

# CHESTERMERE CURLING CLUB

## EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

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**DATE:** April 9, 2014 7:00pm (to be followed by AGM)

**VENUE:** Chestermere Recreation Centre (Lounge)

**ATTENDANCE:**

Executive		Present	Absent
	Cristal Bart		X
	Colin Nodwell	X	
	Sharon Colvin		X
	Paul Durant	X	
	Marla Forth	X	
	Ron Forth	X	
	Karen Timmermans	X	
	Wolfgang Janke	X	
	Randy Palaniuk		X
	Lorie Travis	X	
	Nick Woronuk	X	
	Dale Zawyrucha		X
<b>Guests</b>	Sharon Woronuk, Sandy O'Brien, Julie Lake	X	

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**1. Call to Order**

- Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Nick Woronuk.

**2. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

- Minutes from March 24 meeting discussed.
- Karen moved to accept Minutes. Wolfgang seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**3. Agenda**

- **Treasurer's Report – Provided by Paul Durant**

We discussed the Treasurers report that Paul had posted in our Curling Drop box current to April 8, 2014.

Ice costs have been invoiced through January only, estimated ice costs are shown on financial statements for Feb and March for regular leagues and for high school, junior and senior ice rental. The last three categories are assumed to be funded from casino money.

Ice rental seems to go up 3% each year, we are not sure if this will occur again for this upcoming season. Paul made a motion that we maintain the same fees we charged last season (\$185 per person for Regular Leagues, \$125 per person for Learn to Curl, \$200 per team for Bonspiels with Optional \$20 Calcutta) given we are not charged more than 3% increase this upcoming season, Julie Lake seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Paul received a reply from AGLC about 4 points he asked them about...

1. Senior rent should be claimed under "Rent- Facility for curling ice". And equipment is covered under "Equipment-Program Related"
2. They would like us to provide the timeline for the retention of \$10,000 past the 2 year period that we are required to spend the Casino money and they would like specific details where these gaming proceeds will be applied. We decided that we would just say "Ongoing Junior curling ice rental".
3. & 4. These two points were items that we were asking a reimbursement for to use Casino money to pay back our general account. One was for a donation and one for our liability insurance. Both were paid prior to our Casino money being deposited in our account. Their answer to this was that it was sent to their Financial Review section.

Since we are required to spend half of our Casino money on Junior related items Paul motioned that we ask the complex to bill us full fees for Junior curling ice rental instead of the discount rate they have been charging us, this will help increase the amount we spend on Juniors. Julie Lake seconded, all in favor, carried.

Sharon Woronuk asked if it would prudent to use Casino money to pay an honorarium to our Junior Curling instructors. Marla thinks it would be very onerous to keep track of and to determine who qualifies and to fill in the reports to be sent to the AGLC for approval. It is possible to look at this in the future if we can't honor our commitment to spending 50% of monies on Junior related items.

Wolfgang moved to accept Treasurer's Report. Karen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **Discuss how to Organized New Curling Drop Box Folders**

Paul will set up Folders in Drop Box. He reminded everyone that only PDF files should be posted in the Drop Box since PDF files cannot be edited so we will know the content is original.

- **Pre Registration Night and Energize Night for 2014/2015 Curling Season**

Pre-Registration will be Tuesday September 9th at 7 pm in the curling rink for all returning teams to ensure their spot in the 2014/2015 season. Marla will book the curling rink and ask that a couple of tables be set up and chairs for about 30 people. Energizer night is set for Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm till 8:30 pm 2014.

- **Rule Change for Curling Booklet – Start Times and Penalties**

We agreed to change our rule in the booklet about Start Times and Penalties; it will read that you lose a point after 5 minutes instead of 10 minutes, which is more in accordance with the Canadian Curling Association rules. **We need to emphasize at our Registration meeting the importance of starting games on time.** The coin toss and any practice slides must be done prior to the game start time of 6:45. NO practice slides after 6:45 pm the first rock of the game should be in motion at this time!

- **Changes in Casino Hours**

Our next Casino event will be held in either Oct/Nov/Dec of 2016. The government is now allowing Casino's to extend their hours of operation of gaming tables. Instead of shifts ending at 2:30 am we will now be faced with shifts ending at 4:30 am. At least it is only once every 3 years that we receive a Casino event, and it is luck of the draw as to what nights of the week our Casino event will fall on. We all agreed that most volunteers can handle one early morning shift in order to receive a \$40,000+ pay day.

- **Discuss REC Board Grant 2014**

The CCRRB REC Board Grant Meeting for live presentations was Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Nick wrote up our REC board Grant request asking for \$3347.50 that we would match to cover new carpeting in the curling rink. Nick's son Brad presented our curling club grant request on our behalf, and we recently heard that we were successful in receiving \$3000 to put towards our project, and we should receive these funds this fall. Nick will confirm the dimensions of the areas in the curling rink that require new carpet and provide these dimensions to After Eight Interiors along with details of our preference for having rubber edging attached to one edge only of all carpet pieces. **This project is expected to be completed during the summer months of 2014.**

- **Discuss Year End Banquet (Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>)**

Our Caterer was Don's Good Time Catering from Dockside in Chestermere. We paid \$20 per person plus GST and Gratuity for turkey dinner. We paid \$3 per person extra for table cloths, wine glasses, water glasses and water jugs. We were not too pleased that the caterer unexpectedly left us with the task of clearing and stacking all the glasses, jugs and table cloths for him to pick up the next day. Also he did not provide coffee. VoxBox DJ service did a good job; Olga was excellent as always bartending. Dale & Diana Barth purchased the alcohol for the event, including red and white wine for each table donated by our curling club. Rink attendants set up the tables & chairs for us, we were responsible for take down. Our attendance was the lowest ever at 74 people which is only 30% of our membership. We lose money every year holding the banquet, so after some discussion we came up with a new plan for our Year End get together for 2015. We will book the curling lounge which holds 120 people, (if our numbers happen to be above this then we can spill over into the Blue & White room). We will charge \$10 per ticket, and start it a little later such as 7:00 pm so that people can have supper at home prior to coming. We will have some appetizers provided by a caterer

(or someone mentioned just buying many pizza's) and everyone will receive a Free Drink Ticket with their \$10 ticket. The benefits of going this route are immense...No need to book the hall 1 year in advance, no need to purchase and deliver alcohol, no need to hire a DJ, no need to hire a bartender, no need to set up and take down tables, no need to hire a caterer for a full buffet dinner, no need to sell liquor tickets during the evening. **We still need to choose a date for this event but we can wait till we know when the Dominion's, The Cities, and The Oilmen's bonspiels are being held.**

- **Discuss Tentative Schedule of Dates for 2014-2015 season**

Dale Zawyrucha has agreed to organize the Men's Bonspiel and he would like to hold it early in November, date to be determined. Julie Lake has agreed to organize the Ladies Bonspiel with the help of her team and board members at the regularly scheduled time in late Feb. early March. Wolfgang is still undecided about coordinating Mixed Bonspiel and we do not know who is replacing Brian Nociar from Indus for the Mixed either? We still need to choose which two or three dates during the week of Family Day that we would hold Skin's games. **Friday league will need to be polled to see if they would rather play Feb 13<sup>th</sup> or Feb 20<sup>th</sup>.** Choosing one of these dates prevents them from going for 3 weeks without a scheduled league game. **Also Friday league should be polled to see if they would like to curl on Halloween night?**

- **New Business**

- We had a lot of occasions last year where our drinking water jugs were not ordered or we ran out of cups. It was suggested that since the complex also uses Water Solutions for their water needs, maybe we could ask the complex to look after ordering water for the curling rink as well and they could bill us as a second party or just put our water bills in our curling mailbox for us to pay? Marla will ask the office staff about this.
- We received an email from John Kerr with regards to; teams not showing up causing his team to have several weeks without curling, and he did not like how their team had to play against higher caliber teams so he wondered if there was an option of combining Wed & Thurs leagues or having an A & B division on these nights. There is no easy solution to the problems John Kerr brought up. Wolfgang will contact him and let him know the difficulties with his suggestions.
- Learn to Curl league changes; Colin says there were a lot of teams not showing up. He found that it was not very productive to have a full roster of 8 teams; it was much better the first year when we had 7 teams and then one team could have instruction on the extra sheet each week. He would like to discontinue the prize money for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the end of the season, it doesn't make sense in a Learn to Curl league where you have some teams with players with experience and some teams of brand new curlers. He is considering implementing a rule of mixing teams up every three games. He would like to discourage teams after their second year in the program. Teams will be encouraged to

sign up but if we have 7 new teams of people learning to curl then the teams who are returning will be the ones on the wait list. Marla will promote the East End Curling league as an avenue for 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year Learn to Curl teams to join, since we are hearing they find it difficult to join our Mixed leagues because they are not true mixed teams or some are saying they have a problem with the 9:00 pm draw.

- **Business from previous meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> that needs to be dealt with still**
  1. 1<sup>st</sup> team on wait list for Monday Men's for 2014/2015 season is the Andy Pearce team. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team on the wait list for Monday Men's is the George Lorencz team. The 1<sup>st</sup> team on the wait list for Friday Open is the Rob Nakoneshny team.
  2. Marla to check with Wayne Babb whether the ARC would like to book ice time after school at our Chestermere Curling Club for their junior program. Our club could pay for the ice time out of Casino money to help us fulfill our spending of 50% of our funds on Junior items.
  3. Nick reminded us that we should ask Matt a question about our removable hacks. The question is...Why does he not remove the hacks when he does his scraping?
  4. Wolfgang to ask Matt to brief all Rink Attendants that during bonspiels and playoff games we do not go by the buzzer and may have games go into an extra end, the Rink Attendants who are preparing the ice for the second draw should feel free to clean any empty sheets as the games finish. We do not need to have all sheets prepared at the same time.
- **Date of Next Meeting**

To be determined if we need a meeting prior to Pre Registration on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Motion to Adjourn**

Meeting was moved to be adjourned at 9:50 pm by Sharon Woronuk, seconded by Paul.

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Marla Forth, Acting Secretary