

## 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the August 20, 2024 Board of Director’s Meeting were distributed by email on October 23.

**Motion:** [Accept the Minutes of August 20, 2024 Board of Director’s Meeting be adopted.](#)

**Moved/2<sup>nd</sup>:** Torben Wilson/ Brenda Joynson

**Results:** Approved without dissention

## 4. Old Business

### 4.1. Treasurer Position

- Cheryl delivered all paperwork and information to Al T. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September.
- Al will continue to fill the position of treasurer until a replacement can be found.

### 4.2. Charity Bonspiel

- Still trying to settle on dates, looking at February



## 5. President's Report

### 5.1. Open House

- Open house was held on the afternoon of September 22
- First 2hrs were for members to practice, Try Curling clinic 1-3pm
- Well attended – lots of members out, mostly drop-in for clinic
- Suggest reverse the times next year: Try Curling Clinic in morning, followed by members' practice to allow for more mingling with club members and socializing in lounge.

### 5.2. Buzzers

- Battery replaced, so seem to be working this season.
- If changes to buzzer times are needed, please let Al T. know.

### 5.3. Ice Rental Rates

- Tatum had received wrong rate sheet so sent some incorrect contracts – should all be corrected now.
- Al T had a discussion with rep from Esquimalt about reduced rental rates for Doubles.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

- Sponsorship revenue is down slightly from last year's prediction
- Have received payment from ~41% of sponsors.
- Most leagues have returned their Curl BC Report spreadsheets and paid dues.
- Estimate 685 Curlers this season
  - +85 from last season
  - Includes Learn to Curl participants (24) and new Wheelchair league
  - ~175 curl in multiple leagues at ECC
  - ~85 also curl at VCC
- Expect to run a deficit this season due to unbudgeted but board approved items:
  - Rock mapping
  - New nipper blade
  - Equipment for learn to curl (grippers & sliders) – some of this cost will be recouped from registration fees, and will be amortized over a few years.
  - Club pins

## 7. Advertising and Sponsorship

- 25 sponsors (2 new)
  - 5 scoerboards
  - 15 sidewall
  - 4 ice logos
  - Hack covers
  - Canadian Tire sponsored Wheelchair league
- Thanks to Ken O'Connor for donating his services designing some signs

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## 8. Curl BC Report

- Monthly 50/50 draw via Rafflebox
- Clubs receive 40% of ticket sales and get entered into monthly prize draws.

## 9. New Business

### 9.1. Club Liability Insurance

- Note: coverage description was included as an attachment with the agenda and past minutes
- Liability insurance is to cover the club and its directors if it were to be sued.
- If there is an accident on the ice and a club member is injured, they are covered by Curl BC insurance (if dues paid)

### 9.2. Reimbursement of Course/Criminal Record Check Fees

- Unsure of club policy for reimbursing members that take a training course.
- Two club members have recently paid fees for courses or CRC that will benefit ECC:
  - a. Level 1 club coach – member is helping with juniors and learn to curl program
  - b. Fingerprinting as part of criminal record check in order to help with learn to curl
- Still trying to get a coaching course held at ECC in the new year. More members may request reimbursement.
- Policy needs a stipulation that members must give back a minimum # hrs of service if they are to be reimbursed for course or CRC fees.

**Motion:** ECC will cover 100% of the expenses for the club coach course and the criminal record check for the two volunteers identified at the Oct 28 ECC board meeting.

**Moved/2<sup>nd</sup>:** Jim Williams/ Torben Wilson

**Results:** Approved without dissent

### 9.3. Learn to Curl

- 24 students, ~8 volunteers (mostly executive members)
- Seems to be running OK
- Considering running a half season “Rookie League” in the same time slot in the new year if the current students wish to continue.
- Could also run a smaller learn to curl group at the same time if there is enough interest.

### 9.4. Ice Rental Payment

- Reminder that payment is due by the end of the month

### 9.5. Practice Ice

- Al asked to extend practice ice on Saturdays so drop-in wheelchair users could use practice ice.
- Ice makers are finding it hard to get the ice prepped with extended practice time
- Will revert back to practice ice being available 12-2pm on Saturdays.
- No sign-in sheet has been posted. Al will make one up and post it.

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- AI will ask Tatum to post a note when practice ice is not available. If know in advance, can also post to website.

## 9.6. Men's Leagues Letter to the Board

- The men's leagues sent a letter to the ECC Board of directors to express their desire for the Board to secure an agreement with Esquimalt Recreation to purchase new curling rocks. (Note the letter was distributed with the additions to the agenda on Oct 28)
- Will probably take a couple of years to get new rocks, so in best interest to start discussion now.
- Rock mapping completed in the summer indicates that the rocks are nearly at the end of their lifespan.
- Many fundraising opportunities to help offset the cost of the rocks.

[Action Item: AI T to arrange a meeting with AI Sutherland and the appropriate people from Esquimalt Parks and Recreation to discuss the rock mapping report.](#)

## 10. League Updates

### 10.1. Rebels

- 12 teams
- 15 on spare list, plus 2 not on website

### 10.2. Sunday Funday

- 18 teams (5 new to the league)

### 10.3. Doubles

- 6 teams + 6 spares registered on website
- All games being played at the same time this season (instead of 1.5hr games back to back)

### 10.4. Evening Ladies

- 13 teams
- Bonspiel Nov 29 – room for 4 more teams

### 10.5. Sportsmen

- 12 teams

### 10.6. Monday/Wednesday Men

- 16 teams in each league
- Driftwood Bonspiel coming up Nov 14-17

### 10.7. Senior Mixed

- 10 teams (couple more than last year)
- Active spare list

### 10.8. Friday Ladies

- 10 teams

### 10.9. Golden Girls

- 12 teams (13 last year)
- Already have teams registered for bonspiel at end of January

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## 10.10. Monday Afternoon Ladies

- 7 teams
- Draw teams in September and January

## 10.11. Youth

- 8 curlers (2 new)

## 10.12. Senior Men

- 9 teams (10 last year)
- Join as individuals, make up team
- 8-ender a couple of weeks ago
- Bonspiel early January – 2 divisions (competitive & non-competitive, include senior ladies)

## 10.13. Senior Select

- 9 teams Monday, 10 teams Wednesday
- Down in membership, but have some new players
- Peterson bonspiel had 12 teams

## 11. Next Meeting

- *Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:00pm.*

## 12. Adjournment

**Motion:** [To adjourn meeting.](#)

Moved/2nd: Jim Williams/Steve Peckford

Meeting adjourned at *8:15 pm.*