

Minutes of the Nanaimo Club Executive and Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 8th, 2019

Meeting Protocol:

Present: Mark Blackell, Mary-Ellen Konyer, Vic Brice, George Duffell, April Gale-Seixeiro, Fred Rumo, Chris Vanzandwyk, Brian McRory, Mark Duffell. Guests: Jim Boutellier, Tom Weinreich, Muir Meredith.

Regrets: Andrea Trepanier, Andrea Parry.

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

Minutes: motion to adopt the minutes of the regular April 11th, 2019 meeting, written by Mark Blackell (Vic/Fred). Carried.

Correspondence: Mark Blackell – No correspondence

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

Treasurer's Report: Fred Rumo – We are set to make it financially through the slow summer months.

Team Reports:

- a)** Vice President & Newsletter: Mary Ellen Konyer – spent time comparing our fees to other clubs. We are only slightly more expensive than other clubs for comparable leagues, but all of them have volunteer requirements, and we have facilities that they do not (extensive bar, restaurant, well-stocked pro-shop, games area, etc.).
- b)** Marketing: Andrea Parry – no report.
- c)** Fundraising/Curl BC: Vic Brice – no report.
- d)** Membership and Communications: April Gale-Seixeiro – see written report.
- e)** Bonspiels: Chris Vanzandwyk – there is no report from the final bonspiel yet, but we did make money.
- f)** Facilities: George Duffell –
 - George worked with Mark D. for a wider configuration/view on the on-ice cameras we have.
 - In addition, we had not budgeted for increasing the budget for new on-ice cameras, but the Senior Men's League has money for some new cameras. The cost will be about \$8000 for four sheets and the Senior Men's league can add \$3500; we need to decide how many sheets to do, two or four. The extra money needed for four could be raised by a raffle. Mary Ellen asked if there were extra costs of doing it in two stages; there are not. April asked about streaming the images; no changes in the camera are needed for streaming.

We decided to put the decision off until next month when Andrea T. is back.
The Board extends its thanks to the Senior Men's League for their generosity.

- The wind ripped some of the rings off of the building.
- g)** Curling: Brian McRory – there is still some uncertainty about reps for next year. Friday night mixed is a go; Thursday Night Men's – Ian Thorpe – is unconfirmed, Thursday Women's has a replacement: Moira Ryan and Joanne Philips; Sleeman Six Pack – Dennis has not confirmed yet; Senior Ladies League has not declared; Tutor Doctor is confirmed – Chris Southwick is the rep; Kyle Sidola from Tuesday Men's is not returning. Leagues that do not have reps will be run out of the office with a surcharge for office staff work.
- h)** Nominations/Curl BC: Vic Brice – Curl BC had its regional meeting. A review of other clubs was given. Tom Weinreich will run for Treasurer; Jim Boutellier will run for Fundraising; John Knox will run for Curling. We still need a marketing Director and a Bonspiels Director.
- i)** Strategic Planning: Mark Duffell – We extended our appreciation for the Strategic Plan, which will go on the website.

Manager's Report: Andrea Trepanier – No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- 1) We received a \$25,000 New Horizons grant for chairs. Thanks to Denise Wood for pushing this through. We will form a committee to decide the details of what to purchase and will decide this next month when Andrea is back.
- 2) We discussed the Honour Roll for outstanding long service to the Club.
- 3) We were reminded to submit our AGM reports.
- 4) Mark B. made a request for a digital copy of the By Laws and of the Finance Manual (from the June 5, 2013 Board Meeting).

Adjournment: (Brian) The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Round Table.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 5th at 5 pm, before the President's Dinner.

Reports

President's Report May 2019

This month I extended the wired internet signal closer to the upstairs bar. This will allow the bar area to make use of a wired internet signal instead of relying on a wireless signal and allows for a more stable and reliable network connection.

The presence of a wired internet signal upstairs has also allowed me to get direct access to the ice camera signals, which provides for greater flexibility when adjusting the camera images in the off-season.

This month we brought in a lift truck to try an experiment with one of the ice cameras. A frequent request from members has been to be able to see more of the ice between the top of the rings and the hog line. When the ice cameras were first installed years ago, the images were focused entirely on the rings. Before committing that this was possible with our existing equipment, I wanted to manually adjust one of the cameras and turn it 90 degrees, to allow a wider 16:9 image to be displayed on the ice camera TVs. After turning the camera and making some adjustments, we were able to successfully see the rings and the ice up to the hog line, without having to move the physical location of the camera. The flow of the game shown on the TVs will be side to side, instead of top to bottom, which viewers will need to get used to, but it does allow us to see more of the ice surface. It also means we shouldn't need to use the black strip down the center of the TVs to filter out the unneeded images from the neighboring sheets. Based on the success of this experiment, we'll adjust the rest of the cameras during the summer when a lift is normally rented for banner mounting and fire alarm inspections.

I also spent part of the month putting the finishing touches on the new version of the Strategic Plan document.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Duffell

Membership and communication report – May 2019

- Nothing new re Mail Chimp, Facebook, or Twitter. Pretty quiet in the off-season, but I'm trying to have us pop up from time to time to keep people thinking about us.
- Based on Andrea's work on the Vancouver Island bonspiel calendar, I have created a Facebook page, Vancouver Island Bonspiels. This is intended to be a one-stop page for curlers to see what spiels are available all over Vancouver Island. The page will have an Event created for each spiel with the spiel flyer, contact info, and electronic links when available. I'll share this around BC and the US west coast. Once Andrea is back we'll talk about how best to bring the calendar and the Facebook page together so we're not duplicating effort.
- Meet the Volunteer series is now a summer project.

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

- I still have a few wind-up tasks to do here. We will end up with a small profit.

International Tankard 2022

- Our host bid was successful! We'll host the International Tankard in March 2022. I'll chair the event.

Respectfully submitted,

April Gale-Seixeiro