

Minutes of the Nanaimo Club Executive and Board of Directors

Thursday, October 15th, 2019

Meeting Protocol:

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

Regrets: Jim Boutillier, Vic Brice.

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

Minutes: motion to adopt Mark B.'s minutes of the Thursday, September 12th, 2019 meeting (Tom/Brian). Carried.

Correspondence: Mark Blackell – We discussed a request by a Preferred Member to transfer his membership. We noted that as of 2008 the policy was changed, and *new* preferred memberships are no longer transferable nor redeemable; the old rules were seen to create too great a financial liability for the Club. In the past older, pre-2008 preferred memberships were transferred by being discontinued while a new registration number was given for the new person. This is indicated in the older records that we examined. Also, all “transfers” had to be done through the Club. We discussed the transfer of a pre-2008 preferred membership into the new system.

Motion: Transfer requests of pre-2008 Preferred Memberships will be reissued under the new rules, rules in which the new Preferred Membership will no longer be transferable nor redeemable. Pre-2008 memberships may be reimbursed only if a new application is received (Mark D., Muir). Carried.

President's Report – Mary-Ellen Konyer: See written report. Brian wondered if the music poker date is too soon. The other option is mid-January. We will do it sooner rather than later and send out a special e-mail to advertise it for November 1st.

Treasurer's Report – Tom Weinreich: We discussed how the on-line registration makes for earlier payment of memberships than in the past. Tom wants to look at year-to-year comparisons starting as of September rather than in terms of the fiscal year as this makes more sense as a comparison for us. We are up compared to last year's September due to the inclusion of the gaming grant.

Team Reports

- a) Vice-president and Newsletter – Brian McRory: Brian needs ideas for the newsletter that he had originally planned to get out this week; he is now shooting for the 22nd. The Hangover and Halloween spiel, a recap on the stick spiel, the music poker, wing-night advertising, a bad joke... were all suggested.

- b) Marketing – Jim Boutillier: No report. Andrea has a package on social media advertising for Jim.
- c) Fund raising – Muir Meredith: Muir is working on the raffle; WestJet has got back to him; Air Canada has yet to get back to him.
- d) Membership and communications – April Gale-Seixeiro: See written report.
- e) Bonspiels – Vic Brice: No report. We discussed the price of the meal at the Senior Ladies’ Spiel.
- f) Facilities – George Duffell: George installed weather-stripping in various place, primarily to keep mice out.
- g) Curling – John Knox: John tried to find out why the Friday night curling turnout was low this year and the response rate was over 50% from all those who opted out. This suggests that they care. We discussed the main reasons that were given and a plan of action. John will be reaching out to all the league reps. With our help, John suggests putting together a questionnaire for the whole club. **ACTION:** April and John will work on this and bring it to the Board.
- h) Nominations & Curl BC – Mark Duffell: Nothing to report on Nominations nor Curl BC, but the website streaming of the camera feed is up. The feed will be turned off when the junior and the school programs are on-ice; **ACTION:** Mark will program the feed for different times. There is a new Shaw box and modem upstairs.
- i) Strategic Planning – Mary Ellen Konyer: We discussed the strategic plan by going through each item and making changes to the responsibilities to make it more accurate and specific. **ACTION:** We will go discuss a potential vision statement next month.

Manager’s Report – Andrea Trepanier: see written report. We agreed that Andrea can figure out with AI whether or not the \$400 used compressor makes sense to purchase for the bar.

Old Business:

- Federal Capital Grants (our “Sights, Sounds, and Smells”) application. **Motion:** “We will commit to the 50% funding in cash or volunteer hours in order to make the application to the Federal Capital Grant” (Muir/Mary Ellen; carried)

New Business:

- **Motion:** That we alter the Practice Ice and Rental Policy to the following (Brian/John; carried):

PRACTICE ICE POLICY

First Come – First Serve basis and we encourage sharing of the sheets.

Practice Ice is for the use of our registered members and is free of charge for any members who are registered in a league or program. Registered members may

host a person or group free of charge to try 1 session of curling during scheduled practice ice to encourage new membership.

If you are not registered in a league or program, you may access practice ice in three ways:

1. Pay the Drop-in rates.
 - a. \$15 for one person/session
 - b. \$25 for two persons or sessions
 - c. \$35 for three persons or sessions
 - d. \$40 for four persons or sessions

2. Register with the club and contribute to the Capital Reserve Fund of \$40 and, if not a registered curler with Curl BC, pay this fee of \$20. (You may have paid this at another club so show us your receipt if that is the case.) You can then access practice ice for a \$10 Drop-in rate.

3. Unlimited Practice Ice - Register with the club for \$302.50 and access practice ice at any scheduled sessions for the entire season. (Junior/Student curlers pay \$181.50 per person)”

Ice Rental Bookings:

If you wish to book an **exclusive** sheet of ice for games/practice, the rate is \$80 plus GST for 2 hours and must be booked in advance. (Junior/Student curlers pay \$48 plus GST)

- **Motion:** That we alter the Spare Curler Policy to the following (April/John; carried):

SPARE CURLER POLICY

Spare fees go to the league social fund.

\$15 for curlers with no NCC affiliation

\$10 for curlers who have paid the \$40 capital reserve and \$20 club affiliation (or prove affiliation paid at another club.)

\$5 for curlers registered with one NCC league or registered for unlimited practice ice

\$0 for curlers registered in two or more NCC leagues

NOTE: All curlers sparing more than three times are required to pay club affiliation and capital reserve.

- Board meeting times. We decided that we will alternate meeting days each month this year:
 - Wednesday, November 13, 2019
 - Thursday, December 12, 2019
 - Tuesday, January 14, 2020
 - Wednesday, February 12, 2020
 - Thursday, March 12, 2020

Adjournment: (George/Brian) The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Round Table.

The next meeting will be on, Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Written Reports

President's Report October 15, 2019

- Thank you all for accommodating the request to change our meeting to today. Greatly appreciated.
- Senior Ladies Spiel was very fun and quite successful. They are happy with the new date and plan to go forward with this time frame in the future. They had 16 teams which made it easy to organize draw times. Final figures are not in but they may have had a small loss this year, but had sufficient funds from previous years to cover.
- The new chairs from the New Horizons Grant are in use. They look great and I found them very comfortable.
- Membership appears to be down, although final numbers of paid members are not yet available. John has some excellent feedback on why we have lost so many on Fridays, which is on the agenda for this evening.
- I contacted a company called Music Poker to enquire about having them present a Music Poker game night for our club. The game is a music trivia game usually held in pubs aimed at a fun, interactive experience. Landlubber and Windjammer have regular

events and BP & Longwood have occasional games I believe. They were very accommodating. They have done this at our club on one previous occasion for one of our user groups. They supply the licensing, DJ, music and game cards. We would need to supply 3 prizes per game; 2 small and 1 larger (ie-two swag items such as mugs, hats, scarves, and 1 larger item such as a \$20 pro shop/gift card.) I asked them to reserve Friday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 for our club, pending board approval. They will also provide posters for us as well as electronic files we can use to advertise. We can choose the music time frames, but the representative suggested the 60's or 70's – 90's era might be best. Benefits for our club would be increasing social opportunities as well as greater awareness of our bar and games area.

- We have 22 curlers registered for our Fun Curl (4 week) and Novice (8 week) programs. These start tomorrow, Wednesday, Oct. 16.
- If any members know where there might be an old curling rock from our club that we could use for a historic display please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Konyer

Membership and communication report – October 2019

- Mail Chimp, Facebook, and Twitter are getting busier. Thanks to Andrea for taking care of social media during the month of September. I need to refocus on this and redevelop the calendar of social media posts.
- The VI Bonspiels Facebook page is showing pretty good engagement. I will work on adding more spiels to the page.
- 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.
- Thanks for responding to the Google form for board member info. Our first Meet the Board Member Facebook post is being published today and I will ask Brian to link to it in our newsletter. I still have to update the board member display in the lobby.
- Steve and I ran out of time to take pictures with a rock around Nanaimo before we left for our trip. This will be a project for the spring.

Possible future Grand Slam of Curling

- I reached out to Ian Thorpe again to schedule a time to discuss a possible Nanaimo Slam.

Respectfully submitted,

April Gale-Seixeiro

Nanaimo Curling Club - Managers Report

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Facility

- Upon start-up, one pump on the building heating system was leaking so it was immediately shutdown and AJ Plumbing was called. A sealed bearing assembly had failed so the parts were ordered and the repair was completed 2 days later.
- Door sweeps on basement and main floor have been installed.
- New chairs have arrived, thanks to April Gale-Seixeiro and Fred Rumo for the transportation from Costco. Old chairs have been sold, including the purple ones from downstairs. Tables are enroute to be delivered directly to the club. The old 8 foot rectangle tables will be disposed of if anyone would like a table.
- Signs on the front of the building that were damaged by the wind last Spring were repaired.
- Ice Cameras on sheets 7 and 8 are in and functioning. Thank you Mark Duffell and Bill Hamilton and the Senior Mens Division for this equipment and installation.

Coffee Shop

- Some difficulties around pricing and procedures for bonspiels. This is being discussed with Linnia.
- Wing Night on Mondays is gaining momentum.

Bar

- The bar manager would like an air compressor (old style, belt-driven with large storage tank) to operate the pumps for pop and wine instead of ongoing purchasing of CO2 and rental tanks. New at Princess Auto \$700 to \$3,000 – more money, more storage – will run less. Found used one \$400 w/60 gallon tank.

Pro Shop

- Have already sold out of some of the pre-season items ordered and have second orders coming from Goldline, Balance Plus, Asham and Hardline.

Staffing

- All new staff have been working out very well.

Building Usage

- All Christmas weekend dates are booked. Still have some weekday, half room only dates available.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Trepanier