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

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2025

Location: Archie Browning Lounge

Attendees: Al Teasdale – ECC President/Senior Men’s; Karen Hoban – ECC Secretary/Sunday Funday; Pam Knysh – ECC Treasurer; Steve Peckford – Curl BC Rep; Matthew Ford – Wheelchair; Ned Easton – Rebels; Ken O’Connor – Sportsmen; Janet Bell- Friday Afternoon Ladies; Graeme McLaren- Senior Mixed; Ian Forbes – Senior Select; Brad Walsh – Monday/Wednesday Men’s; Rachele Perry – Youth League

1. Call to Order

President, Al Teasdale called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. There was a quorum present.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed by email on October 20, 2025.

Additions:

- Rock Sanding
- Name Badges

Motion: [Accept the October 23, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda as circulated, with noted additions.](#)

Moved/2nd: Brad Walsh/ Steve Peckford

Results: Approved without dissention

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the August 13, 2025 Board of Director’s Meeting were distributed by email prior to the meeting.

Motion: [Accept the Minutes of August 13, 2025 Board of Director’s Meeting be adopted.](#)

Moved/2nd: Steve Peckfod/Brad Walsh

Results: Approved without dissention

4. Old Business

4.1. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for curling rink

- AED has been installed in curling hallway. It is mounted on the wall outside the women’s washroom.
- New batteries were recently installed

4.2. Open House

- Open house was a success. Was split into two parts with the morning being open practice for club members and the afternoon for “Try Curling”.
- Open practice all sheets were full. 24 participants in the Try Curling, most of whom were drop-ins. Try Curling participation was down a bit from previous years.
- Consideration for next year: celebrate the 65th anniversary of ECC by hosting a 1960s themed bonspiel instead of the open house.

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5. President's Report

5.1. Provincial Championships

- Most positions on host committee have been filled
- Volunteer sign-up is underway, need to fill 800+ volunteer shifts
 - Need to put up posters to advertise for volunteer
 - 1 volunteer shift = admission to 1 other draw
- Tickets not yet on sale, but will be soon. Prices will increase after Christmas.
- ECC will be running the concession this year instead of the Lions Club

5.2. Curling Fees Spreadsheets

- Waiting for two more leagues to submit their spreadsheets
- Reminder to leagues to wait until spreadsheets are reconciled before submitting money owed
- Preference is for one cheque/e-transfer per league (*do not* have members submit club fees directly to Pam)

6. Treasurer's report

- Will be reconciling spreadsheets this weekend
- Some sponsorship money has already come in
- Club has a healthy bank balance. Insurance and Curl BC fees will be paid out soon.
- Rock Replacement Levy funds will be internally restricted
 - Brad asked about putting the money into a growth fund
 - Al said money from the 2024 championships could be added

Action Item: Pam to look into growth fund options for the rock replacement levy funds.

7. Correspondence

- Goldline catalogue received. Club has 30% discount. Orders must be place through Al T.

8. Advertising & Sponsorship Report

- Record year for advertising & sponsorship
- Any potential sponsorship opportunities should be forwarded to Len

9. Curl BC Report

- Personal Accident Insurance
 - Previously a curler had to curl 4 times before they were covered by insurance
 - Policy has been changed so that all users are covered (no minimum # times curled)
 - CurlBC is absorbing the cost
- President of CurlBC wants to have a one-on-one with all club leaders to understand the status of the clubs and any projects that need help, including fundraising.

Action Item: Al to complete survey on CurlBC website

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10. New Business

10.1. Insurance

- Policy is up for renewal, quote is approximately \$100 more than last year
- Club has no assets, so policy is basically for liability and is required for ice rental by Esquimalt Parks and Recreation
- Using numbers from curling fees spreadsheets, estimate 700 curlers at ECC this season

10.2. Rock Replacement Committee

- Esquimalt Rec to put forward request in next budget cycle for funds to replace rocks
- Al would like to form a small committee to look at options for rock replacement
 - Would be beneficial to include a representative from Esquimalt Parks & Rec and an ice maker (Alex?)
 - Brad & Rachelle volunteered to join committee. Ken put forward Doug Muir's name to join the committee. Anyone else interested in joining should contact Al.
- New vs used rocks
 - New rocks may be out of reach due to increased price.
 - Refurbished rocks are usually sold by the same companies that sell new rocks

10.3. Rock Sanding

- Jeff Byron, Manager of Recreation Services asked if ECC wants the rocks sanded regularly this season
- Previously the rocks were sanded 6 times per season, but have not been done yet this year
- Rocks will be sanded by Curl BC for the U20 championships
- Cost is approximately \$100 for sandpaper each time the rocks are sanded (\$600 per season), so Esquimalt Rec has asked ECC to share the cost.
- Consensus that the cost could be included in the budget under equipment, therefore no motion/vote required.

10.4. Name Badges

- Club members new to ECC may receive a name badge at no cost to themselves (paid for by club fees)
- Replacement name tags can be ordered for \$10 each
 - Leagues are to collect money and submit one payment to Pam rather than club members paying individually directly to Pam. Reminder to include a memo stating what the money is for.
- Juniors pay club fees, so are entitled to receive name badges
- Karen to send request to leagues for name badge orders

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10.5. Practice Ice (not on agenda)

- Curl for the Cure bonspiel cancelled, so AI will inquire to see if ice can be available for practice on Oct. 26.
- Scheduled practice ice times are listed on the club's website

11. League Updates

13.1. Senior Men

- 10 teams, similar to past years
- Many spares (~20) signed up

13.2. Learn to Curl

- Approximately 24 participants with waitlist
- Have had 2 sessions already.

13.3. Rookie League

- Play at same time as Learn to Curl
- Approximately 10 players registered. Fewer than expected (40 players last season), but may be due to players joining other leagues.

13.4. Tuesday Ladies

- 12 teams
- Hollyspiel Nov 28-20. 12 teams already registered, sign-up on board in hallway

13.5. Golden Girls

- 13 teams
- Bonspiel Feb 3-5

13.6. Sunday Funday

- 20 teams. Some came from last year's Rookie league.

13.7. Doubles

- 7 teams (1 more than last year)
- Not taking advantage of the negotiated 1hr rental rate because all teams agreed they preferred paying more to play all games at the same time rather than back-to-back 1.5hr draws which resulted in 2 games in one draw and only 1 game in the other draw.

13.8. Rebels

- League is full (12 teams) with one team on the waitlist for next season

13.9. Wheelchair

- 8 people registered: 4 are competitive, 4 are learning
- Competitive team will participate in the provincial wheelchair championships in December
- League was featured on "The Upside" on Chek television and received donations via GoFundMe campaign

13.10. White Ensign

- League is full with 22 teams

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13.11. Monday/Wednesday Men's

- Up two teams from last year: 18 teams on Monday, 16 teams on Wednesday (~100 players total. ~30 play both nights)
- Bonspiel in November

13.12. Friday Ladies

- 10 teams

13.13. Senior Select

- 10 teams on both days
- Petersen bonspiel had 12 teams

13.14. Sportsmen

- 12 teams

12. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00pm.

13. Adjournment

Motion: [To adjourn meeting.](#)

Moved/2nd: Brad Walsh/ Rachelle Perry

Results: Approved without dissent

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.