

MEETING MINUTES
CHESTERMERE CURLING CLUB MEETING
Tuesday, Apr 7th, 2026 – 7:00PM
Curling Lounge
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Attendees: Katherine Senneker, Mark Klages, Marla Forth, Moneca Toth, Heidi Tsang, Rod Trickey, Alvin Heck, Brian Nociar, Deb Davidson, Don Bloom, Christine McMitchell, Trevor Nociar, Wolfgang Janke, Angela, Mike Moore, Mike Samson

Regular Business

1. Katherine Called the meeting to order @ 7:06 PM

2. Minutes of the last meetings held Feb 4th, 2026

1. Motion to adopt minutes: Marla
2. Second: Moneca
3. Carried

3. Treasurers Report

Account balances as of February 28, 2026, as per Financial Statements provided
By Heidi Tsang, as follows:

Chequing Acct	56,264.83
Casino Acct	27,679.86
GIC	17,725.61
Total	102,670.30

1. Motion to adopt Treasurers Report: Heidi
2. Second: Mike
3. Carried

4. Ice Report

Blades are out to be sharpened. Approx Cost 1,200.00 -1,500.00
All Equipment is put away.
Brian will go and look at new type of hacks at the Calgary Curling Club

5. Senior's Curling League Report

A great year. 24 Participants. Averaged 20 people.
3 additional people added to spare list. Potential for 35 including spares next year.
First 24 will pay.

Special Business

1. **40th Anniversary Bonspiel 2026/27 Curling Season – Should we Proceed?**

1. Funds estimated at \$30K required. See Trevor's checklist attached.
Items not included but required (donation/free lend?) 3 sets of stones from Indus; Extra Ice scrapper and nipper; extra insurance to cover extra items on hand; allocation of funds for prize money and trophies.

Indus has offered to lend us 3 sets of rocks & ice scraper.

Will offer one spot to each event to Indus teams.

Trevor will check on bulk purchasing of required items with other clubs to reduce costs.

Special thanks to CRCA for special price for ice rental.

2. How much sponsorship have we already been promised? What would sponsorship tiers look like? I.e. Gold/Silver/Bronze. Also what would recognition look like? Logos in ice, banners, logos in our ice for the next season? Do any members know of other sponsors to contact? Need a volunteer to spearhead sponsorship.

Brain & Trevor indicated that they have interest for Corporate Sponsorship of approx. 15,000.00.

Close Sponsorship deadline in September (date of AGM meeting – TBD)

3. Dates of the Bonspiel: Thursday April 1st – Sun April 4th, 2027
 1. Rink Possession Monday March 29th (Good Friday = March 26th).
 2. Ice installation through to Wed evening Mar 31st (or noon Apr 1st)
 3. Tear Down Night of Apr 4th 2027
4. What events do we have time for?
 1. 16 Team Men's
 2. 16 Team Ladies
 3. Daytime sturling event
 4. Competitive U18/U20 (Easter Break of a majority of alberta students)
 5. Who else are we missing? Mixed 4's or Doubles

Suggested Men's, Ladies & Open

5. What should we charge?
 1. \$400 4 person teams \$200 2 person sturling
6. Would we have a banquet? Will there be time?
 1. Saturday or with final presentations on Sunday to conclude

7. **Should we prepare 40th Anniversary advertising and swag. Attached are examples of 25th anniversary things as well as ideas from other clubs' celebrations.**

1. **Banners to hang**
2. **Ice decals**
3. **Special Pins or other swag & merchandise for the Membership**

Suggestions: Banner for Change room, Button ice logos & something for the memberships Pins / Name tags / Broom Brushes

Motion for \$1000.00 budget for 40th Anniversary Memorabilia

**Motion: Kat
Second: Deb
Carried**

8. **Hurdles to success of club**

1. **If any financial burden to be covered by the club. Do do we have funds?**
This was the summer slated to put money aside for camera's.
2. **City Championships could be held Easter weekend 2027 (March 29-31st). Club championships Provincials could be Apr 1st – 4th.**
3. **VOLUNTEERS!! Organize, prep, promote, run, dismantle.**

Motion to peruse 40th Anniversary Bonspiel, contingent on having Sponsorship funding in place by September 2026 AGM.

**Motion: Wolfgang
Second: Trevor
Carried**

Past Business

1. **Club Championship Representatives for 25/26 Season**

1. **Men's Aggregate – Joey Farmer Team**
2. **Women's Aggregate – Trisha Kloschinsky Team**

2. **City Championships held at Huntington Hills Mar 30-Apr 1, 2026**

1. **Our club sent the following league playoff winners;**
 1. **Men's – Hugh Adams Team**
 2. **Women's – Trisha Kloschinsky Team**
 3. **Mixed – Keith Adams Team**
 4. **Open – Alvin Heck Team**
 5. **Sturling – Darlene Swiderski & Marj Stetler**
2. **Team Kloschinsky won the Women's Division Title**

3. **Prize Money Calculations and playoff draws completed Feb 9th**

1. **Saturday Open League chose a 2-game playoff instead of 3 game**

4. **1 Hour – "Try Curling Event" was held Sat Feb 28th; 4-5pm**

1. **20 People participated between the ages of 6 and 64**
2. **Marla, Rod, Sandy volunteered from our club**

3. Dino's volunteers were Keenan Wipf, Ava Koe, Elizabeth Morgan & Kate Ector
4. So far 5 people have inquired about joining a curling league next season!
5. **Year End Curling Party Notice emailed to membership Mar 3rd ; Party Mar 28th**
 1. 85 people sent in RSVP's. Only 77 actually attended and purchased a meal. Remind membership to cancel if they cannot attend.
 2. Last year 91 people purchased a meal and 96 people attended. Theories about the downturn??
 3. Raffle 2026 generated \$800; Raffle 2025 generated \$800.....2026 numbers attributed to Jess Senneker!
 4. Discussion to move 2027 banquet back to rec center Hideout lounge or stay at Global fusion
 1. Consideration of losses for Global fusion after accommodation for the past 3 wind up's. Including loss of alcohol sales which perhaps made up for discount of food....?? It is also wonderful that they accommodate dietary restrictions and patrons can order direct from the menu at the restaurant.
 2. Another consideration is a possible 40th celebration banquet that we might be able to combine with our wind up....?? Have Global fusion cater?
Table until after 40th Anniversary.
6. **Lisa Kluk will continue to Audit our books annually**
 1. Typically done after our year end Apr 30th

New Business

1. **Questions about Curling Club accounting**
 1. Our club has been charged over \$1000 for not filing our income taxes online. We have always filed paper copies. Heidi plans to send in a dispute. We have never had to pay any income tax and we do not owe any tax this year either.
 2. There is no clear understanding why the CRCA wants us to charge GST on top of curling fees when the CRCA has been told by the CRA that they are not to charge the club GST any longer for our ice rentals.
 3. Should we hire an accountant who is familiar with not-for-profit organizations for a one-time review of our filing? See if they can help us with this dispute and confirm whether we should be charging GST or not?
 4. Attached is the document Marla sent to all Calgary and Area managers. Received one reply from Huntington Hills, Brian Campbell. He rents the ice from a community association as well and does not charge or claim GST when they collect fees. He does not know if the community association charges or claims GST.

Mike will provide Marla name of the Auditor / Accountant for CRCA to answer questions regarding GST etc.

2. Next Casino date moved up to Q4 2026 (Oct/Nov/Dec)

1. AGLC had an opening for our casino to be moved up to Quarter 4 this year from original estimated of Q2 2027.
2. Date will be drawn May 2026

3. Hideout Lounge upcoming special events

1. Gnome Painting – Wednesday Apr 15th 2026
2. Jenny Ogilvie, Canada's unconventional medium – Thursday Jun 11th 2026

4. Chestermere Mental Health Fair – Saturday May 2nd 2026

1. Keynote speaker will be Jocelyn Peterman. Marla was contacted by the organizer of the fair and she put them in touch with Jocelyn. She will speak on mental health in sports
2. Our club was asked to donate a basket as a door prize that Jocelyn could hand out during her speech.
3. We can use casino money for this type of donation; donated baskets last year were all valued \$150 and up.
4. Need a volunteer to purchase and put together said basket for donation. Who can do this?

Deb, Angela & Christine volunteered to organize basket.

Deb Motion to increase value of basket to Mental Health Fair to \$300.00

Second: Rod

Carried

5. Requests for junior Sponsorship from CCA for 26/27 curling season

1. U15 Junior team includes the following from Marla's junior program; Maelle Zuvic & Piper Ploughman (cannot commit)
2. Possible request from a new U15 team which includes Connor Kloschinsky, former member of Marla junior program and Friday night open team. Note: He is the only member of that team from Chestermere.

6. New Curler/Volunteer Moving to Chestermere

1. Colby Oracheski - would like to help with ice making, bonspiels and coaching as well as sparing next season

7. Energizer Night – Wed September 9th 2026

1. Who is available to sit at our table? Rod has the CCA stand up banner

Rod & Marla, possibly Mark.

8. Country Fair Parade – Sat September 12th 2026

1. Ask Curling Alberta for Truck again?
2. Who might be available to walk the parade?
Rod, Christine, possibly Marla, Alvin & Mark
3. Marla will ask Olympic curlers for their availability

9. Other New Business

- 1 Mark asked if we could provide practice ice for the Juniors.
Is this a possibility? What day would work?

Thursday would be the best day.

Marla, Mark & Kat will look into this further.

- 2 Brian requested volunteers to help with ice maintenance especially if Brian is unavailable due to weather etc.

Suggest we request volunteers, from the Membership, at the beginning of the year.

Close of Business

1. Set Date for 2026 AGM

1. Need to choose a date for AGM. Last year was Thursday Sept 25th 2025.

Thursday September 24, 2026 for the AGM meeting.

2. Next General Meeting Date

1. Set first general meeting of the season. Last year we met in mid September

Thursday September 17, 2026 - one week before AGM

3. Motion to Adjourn

Deb @ 9:32 PM