

Minutes of the Nanaimo Club Executive and Board of Directors

Thursday, March 14th, 2019

Meeting Protocol:

Present: Mark Duffell, Andrea Trepanier, Mark Blackell, Fred Rumo, Mary-Ellen Konyer, Brian McRory, Vic Brice, Chris Vanzandwyk, George Duffell, Guest: John Knox

Regrets: Andrea Parry, April Gale-Seixeiro.

Mark Duffell called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Minutes: (Fred/Brian) to adopt the minutes of the regular February 7th, 2019 meeting, written by Mark Blackell. Carried.

Correspondence: Mark Blackell – Team Shearer thanked the board for financial assistance to the Senior Provincials.

President's Report: Mark Duffell – See written report below.

Treasurer's Report: Fred Rumo – We are doing very well and are fully solvent. Year-to-date comparables are very favourable. We discussed the need to build up some funds to address specific future expenses around our aging infrastructure. We felt that this year has been a good step in that direction.

Team Reports:

- a) **Vice President & Newsletter:** Mary Ellen Konyer – The newsletter had a 6% increase in readership this month. Mary-Ellen would like an article from outgoing Board Directors who are leaving this year as a way to entice people to their board position.
- b) **Marketing:** Andrea Parry – no report.
- c) **Fundraising/Curl BC:** Vic Brice – Raffles sales are going well (the draw is tomorrow/March 15th). Kudos to the Senior Men's League for their sales job.
- d) **Membership and Communications:** April Gale-Seixeiro – see written report below. The Board would like to thank April for all of her hard work on the BC Master's this year.
- e) **Bonspiels:** Chris Vanzandwyk –The committee for the Spring Fling just met and we have enough teams and entertainment for both Friday and Saturday night.
- f) **Facilities:** George Duffell – The darts area has been improved. George worked with Colleen this week on the Provincial Masters' Bonspiel. A summer job will be to upgrade the floor in the stock room.
- g) **Curling:** Brian McRory – No issues were brought forward. Brian has heard from some of the reps on whether they are returning next year; most are but we will need to find a few replacements. Brian will remind those who have not let him know to do so. A complement was relayed to Brian about Darren's performance.

- h) Nominations/Curl BC:** Vic Brice – Vic is continuing to talk to potential new Board Directors, but no one has yet agreed for next year.
- i) Strategic Planning:** Mark Duffell – no report (a report will come next month)

Manager's Report: Andrea Trepanier – See written report below. Additional comments:

- Mt. Arrowsmith and Longwood are each putting in new tap heads at their own expense. We will have 11 beers. We now have flight boards that Bob Palynchuk made and we are using glasses we had in storage. The boxes of wine will be moved. Right now, we only have one regulator for all the kegs and the kegs try to even out the pressure if they are all on the same regulator. Al would like to have individual regulators on each keg. Andrea will find out how much this will be and come back to the Board. We have pickled eggs now. We discussed what non-alcoholic beers we have; they are each \$3.50.
- We discussed the idea of glass walls extending the pro-shop; Andrea will look into the costs and come back to the Board.
- The surveys from the BC Masters' Bonspiel were *very* positive in their comments about the event and the host volunteers.
- Andrea will be getting new, and newly designed, NCC pins.
- Andrea would like to do something for all the coaches and league reps; we thought of one large event at year-end for all volunteers. We discussed a date and came up with April 15th at 7 PM.
- Andrea is trying to develop a cash league for those who want the competition. We discussed when it could be held and whether there would be enough interest; no decisions were reached.

Old Business:

- \$150 funding for the Nanaimo Quilters' Guild Event was approved.

New Business:

- 1) Financial reporting to the Board. We discussed the need to follow best practices for Non-Profit Boards and the level of financial reporting at this current meeting was felt to be thorough; we wish to continue that level of detailed reporting with quarterly profit and loss totals in specific areas, and year-to-date comparisons with other years
- 2) Nomination of Teri Palynchuk to the Curl BC Board (see attached forms and information). This was approved earlier via e-mail.
- 3) Potential Club bids:
 - a. "International Tankard 2022 host club bid". See: <http://www.internationaltankard.com/HostingClub.pdf>
We will discuss this at the next meeting when April is able to make it.
 - b. Curling Canada's open bids for the 2020-2021 season:
 - Canadian Mixed Championship

- Under-18 Canadian Championships
- Canadian Juniors Championships
- Canadian Seniors Championships

We discussed the financial risks of these national events and decided that we would not act now and that we would discuss such bids at a later meeting.

- 4) Team Konyer is going to the Provincial Curl BC Club Challenge, which is being held March 21-24 in Abbotsford, BC, and requested funding assistance from the Board. Following our official policy, we agreed to pay \$215.
- 5) Team Voysey requested funding assistance for the Zone in Victoria. Following our official policy, we agreed to pay \$400.
- 6) We briefly discussed the budget for next year.

Adjournment: (Vic) The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Round Table.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 11th at 7 pm.

Reports

President's Report March 2019

This past month the Nanaimo Curling Centre was in full-prep mode, getting ready to host the 2019 Connect Hearing BC Masters Curling Championship the week of March 5th to 10th. April Gale-Seixeiro and her army of volunteers spent countless hours before and during the event, making sure the needs were met for each of the 10 women's and 8 men's qualifying teams. The teams were all very impressed with the extensive organizing that had gone into the event. Thank you April for putting your heart into making sure the event was as successful as it was. And thank you to all of the volunteers that made our guests feel welcome throughout the week.

The week started with the opening ceremony that saw the teams piped into the arena and everyone was anxious to get the competition started. We can laugh about it now, but Darren had a nice jaw-dropping surprise when he saw footprints on the ice after the ceremony. It turns out some of the competitors thought it was a good idea to wear hot-pockets in their shoes while standing on the ice for the ceremony. Darren had to work his magic and repair the affected sheets before the games could start.

The competitors had nothing but compliments for the ice conditions throughout the week. Darren even went so far as to sleep at the club overnight to make sure the ice met his expectations and was ready for the next day's curling. Big thanks to Darren his crew for a job well done.



Respectfully submitted,

Mark Duffell

Membership and communication report – March 2019

- Nothing new re Mail Chimp. Engagement remains good.
- Facebook engagement remains good, especially when posts have lots of photos. Masters FB posts were well received.
- Our Twitter feed is getting more attention. In the future I'd like to use this to promote our bonspiels to out of towners.
- Board of Directors display is up. Thanks to Mary Ellen for working with me on this.
- Gilles Parenteau will attend the International Tankard in Abbotsford March 29-31. This is the first time we've sent someone in over 10 years so the Tankard committee is pleased and it will be a good networking opportunity for NCC.
- Meet the Volunteer series is now a summer project.
- The snowstorm closures exposed a failure of communication at the club. Some league reps did not communicate club closure and league cancellation to their members. Nobody showed up, but several people called to ask if the club was closed. We did post

the closure info to Facebook and Twitter but not everyone saw it. I talked to Andrea and in the future if the club is unexpectedly closed, we'll send out a MailChimp email to the entire membership.

Possible future Grand Slam of Curling

- No update on this. I'll revisit over the summer. Please let me gather all information, and I'll update the board, before we talk to the City.

Masters

- We did it! Feedback from teams was very positive with a few constructive criticisms. A couple of highly experienced teams said this was the best provincials they have attended, which was very nice to hear.
- Financial outcome should be good as long as we sell at least 200 raffle tickets (which I believe we've already done).
- A huge thank you goes out to all our committee chairs and volunteers. This event would not have been possible without them.
- A massive thank you goes out to Darren Horton, chief ice tech. He worked his tail off to make great ice for our competitors. He had a few hiccups with the ice (a scraper blade gouge and unexpected deep footprints from the opening ceremony) that he quickly worked to completely fix.
- Andrea Trepanier was absolutely key in the financial success of the event. She obtained the Hospitality Association grant and the raffle ticket prizes which made up a very large chunk of our cash budget. Andrea, THANK YOU so much!!

International Tankard 2022

- I would like to respectfully request that NCC consider hosting the International Tankard in March 2022 (exact date TBD). This would require us hosting a social event Friday evening (no impact to leagues), two games on Saturday, a banquet and entertainment on Saturday night, and a game on Sunday morning. Please see <http://www.internationaltankard.com/HostingClub.pdf> for more details. I would be happy to be event chair for the Tankard – I did so in Seattle in 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

April Gale-Seixeiro

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Facility

- - Sump was pumped out as maintenance prior to the BC Masters. Quite gunky from grease and RotoRooter is recommending a grease trap for the kitchen. Regular maintenance has been sufficient thus far so we will continue to book regular pump and cleans. Most cost effective.
- - Thank you to George for all his hard work during the BC Masters event to keep things fixed up – locker repairs, toilet repairs, chair repairs, etc. etc.
- - Goliath safe in pro shop/office has been sold and new, modern SMALLER safe has been purchased for install. Arrangements are still in planning phase for removal.

Coffee Shop

- Nothing to report

Bar and Pro Shop

- - Sale conducted during BC Masters saw over \$4,000 in sales.
- - Proposing an expansion of the pro shop and gathering information as to costs to present to the board.

Staffing

- - Nothing to report

Building Usage

- - Curl BC Club Challenge event
- - PCMCA Playdowns
- - Senior Womens Bonspiel cancelled due to weather conditions
- - Family Bonspiel
- - BC Masters event – huge success!!!! Tonnes of excellent feedback from participants, spectators and volunteers.

Other

- - Current raffle sales at \$3,300 Draw is tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted, Andrea Trepanier