

Minutes of the Nanaimo Club Executive and Board of Directors
Thursday, December 10, 2020

Meeting Protocol:

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

Regrets:

Brian McRory called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Minutes:

- Approved by unanimous consent to adopt Mark Blackell's minutes of the general Board meeting of November 12th, 2020.
- Approved by unanimous consent to adopt Mark Blackell's minutes of the general Board meeting December 2nd, 2020.

New Business:

- Planning for the season given the PHO "pause" on curling/consideration of Andrea's budget scenarios. Andrea went over the seven different budget scenarios she had sent earlier, and we asked questions and presented our views. We discussed the question of finishing out the first half of the season in January if possible. We noted that all of our options, all with budgeted losses, are better than our original COVID budget from the summer. We agreed that we would wait until January 9th to reassess the situation.

Old Business:

- Application for the additional \$20,000 that is available through the CEBA loan program/special membership meeting. We have until March 31st, 2021 to apply for this. We agreed to discuss this in the January meeting.

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

Correspondence – Mark Blackell: None.

President's Report – Brian McRory: see written report.

Treasurer's Report – Tom Weinreich: November was a good month and compares favourably to our budgeted projections.

Team Reports

- a) Vice-president and Newsletter – April Gale-Seixeiro: see written report.
- b) Marketing – no report.
- c) Fund raising – no report.

- d) Membership and communications – April Gale-Seixeiro: see written report.
- e) Bonspiels, Volunteers, and Catering – Colleen Leslie: see written report. We discussed communication around the bottle drive that we will put on hold. We discussed bonspiels and the PHO. We will wait until the next meeting to see if there are any changes.
- f) Facilities – George Duffell: Three banners need to be hung. One needs to be done in the summer when the ice is up. The other two can be before this, perhaps in the new year.
- g) Curling – Terry Miller: see written report.
- h) Nominations & Curl BC – Mary Ellen Konyer: see written report.
- i) Strategic Planning – Brian McRory: Colleen noted that has catering in it and yet no reference to catering is to be found in her position’s Terms of Reference nor in the Strategic Plan. We agreed to drop the term “catering” from the position’s title. We discussed a mention on page 22 of the Director’s Manual which says that novices are to be reminded of incentives for bringing in new curlers. We agreed to take this out as there no longer are any incentives. **ACTION:** Mark to take this out and send the revised wording to the Board. **ACTION:** April will revise the new curler’s document from her former club in Seattle for us to look at.

Adjournment (Mary Ellen): The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

- The next meeting will be on Saturday, January 9th, 2021 at 7:00 PM by Zoom.

Round Table.

Written Reports

Nanaimo Curling Club – Manager’s Report

Dec 9, 2020

Facility

- Boiler repair parts are in. Work to be completed in the next month
- Squeaky bearing in condenser pump to be looked at on next quarterly inspection.
- Rodent infestation continues. City repairing additional door sweeps upstairs.

Coffee Shop

- Closed.

Bar

- Closed.
- Inventory clearance in progress.

Pro Shop

- Holiday sale in progress.

Staffing

- Nothing to report.

Building Usage

- All bookings cancelled at this time.

Bonspiels

- Senior Intraclub is being planned for January 22 and 23.

Leagues

- All leagues cancelled until changes to PHO orders.
- Junior Program still operating.
- Practice Ice available to all league participants.

Other

- n/a

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Trepanier

PRESIDENT'S REPORT DECEMBER 2020

Well, this has been an interesting few weeks! Just when it seemed we were off to a good start and curling was progressing nicely, the reality of COVID quickly presented itself. It started on November 20th with a PHO leading to a decision to close the upstairs for beverage and food service. We could have kept the service operating, but the PHO stated that patrons could only sit with members of their own household and we know this does not happen here at the NCC. We made our decision based on the intent of the health order. We also had to prohibit any spectators in the building. A notice was sent to the membership and 4 curlers responded with positive feedback. On December 2, an additional PHO took effect. We met by zoom and the decision was made to suspend all curling for 2 days. The order did not specifically mention curling as one of the adult sports that was required to pause, but again we took the intent of the order to make our decision. A notice was sent and again several members emailed their support for our actions. Some quotes from these include: "thank-you for making a difficult but wise decision", "probably a prudent move to suspend curling", "thanks you are doing a great job", "disappointing but not unexpected", "thanks to you and all the directors and staff for the wonderful job you are doing during this difficult time", "if all clubs adopted our standards and practices, we would still be curling". There was also an email from the president of the Campbell River curling club which stated "thanks for your leadership on this and making the choice to take a pause, even though curl BC suggested we could continue. It definitely helped us make our choice to take a break.". The next day the order was clarified in more detail and our decision was affirmed as all curling clubs must now have paused for adult play until January 8 (date was announced December 7).

During the last few weeks of November, I was able to get the signature update for our RBC account. It was a little bit confusing as right in the middle of email exchanges our account manager changed. After several phone calls and further paperwork, the task is complete.

Brian McRory

Membership and communication (acting) report - December 2020

- Accomplished in the last month:
 - Shared news about our bottle drive on Facebook.
 - Sent communications to members regarding PHO orders that closed the lounge and shut down curling. Shared these on Facebook and Twitter as well.
 - Created but did not send the December newsletter due to the Dec 2 PHO orders. This would have included some positive-toned communication regarding guideline points that were causing some trouble, information about our bottle drive, and information about bonspiels.
 - Worked with Terry to communicate some clarifications on Return to Curling guidelines to league reps.
 - Pick a Number Prize Draw communicated via Twitter (Andrea took care of email and Facebook).
 - Continued to engage with the national / North American curling community on Twitter.
- Tasks to do:
 - Work with Brian to communicate an update to our members after tonight's meeting.
 - Communicate any changes regarding bottle drive, at least on Facebook, and/or via email.
 - Cost of Curling presentation
 - I want to redo the work I already did so that the numbers match the financial statements our members voted to adopt at the AGM
 - Still need to address the "why is Friday night so expensive" etc. perspective.
 - Meet the Board Member posts on Facebook
 - Meet the Volunteer series preparation

International Tankard

- The 2021 Tankard is cancelled. The Tankard committee asked if we'd be okay with moving our hosting out another year, to 2024. I said this should be fine.

2021 BC Seniors

- April 2021 event is postponed until the fall. We will have first dibs on hosting this event - but I may not be able to chair the event in the fall.

Possible future Grand Slam of Curling

- Nothing to report

Respectfully submitted,

April Gale-Seixeiro

Report from Director of Bonspiels and Volunteers For December, 2020

Men's Bonspiel: Jan 15 - 17, wasn't likely to happen as only 1 person volunteered (to help) not organize. Some feedback I received was that as it is only 12 teams and club members only that it was no different than regular league play, so not a lot of interest being shown.

Intraclub Senior Bonspiel: Jan 22 - 23

Organizer: Susan Chepil with Brian Scorer's assistance

Limited to 12 Teams

Was all set, ready to roll with advertising when new directives came in. Put on hold for now. As the bonspiel is scheduled two weeks after the next date set for changes, I could ask Susan if that would give her sufficient time, if curling resumes, to continue with registration. Another option might be to postpone the date until the end of January or into February to give more time, as there isn't much on the calendar for weekends.

Women's Bonspiel: Feb 5 - 7. No organizers yet. Was just about to start recruiting for it when things shut down. Some similar feedback as with the men, but haven't pursued it enough to know yet. Suggest holding off on this to see what the next steps in January are and if there isn't sufficient time for someone to organize by the original date, possibly changing it as well to later in February. Perhaps we could make it a Sat, Sun event so as not to interfere with Friday league play.

Family Bonspiel: Sunday, Feb 20. No organizer yet. I will pursue this once curling has resumed.

Hospice Fundraiser Bonspiel: Advised by Terry Miller that there will be no Hospice Bonspiel this year as it is centered around silent action and socializing.

Doubles Bonspiel:

Organizer: April Gale-Seixeiro

I suggest sometime in March as no bonspiels scheduled for that month. This is something we could review in January.

Spring Fling Open Bonspiel: April 16-18. This is also something to review in January to see if we should proceed.

Bottle Drive: scheduled for Sat. Jan 9th, 9am-2pm

Organizers: Colleen Leslie and Gillian Helpard

Since this event is schedule for 1 day after the next date set for possible changes to restrictions, not sure the timing is great. Technically it could proceed as it was being set up as a drive through drop off bottle drive, and those events have not been suspended. The problem arises from recruiting volunteers, as there will probably be some reluctance to step up at this time

and also possible lack of participation in the event.

The following was to be my report on the process to date with the bottle drive. I decided to include it so that there would be written information as to the setup procedure, in the event it is required at a later date.

It has been arranged with Regional Recycle to arrive the morning of the bottle drive prior to 9:00 am with tables, sorting racks, bags and help set up. They would then return later in the day to collect their equipment and the empties. After verifying the quantities (about 3 days) they would issue a cheque. Tsolom & Tsable (the sponsors) offered to top up the amount. They were providing a 20' enclosed trailer for use in the bottle drive. We decided since it was only going to be a 1 day event that people could drop off empties prior to the bottle drive at the trailer which is currently parked at Tsolom & Tsable's place of business and they would keep it locked and look after letting people deposit there during their business hours. They would then bring the trailer over to the curling club parking lot the day of the bottle drive, when any empties could be sorted along with ones dropped off that day. They wanted to provide food (at least for volunteers) but we decided against that given the current protocols. The idea was to do a drive through, with 1 volunteer unloading from the cars and 2 volunteers sorting and bagging, in shifts of 1 or 2 hours each. It was going to be set up with social distancing maintained. It was advertised on our website, but didn't get further notification out to members as the newsletter didn't go out due to the club's pause in curling.

I spoke with Gillian and no one has dropped anything off at the trailer yet. She feels we should perhaps postpone this event for now, but could look into trying again sometime in a few months. She's also open to waiting until the fall, whichever works better for the club. In either situation, the weather is usually a little more favorable for an outside event, at which time we could perhaps take her up on her original suggestion of including a BBQ.

Volunteers for Christmas Decorating: Sharon Luttrell volunteered and I was going to help her, but we had to cancel as the Lounge closed.

Director of Curling Report - December 9/2020

All has been fairly quiet within our leagues as we have had a few, but not many, withdrawals due to Covid or other health/personal reasons.

At present my most pressing matter is to find a replacement for Chris Price who has had to withdraw as League Rep for the Open Stick League due to personal reasons. I do not anticipate any problem[s] with finding a replacement.

I think it would be wise to canvass our Reps to find out what their "guestimate" might be for how many curlers/teams would sign up for their league if we were able to have a second square in Feb, March & April. This might give us a more accurate picture of where we would be financially in the second half.

Personally, with the leagues I am involved in, I would hazard an estimate of:
[] open stick a minimum of 8 teams [16 curlers] each in the morning and midday draws
[] Senior Mixed – a minimum of 8 teams [32 curlers] in a second square, and
[] Doubles – a minimum of 10 teams [20 curlers]
While these are “guestimates’ – I believe they are fairly accurate and I think most League Reps could give us a pretty close approximation for their league[s]. At some point in the relatively near future I believe this canvass should be undertaken.

Respectfully, Terry Miller

Region 9 Curl BC Reps Meeting Notes

Nov. 29, 2020

10:00 AM Zoom - hosted by Terry Palynchuck with Jim Hoffman and Melisa Sim

Melissa – Reminder to all clubs that membership reports are due Monday, Nov. 30th.

Minutes from previous meeting were not adopted as they cannot be located.

Treasurer Report – Ken Albrecht

- Monthly Fees, Paper Statement Fees were the only expenses
- income from Curl BC Annual Operations \$750 only income

Members from the following clubs were present and gave verbal reports.

Duncan – (Brent?)

- Opened with a \$50 COVID fee offered ½ seasons and no refunds.
- they have approx. 60% of participation compared to previous season.
- bar is closed
- they project a loss of \$30,000.

Kerry Park – Myrna

- Participation is about 80% and they had a few quit this past week due to new PHO

Alberni – Steve

- 70 % participation from last season’s numbers
- ladies league has least with only 4 out of 10 curling this past week
- they are operating without a manager this season

Qualicum – Dan

- about 70% participation from last season
- down one league from last year
- new Triples league going well. (6 ends, 6 rocks, 6 teams)

- one curler quit because they won't wear masks.

Nanaimo – Mary Ellen

- less than 50% participation from last season
- new doubles league and Fun Curl are having good participation
- we have applied for CEBA and plan to request further funding when new details are released
- ½ season rates offered and no COVID fee
- projecting operating at a loss (no figures given)
- Mask mandate, 6 (vs 8) sheets with travel lanes, and large lobby with Arrivals/Departures areas make safety quite manageable.

Parksville – Don

- about 60% participation from last season
- Bar and concession both closed for the remainder of the season
- they have split the season fees into 2 payments
- cash league is up one team
- requested funds for one team competing

Discussion followed concerning Comox being closed by a regional official prior to the PHO requiring ban of adult team sport. Melissa said to remind local enforcement officials that we are governed by CurlBC and ViaSport and they must consult with them on all matters.