

MEETING MINUTES

CHESTERMERE CURLING CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, February 4th, 2025 – 7:00PM

Hideout Lounge in REC centre

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Minutes taken by Marla Forth on behalf of Moneca Toth – Secretary

Attendees: Katherine Senneker, Alvin Heck, Rod Trickey, Heidi Tsang, Marla Forth, Deb Davidson, Trevor Nociar, Brian Nociar, Mark Klages.

Regular Business

- 1) Call the meeting to order** - Katherine called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- 2) Accept Minutes of the last meeting held October 30th, 2025**
 - a) Motion to adopt minutes – Deb moved to adopt the minutes, Mark Seconded.
- 3) Treasurers Report**
 - a) Discussion – There is a lot of money in our account but that is only because we collect all the fees in October and we only pay out our ice rental monthly.
 - b) Motion to adopt Treasurers Report. Heidi Moved to adopt her Treasurer report, Deb Seconded.
- 4) Ice Report**
 - 2 or 3 Ice King Blades will be sent to Canada Curling Stone in March for sharpening.
 - The ice is good so they will not need to do a flood in February.
 - Rocks will be sanded 2 weeks before playoffs, a sign will be posted when done.
 - There seems to be an issue that the DI water coming out of the tanks slowly, could be a problem with the filter?
 - The ice temperature is now 19.5 to 20 degrees, 24-25 degrees at surface.
 - Hacks have been damaged a bit more than usual, Marla will put a sign on the curling rink door reminding people to pull the hacks at the far end when practicing.
- 5) Senior's Curling League Report**
 - Averaging 20 people per week
 - New Spare – Angela Short
 - Seniors plan to wear Red & White during Olympics to support Canada.

Past Business

1) Year End Party

- a) Date chosen was March 28th.
- b) Suggestion/inquiry from a member. Can we think about having it back at the rec center and still having Global Fusion Cater? Marla contacted Kelly from the REC centre and Yes, they would be happy to book the Hideout Lounge for our Curling Year End party at no cost and we could bring in a Caterer. The decision was made that for 2026 we still hold the Year End Party at Global Fusion Bistro since we have their menu plan set already. Rod will ask if we could have them cater at the REC centre in the future.

2) Update on ATB Grants

- a) Yes, we received the \$500 Grant from ATB that Lisa Kluck applied for. The money was deposited in December.

3) Locker Room

- a) Brian will make up a plan and send it to Mike Moore (CRCA Manager). We are hopeful that we will be given the janitorial room next to our curling bulletin board for next season.

4) Rockyview Grant

- a) Funds awarded in December, cheque was received with our full ask 14k to give payment to our ice technicians for all their services rendered per season.
- b) Brian and Trevor will send us Invoices for their services.
- c) We will pay Brian and Trevor \$7000 each from this Grant.
- d) Our club will continue to also pay Brian & Trevor an honorarium out of our general account as we have in past years.
- e) We plan to apply for this grant each year going forward.

5) Mega 50/50 Raffle

- a) Money received; \$603.28

6) Mixed Bonspiel 2026

- a) Success again this year, 28 teams with several teams on the Waitlist. We used at least 4 teams on the waitlist.
- b) A huge thank you to Nick and Sharon Woronuk for the ice rental donation again \$1693.80.
- c) Indus made money at the 2026 Mixed bonspiel and wanted to share with Chestermere. We decided that they should earmark the money they made at the bonspiel to be used for future bonspiels if there is a shortfall or if prizes need to be purchased.
- d) Chestermere did one 50/50 Draw, we made \$100. \$40 was used to purchase the coffee and donuts for Saturday morning. The remaining \$60 will be deposited in our general account.
- e) We discussed the fact that next season we should discuss with Indus as to whether we should increase our Bonspiel Fees from \$280 to \$300? This total has always included the \$20 blind Calcutta.

New Business

1) 2026 Curling Alberta Stick Club Championships

- a) Deadline to register was Jan 28th
- b) No teams contacted Marla after a note was emailed to our membership offering that teams of 2 stick curlers could enter on their own dime, since we do not have a dedicated stick curling league. Cost to enter is \$330.75 per team.

2) Roster Changes Document updated Feb 1st, final and posted

3) Virtual Iceside Chat

- a) Brian, Trevor and Marla attended the online zoom meeting.
- b) It was very informative; the biggest takeaway was that 3D printed pebble heads are the way to go because they are not affected by the minerals in the water. Brian and Trevor are looking into the possibility of having some pebble heads 3D printed.

4) Try Curling activations – 2026 Olympic Momentum

- a) Marla sent interest to hold a 1 hour “Try Curling Event” in Chestermere either Feb. 14, 21 or 28th.
- b) Curling Alberta responded that Saturday Feb. 28th from 4:00 pm till 5:00 pm would work.
- c) Marla and Rod are available, and closer to the date Marla will ask if there is another person available.
- d) Marla will ask Mike Moore if the CRCA would give us the curling ice for free for this event.
- e) Curling Alberta will draft promotional material to help us advertise.

5) Club Championship team intent

- a) Deadline was Feb 1st
- b) Marla registered that Chestermere will enter a Men’s and Women’s team in Club Championships.
- c) Men’s Qualifiers are Mar 5-8 @ Huntington Hills
- d) Women’s Qualifiers are Mar 12-15 @ Lethbridge Curling Club
 - i) **Note: Dates are different than what was posted in booklet. Marla will ask Christine to send a note to Tuesday ladies teams**

6) Curling AB \$22 Fee tracking sheet

- a) Needs to be submitted by February 28th, 2026.
- b) Initial 75% paid
- c) Remaining 25% needs to be submitted with spreadsheet of data.

7) Any Interest in Volunteering to “Grow the Game”

- a) We are welcome to share our passion for curling at CF Chinook with Curling AB express curling sheet.
- b) Shifts available Thurs- Sundays Feb 6-22
- c) Volunteers have a chance to win tickets to the 2026 BKT World Women’s championships.
- d) If anyone is interested please contact Marla for details on how they can sign up.

8) Proposal for 2026-2027 Season Booklets

- a) Propose sending a digital copy of our booklet via email to our membership.
- b) If curlers would like a Hard Copy, they may purchase one for a fee (\$5?) if requested.

9) Discussion requested about playing music during weeknight league games

- a) Marla did a test of playing music through a Bluetooth speaker at Tuesday Ladies and Thursday Mixed curling on the last night of curling before Christmas and a few times in January.
- b) Feedback was that even though many people did enjoy having the music playing, there were some people who found it was difficult to hear the skip, and/or it affected people with hearing aids.
- c) After discussion it was decided that if the music affects even one person unfavorably then it is not worth continuing.

10) Upcoming 40th Anniversary celebrations – Start the conversation and ideas

- a) Brian and Trevor suggest we consider holding a big week-long bonspiel at the end of the 2026-2027 season.
- b) Discussion with CRCA to hold it in April after Hockey is complete so we could put 4 sheets of Arena ice in the Blue Arena and 3 sheets of Arena ice in the curling rink.
- c) Possibly delay the start of our Regular Curling Leagues so as to complete the season closer to the start of this 40th Anniversary Bonspiel.
- d) This endeavor would require a lot of sponsorship money from businesses in order to go ahead. (Estimate \$18,000)
- e) 8 days required, Mon/Tues putting ice in, games Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, 1/2 of Sunday, remove ice remainder of Sunday & Monday.
- f) Suggest 16 Men's teams, 16 Women's teams, 16 Open Teams (8 Advanced + 8 Recreational) and possibly 16 Senior's teams during the daytime.
- g) If we get the sponsorship and go ahead with this 40th Anniversary Bonspiel then we would also ask Curling Alberta for Support such as: Borrow 4 sets of Rocks, Help to Promote the Event, hold a Level 1-2 Ice Technicians course in order to help install the ice.
- h) Marla suggested that if we do not get the sponsorship to go ahead with the \$40 Anniversary Bonspiel, then we could consider holding a weekend of 40 End's of continuous curling to try to get as many people involved to help us celebrate our milestone. We could find out more information about holding this type of Event from the North Hill Curling Club since they had their 100th Anniversary and they held an event called "100 Ends of Curling" on January 30th & 31st to coincide with the Annual Curling Day in Canada. See attachment.

11) Other New Business

- a) Brian asked Marla for a copy of the Chestermere Curling Club Letterhead. He has 3 seasons of claims to send into the CRCA to reimburse him for doing the Safety and Etiquette Lesson's for the Weekday Calgary High School Gym Classes.
- b) Marla realized that the Playoff Draws and Prize Money Calculations must be done prior to the final curling league games. She will complete this and have Heidi check the calculations, then Marla will send to all Executive to review prior to Feb 9th.
- c) Marla was interviewed by CTV News Toronto on February 4th, 2026 about Canada's Mixed Doubles representatives in the 2026 Cortina Olympics. It was discussed that Bret and Jocelyn live in Chestermere and that Canada is proud to cheer them on.

Close of Business

1) Date of Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday April 1st, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the Hideout Lounge.

2) Motion to Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm by Alvin Heck

Action Items:

- **Marla** Post a sign on Curling Rink Doors to remind people to Pull the Far Hacks out when practicing.
- **Rod** to ask Global Fusion if they would be able to cater into the Hideout Lounge possibly for next season.
- **Brian** to make up a plan to set up a Change Area in the janitorial room next to our curling bulletin board for next season and send the plan to Mike Moore.
- Discuss with Indus whether we should increase our fees for the Mixed Bonspiel next season?
- **Brian & Trevor** to look into having some Pebble Heads 3D printed.
- **Marla** will ask CRCA for free Ice for our 1Hr Try Curling Event on Feb. 28th, 2026, from 4:00pm till 5:00 pm. And send email to attract 1 or two more volunteers closer to the event.
- **Marla** will ask Christine to send an email to Tuesday Ladies with new Club Championship Qualifier dates - now March 12-15 still in Lethbridge.
- **Adam** to complete 2025-2026 Member and Fee Tracking Spreadsheet and email to Curling Alberta by Feb. 28th, 2026.
- **Heidi & Marla** Sign cheque to cover remaining 25% payment of Curling Alberta Fees.
- **Brian & Trevor** to contact Sponsors for a possible 40th Anniversary Bonspiel and get pledges from these businesses which would provide a formal commitment to donate a specific amount for a future date should we decide to go ahead with the bonspiel.
- **Marla** - Attach info on North Hill Curling Club 100 Ends of Curling, in case we don't hold the 40th Anniversary Bonspiel but we want to do a 40 Ends of Curling Event.
- **Marla** to email Brian a copy of the Chestermere Curling Club Letterhead so that he can claim payment from CRCA for his Safety and Etiquette lessons to High School gym classes.
- **Marla** to draft up the Playoff Draws and the Prize Money Calculations prior to the Final Curling League games and email to our Executive.