

## Minutes of the Nanaimo Club Executive and Board of Directors

Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Meeting Protocol:

Present: Brian McRory, Tom Weinreich, Mark Blackell, Mark Duffell, Mary Ellen Konyer, April Gale-Seixeiro, George Duffell, Andrea Trepanier.

Regrets: Vic Brice, John Knox, Muir Meredith, Jim Boutillier.

Mary Ellen Konyer called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Minutes: **motion** to adopt Mark B.'s minutes of the Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting (April/Brian). Carried.

Correspondence: Mark Blackell – An M.S. Society outreach letter was passed around

President's Report – Mary-ellen Konyer: See written report.

Treasurer's Report – Tom Weinreich: We reviewed the YTD profit/loss statements and balance sheets for the month. Our profit is down 10% over last year due to labour costs (the three bartenders had to do training; there were summer renovations to the bar, whereas this summer this will not happen, and staff will be laid off). Due to training and staffing replacement shifts the ice staff may exceed the budgeted allotment this year. We have bigger revenues in some other areas that will make up for this.

**Action:** in the April Board meeting, we should make a motion to move money (if available) to the reserve. We discussed staffing and year-over-year profit levels.

### Team Reports

- a) Vice-president and Newsletter – Brian McRory: Brian made a request for input for the next newsletter. The voucher extensions went out to the parents of the youth curlers from last year. We will try to define the difference between a mixed and an open league in the next newsletter. We discussed having written rules clarifying the specific rules for each league that will be given out by the league reps at the start of the year; this will require input from the reps.
- b) Marketing – Jim Boutillier: Jim is reaching out to the schools and VIU.
- c) Fund raising – Muir Meredith: The WestJet draw is going ahead with 500 tickets at \$5 each. We will ask specific people to help sell tickets.
- d) Membership and communications – April Gale-Seixeiro: See written report. **Action:** A sub-committee of April, Mary Ellen, and John will redact certain comments about specific personnel and send to the Board for review in this month. Brian will consider joining this sub-committee. A section on Board clarifications and actions to take will be included when it is published. We discussed using a pie chart showing where the money from fees goes.
- e) Bonspiels – Vic Brice: We discussed the Superspiel and the Ladies' Spiel; there were very positive reviews of both; we discussed a date for next year for the Superspiel, one that does not clash with anything else going on in the region. We discussed the idea of attracting really good teams is to have a points Superspiel that needs approval with Curl

BC. We discussed how many teams were novices and we would lose them, and we felt that the social atmosphere was worth preserving.

- f) Facilities – George Duffell: no report.
- g) Curling – John Knox: April reported for John that the Wednesday women’s league would like to start at 5. **Action:** John to sit down with the women’s league reps and discuss their plans about the number of ends they wish to play, so the Board can make an informed decision. John sent out three attachments on safety issues. **Action:** We will discuss this at the next meeting.
- h) Nominations & Curl BC – Mark Duffell: We discussed who has agreed to stay on. We discussed people to contact.
- i) Strategic Planning – Mary Ellen Konyer: **Action:** by next meeting each board member is to review their terms of reference (on website) and suggest any changes if need be.

Manager’s Report – Andrea Trepanier: see written report. We discussed names of potential organizers for the Spring Fling.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Requests for funding: Based on the formula (but excluding mileage due to budget constraints) we will give 1) Team Franklin will receive \$500, 2) Team Erdos will receive \$500, 3) Team Shantz will receive \$250, 4) Team Jeffries will receive \$500, and 5) Team Shearer will receive \$400. **Action:** Mark B. to send each team an e-mailed letter.
- George noted that we need to help Andrea cull old information on the members’ list. Andrea is slowly cleaning it up.

**Motion to go in-camera (Brian/Tom). Moved.**

Adjournment: (Mark B./George) The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Round Table.

- The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

## **Written Reports**

### **President’s Report February 12, 2020**

- The membership survey closed on Sunday, Feb. 9. It has had excellent response rate and a report is presently being created for members. Many thanks to members who took time to offer their input.
- It has been a busy month at the club with the Wineworks Intraclub Spiel, Ladies Biker Babes Spiel, and the Craft Brew Superspiel. Thanks so much to all the staff and volunteers for your hard work to create these great opportunities. All were very fun and successful.

- The Suggestion Box received only paper copies of surveys so far, but I am hopeful our members will utilize this in the future.
- Team Shearer (Leslie Shearer, Susan Chepil, April Gale-Seixeiro, Carol Dorman) has qualified through the South Island Club Challenge to compete in the Provincial Club Challenge at Royal City Curling Club in New Westminster Mar 26 – 29, 2020. Congratulations and the best of luck.
- Club Championship week has been moved from Feb 10 - 13 to Mar. 9 – 12.

### **Membership and communication report – February 2020**

- Mail Chimp, Facebook, and Twitter are continuing along well.
- The VI Bonspiels Facebook page is still showing pretty good engagement. All spiels for the season are on there.
- Meet the Volunteer series is STILL something I really need to get working on but who am I kidding, it's a summer project (again) now. I'm going to start with Bob Franklin, because of his Curl BC award.
- Meet the Board Member series on Facebook (and in our newsletters) continues.
- Member survey was rolled out and was open for two weeks. We had over 300 responses! This demonstrates excellent engagement from our members. Thanks to Mary Ellen and John for their partnership on this. Raw results have been shared with the board and Mary Ellen, John, Brian and I will start working on creating a report for the membership which includes action plans (created in consultation with board members).
- Still need to revisit the "cost of curling at NCC" perception – especially because of comments from the survey. Thinking of putting a display together for the downstairs bulletin board.

#### Possible future Grand Slam of Curling

- No updates since the last meeting. Still planning for 2022-2023 season but Sportsnet needs to confirm, which will probably occur after a site visit.

#### International Tankard

- Very pleased that Brian McRory will attend this year's International Tankard in Chilliwack.
- A second invitation has been extended to another worthy volunteer.

Respectfully submitted,

April Gale-Seixeiro

**Nanaimo Curling Club - Managers Report**

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#### **Facility**

- Sump alarm was going off intermittently – Rotorooter called in. One pump was jammed with waste item. Cleaned and tested ok.

### **Coffee Shop**

- Staff liked the draw for the ladies' bonspiel as it was steady influx instead of all at once.
- The Superspiel was steady all weekend.

### **Bar**

- Bar pop pump failed. Was repaired.
- Glycol line power pack pump failed. Gene Windsor supplied replacement for function that day. New one has arrived and is awaiting install.
- The bar was happy with the Superspiel and the Ladies bonspiel.
- Popcorn machine pot failed from heat exposure to the wiring. Al is repairing. We have back-up pot.

### **Pro Shop**

- End of season sale will be held March 20, 21, 22 (Fri to Sat). Advertising will go out to all VI clubs the beginning of March.

### **Staffing**

- Darren is coping with his wife's diagnosis and treatment for cancer. He has needed some days to assist her in the past 6 weeks. The rest of the staff has stepped up to ensure our facility is still running smoothly. Thank you to the staff and we wish Karen a speedy recovery.

### **Building Usage**

- Postal Workers After Xmas party Jan 18.
- Music Poker crowd grew from last event. Increased revenue at the bar and covered costs of event plus extra.
- All day rental booking on Jan 30 with the NBIS.

### **Bonspiels**

- Wine Works Intraclub Bonspiel Jan 24-25 was a full event.
- Ladies Bonspiel Jan 31 to Feb 2 ended up with 21 teams and was very fun.
- Superspiel Feb 6 to 9 had 27 teams, gave away \$10,250 in cash prizes and was a resounding success. Many out-of-town teams from as far away as Calgary, Prince Rupert and Seattle. Many are coming back next year and bringing more teams with them. Planning the weekend of February 18 to 21, 2021 with a goal of 48 teams.
- Family Bonspiel happening Feb 22
- Hospice Fundraiser bonspiel happening Feb 23
- Still need committee for Spring Fling.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea Trepanier