

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

Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Meeting Protocol:

Present: Brian McRory, Andrea Trepanier, Jim Boutillier, Vic Brice, John Knox, Tom Weinreich, Mark Duffell, Muir Meredith, Mary Ellen Konyer, April Gale-Seixeiro.

Regrets: Mark Blackell, George Duffell.

Mary Ellen Konyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: motion to adopt Mark B.'s minutes of the Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting (Brian/Vic). Carried.

Correspondence: None.

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

Treasurer's Report – Tom Weinreich: Tom discussed our current financial status. There's a 9% net income increase over the same time last year. An increase in the number of curlers has helped. So far things are continuing normally and are looking good.

### Team Reports

- a) Vice-president and Newsletter – Brian McRory: The October newsletter was released October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 56% of the recipients opened or clicked on the newsletter to view additional details, which is pretty good. The end of November will be the cut-off for the next newsletter. Brian reported on the Junior program meeting he attended on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b) Marketing – Jim Boutillier: Starting to plan for next year's marketing campaign. Exploring visiting high schools and universities for possible curling opportunities such as intramural events. Brian to explore his school contacts for possible assistance.
- c) Fund raising – Muir Meredith: Application has been submitted to WestJet requesting a prize donation. Currently being reviewed by WestJet. Also exploring possible travel raffle which has been successful in the past.
- d) Membership and communications – April Gale-Seixeiro: See written report.
- e) Bonspiels – Vic Brice: Upcoming Hangover bonspiel has 34 teams registered. Upcoming Masters bonspiel has 28 teams registered. See attached Halloween bonspiel report.
- f) Facilities – George Duffell: No report.
- g) Curling – John Knox: No report.
- h) Nominations & Curl BC – Mark Duffell: See attached report.
- i) Strategic Planning – Mary Ellen Konyer: No report.

Manager's Report – Andrea Trepanier: see written report.

Old Business:

- Vision Statement. A new vision statement for the Nanaimo Curling Club was discussed and agreed to. **Motion:** "Connecting the community through our curling centre."  
(John/Muir and April; carried)

New Business:

- Grease trap for the main floor kitchen. There is currently no grease trap installed in the main floor kitchen, which means grease continuously makes its way into the sewage tank. This eventually builds up, can damage the float sensors and triggers an alarm. We've been calling in Roto-Rooter approximately every 6 weeks to clean the grease in the sewage tank at a cost of around \$300 a trip. We're recommending the installation of a grease trap in the main floor kitchen to stop/minimize the flow of grease into the sewage tank. **Motion:** That we allocate funding of \$1750 from the Capital Reserve fund to purchase and install a new grease trap in the main floor kitchen. (John/Vic; carried):

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

Round Table.

The next meeting will be on, Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

## Written Reports

### President's Report November 13, 2019

- Club membership has increased slightly over last year's numbers. The Sleeman 6 Pack, Quarterway Pub Friendly Five, and Business Ladies leagues are full.
- Music Poker went very well. There were lots of full table, laughter and fun. The atmosphere was very welcoming and quite a few people said they enjoyed it and thought we should host another. A tentative date is January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- We have had 3 successful spiels this month ( Stick Spiel, Halloween Spiel, & Junior Spiel) so there has been lots of action at the club and a busy month for staff who have been doing a great job on the ice and behind the glass. Thank you all!

- The Junior Spiel went very well. They had 12 teams, 8 of them novices. There were out of town teams from Parksville, Qualicum, Victoria, Comox, and Port Alberni. Many thanks to the Jr. Program for providing this great opportunity for our youth.
- Many thanks to Kory Hurst for his generous donation of the foosball table for our lounge. Wow!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Konyer

#### Membership and communication report – November 2019

- Mail Chimp, Facebook, and Twitter are going well, though I need to catch up on a few things. Still need to redevelop the calendar of social media posts.
- The VI Bonspiels Facebook page is showing pretty good engagement. I added more spiels and will do so again.
- Meet the Volunteer series is STILL something I really need to get working on. I'm going to start with Bob Franklin, because of his Curl BC award.
- Our first Meet the Board Member Facebook post got some reasonable engagement. Our second one went up yesterday. The board member display has been updated except for photos of our new board members, which are coming soon. Please check what's up there for the leagues you play in and let me know if you see any errors.
- I need to get together with John and develop our member survey.
- I spoke to the Tuesday Business Women's league about the buzzer, after the league rep got some negative feedback while I was sitting with her. I spoke about this being a board policy that applied across all leagues and that the league rep was just acting in alignment with this policy. I explained the league parameters (6 ends, 1.5 hours), the timing of the buzzer, and how that would impact the time the players get to play vs. what they paid for. I also gave some tips on how to play efficiently and the need to get started on time. This seemed to be well received. I encourage all board members to speak up if we hear any comments to our league reps. I can provide talking points if needed.
- I also want to encourage all of us to introduce ourselves as board members to the leagues we play in. This assists with board member visibility and is in line with the statements our board members are making in our Meet the Board Member articles about how to start volunteering.
- I'd like us to revisit the "cost of curling at NCC" perception. I have had multiple members tell me how much their fees have gone up since last year and how expensive it is to curl at NCC. They are very surprised when I tell them that there was no fee increase since last year.

## Possible future Grand Slam of Curling

- I talked to Ian Thorpe briefly. He is discussing the Slam idea with the director of Parks and Recreation for the City. The event would have to occur at Frank Crane Arena and I mentioned to Ian that I'm concerned about dehumidification cost. I'll follow up and see if there are any developments.

Respectfully submitted,

April Gale-Seixeiro

## **NANAIMO CURLING CENTRE 2019 HALLOWEEN MONSTER MASH BONSPIEL Nov 1/19 FINAL REPORT**

We welcomed 20 teams from Vancouver Island and the lower mainland for a 3-event bonspiel on October 25-27<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Okanagan Spring Brewery. Marg Blackley and Chad Rail convened the event along with volunteers Carol Grainger, Brenda Sillito and Dave & Penny Perpeluk, among others. We also had VIU student Duc Truong helping out for the weekend as part of an event coordinating project for his VIU studies.

Friday night entertainment was provided by our own Top of the House Band, who played rock classics and some custom curling tunes as well, for their favourite charity, Victoria's Deeley Research Centre's Adoptive T Cell Therapy. The bonspiel committee and curlers donated over \$600 for this great cause. The Friday 50/50 draw of over \$250 was won by Ellis Richer and the Saturday draw for over \$220 was won by the Greenwell team of Vancouver, who made it to the event in spite of numerous ferry cancellations. The Losers' Toonie prize of over \$60 was won by the Shantz team.

The Saturday banquet and costume parade was followed by the Serauxmen Monster Mash dance with music by Jo and the Bro's and there were some very memorable and creative costumes.

The curling games wound up on Sunday with the following results:

"A" Event sponsored by 460 Realty – the Shearer team of Nanaimo

"B" Event sponsored by The Sign Zone – the Kenefick team of Nanaimo

"C" Event sponsored by Tectonica Management – the Konyer team of Nanaimo

The Meikle team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the "A" event, with Chlan in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Duffell in 4<sup>th</sup>. (All from Nanaimo)

The Greenwell team of Vancouver came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the "B" event, with Aikman of Qualicum Beach in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Toole of Nanaimo in 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Wang team (a.k.a. Sweeping Beauties) placed second in the "C" event with team Litton of Qualicum Beach in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Archer of Nanaimo in 4<sup>th</sup>.

All in all, it was a very successful spiel in spite of the three year hiatus since the last Halloween bonspiel.

Bonspiel Convenor

## **November 2019 Curl BC Update**

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Curl BC Region 9 meeting, held at the Nanaimo Curling Club.

- Curl BC is in the planning stages to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of curling in 2020. The launch of the year long celebrations will take place December 31, 2019 at the U21 Provincials.
  - A Curling in BC Day is planned for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Participating clubs will be entered into a draw for a \$1000 educational fund.
  - Clubs will be encouraged to submit stories, videos and testimonials of what they love about curling. This will be shared on social media throughout 2020.
  - There are preliminary talks to have a “heritage” outdoor curling game, as well as staging a 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary event in the Kootenays where curling began.
  - More details will be released by Curl BC once plans have been finalized.
  
- Multiple regions throughout BC are now creating regional curling bonspiel calendars, similar to what Andrea developed for the Island. Great resource to have all bonspiels listed in once place to encourage people to travel within the region to bonspiels in neighboring clubs.
  
- Curl BC has deferred new affiliation fee changes until the 2020-2021 season, to help clubs plan and budget for the affected programs.
  - Regular Curlers (aged 13 and up as of December 31, and playing at least 3x a season): \$20/curler
  - New affiliation fees for U12 (as of December 31): \$10/curler
  - New affiliation fees for Special Olympic curlers (who play at least 3x a season): \$10/curler

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Duffell

## **Nanaimo Curling Club - Managers Report**

**Nov 13, 2019**

### **Facility**

- Janitorial staff found a puddle of water in the basement men’s washroom. The leak was tracked to pipes in the alcove between the washroom and the lounge area downstairs rubbing together and creating the leak. Roto-Rooter came in and repaired.
- All the old rectangle tables have been sold and the new tables are in for the New Horizons Project.
- Signs on the front of the building blew off in the windstorm at the end of October. They have already been reinstalled. (Not the same part that was already repaired.)
- Had to have Roto-Rooter in this past week to clean sump and repair a float. Caked in grease.

### **Coffee Shop**

- Request to install grease trap. Quote provided.

### **Bar**

- Air compressor was purchased and installed.

### **Pro Shop**

- Steady business from all over Vancouver Island. Starting to see some “Christmas Shoppers”. We have some new items for that demographic.

### **Staffing**

- Hired a Sponsor Relations Manager to work on marketing and advertising.

### **Building Usage**

- Anticipating a very busy Christmas season.
- Christmas decorating day is November 23<sup>rd</sup> if anyone is available to help out.

### **Bonspiels**

- Berwick Stickspiel was a success.
- Monster Mash Bonspiel was well attended and everyone had fun. Committee report submitted to the board.
- Hangover Bonspiel happening this weekend.
- Craft Brew Superspiel is a go for February 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. Already have 4 event sponsors that are all craft breweries and one sponsor for the Shoot to Win. Will be \$10,000 in cash prizes and 64 teams.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea Trepanier