

CHESTERMERE CURLING CLUB

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 24th, 2026 – 7:00PM

Hideout Lounge in REC centre

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Minutes taken by Marla Forth on behalf of our new Secretary Rachel Pilgrim

Attendees: Nick Woronuk, Sharon Woronuk, Wolfgang Janke, Marla Forth, Rod Trickey, Don Broom, Alvin Heck, Trevor Nociar, Brian Nociar, Katherine Senneker, Mark Klages, Heidi Tsang, Christine McMitchell, Rachel Pilgrim, Lindsey MacEwen, Sandy O'Brien.

Regular Business

- 1) Call the meeting to order** - Katherine called the meeting to order at 7:43 pm.
- 2) Accept Minutes of the last meeting held September 17th, 2026**
 - a) Tabled till the next meeting.
- 3) Treasurers Report**
 - a) Tabled as we are having Erin Gregory from Gregory, Harriman & Associates LLP review our books.
- 4) Ice Report**
 - 5 bags of White Paint was enough to cover the entire surface for the whitewash.
 - If the ice is ready for practice ice on Saturday October 3rd, then we will have a blanket email sent out to our membership.
 - If the ice is not ready for the Sunday October 4th Refresher Curling Clinic, then Marla will postpone the clinic till October 19th after Thanksgiving.
 - The ice will certainly be ready for Monday night Men's league start of the season on October 5th.

Past Business

- 1) Update on Private Change Room Area**
 - a) Waiting on a keypad door lock.
 - b) Needs to be cleaned out.
 - c) It will be divided into two sections, two unisex change rooms.
 - d) Our Wood File Cabinet will stay in the back of one section.
 - e) Darlene Swiderski offered to donate locking foam gym mats for the flooring.
 - f) The Nociar's have the curtains that Heidi Tsang donated to use as privacy curtains on the front of each section.

2) Community Recreation & Culture Grant – Deadline Thursday, October 1st, 2026 at 4:30 pm

- a) Katt has plans to complete this grant this weekend.
- b) She is asking for a sum of money for our ice makers as an honorarium like she did last year.

3) Next Casino Date set Oct. 16 & 17, 2026

- a) Looking for volunteers. Require 40; 27 committed as of Sept. 23
- b) A suggestion was made to have the Volunteer Link added to our Website Homepage.
- c) Need to spend the rest of the Casino money in the account prior to October 30th, 2026. Approximately \$12,000.
- d)
 - o New Junior brooms and sliders. Katt made a motion to spend up to \$5000 on New Junior Brooms, Step on Sliders, Delivery sticks and Stabilizers. Rod Trickey Seconded the Motion. All in Favour. Carried.
 - o CRCA donation if there is money left over
 - o U15 Sponsorship Donations – (\$2000)
 - o Curling Club Insurance is an Approved Use of Proceeds (\$2710)
 - o Changeroom materials, not sure if this would be covered.
 - o Prepay Junior ice rental, this is where we can use much of the excess money since we will not receive our Next Casino Moneys until Mid-February.

4) Mixed Bonspiel – January 22nd to January 24th, 2027

- a) Joint effort with Indus. New Coordinator this year; Carla Schwartz
- b) Marla will continue to handle registrations.
- c) Mark Klages agreed to co-coordinate this season with Katt Senneker.
- d) We will discuss with Indus as to whether we keep the price the same at \$280 which includes Blind Calcutta.

5) 40th Anniversary Arena Bonspiel April 2-4, 2027

- a) Sponsorships have been coming in. Thank You!
- b) Still looking for more to reach 25K target.
- c) Christine McMitchell made a motion that if all funds are not reached through sponsorship, then we should use some of our “rainy day” GIC to make up the rest. Marla Seconded this Motion. Majority in favour, 1 person abstained.
- d) Soon we will put together a committee for organizing the Arena Bonspiel.
- e) Wolfgang will organize the Draws for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. 16 Men’s teams, 16 Women’s teams, 16 Open teams.
- f) Registration will be offered to all Chestermere Teams first, plus Gold Level Sponsors are allowed to enter a team, as well as Indus for donating use of their stones.
- g) Lynn Hanna & Chelsey Sharpley (Pour Some More) will Bartend for Saturday evening banquet in the Hall.
- h) Rachel Pilgrim has contacts for catering.
- i) Lindsey MacEwan has experience in organizing events.
- j) Estimated cost per team is \$400 with dinner included.
- k) We need to discuss whether we want to offer 40th Anniversary Merchandise?
- l) We need to check if the CRCA can get a liquor license for the Blue Arena.

6) Results: Which Nights Prefer 6:30 pm Start Time vs 6:45 pm Start Time.

- a) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Night leagues all have a late draw this season. There was at least one team each night who asked for the draw time to stay at 6:45pm start time instead of 6:30 pm as they would have difficulty making it to the rink in time.
- b) Coordinators will let their leagues know that we are staying with 6:45 pm and 9:00 pm draw times for the 2026-2027 season. Also, late games can start early if a 6:45 game finishes early and the ice can be prepared for that late game to start early.

7) Ice Maintenance & Pebbling

- a) Marla to send Facebook Post with call for volunteers to learn Pebbling.
- b) Trevor to send Marla details for this post.
- c) Please help increase our Facebook Traction by liking Chestermere Curling Association Posts.

8) Other Past Business

- a) A reminder that when the booklet is completed, we will have each Coordinator send out the digital copy to all players instead of printing a booklet for every player.

New Business

Result of Elections from AGM held September 24th, 2026 at 7:00 pm

- a) Moneca Toth has resigned from her position as Secretary on the board.
- b) The following slate of names were nominated and voted in as this season's curling executive.

- **President: Katherine Senneker**
- **Vice President: Mark Klages**
- **Secretary: Rachel Pilgrim**
- **Treasurer: Heidi Tsang**
- **Monday Night Men's Coordinator: Alvin Heck**
- **Tuesday Night Ladies Coordinator: Christine McMitchell**
- **Wednesday Night Modified Mixed Coordinator: Mike & Emily Samson**
- **Thursday Morning Senior Coordinator**: Rod Trickey**
- **Thursday Night Mixed Coordinator: Deb Davidson**
- **Friday Daytime Stirling Coordinator**: Wolfgang Janke**
- **Friday Night Open Coordinator: Don Broom**
- **Saturday Morning Open Coordinator**: Heidi Tsang**
- **Sunday Daytime Junior Coordinator: Marla Forth**
- **Sunday Night Adult Learn to Curl Coordinators**: Marla Forth & Adam Taylor**
- **Past President*: Nick Woronuk**
- **Mixed Bonspiel Coordinator*: Katherine Senneker & Mark Klages**
- **Web Master*: Cheryl McDonald**
- **Booklet Publisher*: Katherine Senneker**
- **Registrar*: Adam Taylor**
- **Head Ice Technician*: Brian Nociar**
- **Casino Chairperson*: Marla Forth**

- 2) **Strathmore Mixed Bonspiel date moved one week earlier than Chestermere/Indus Mixed Bonspiel for 2027 so there is no conflict. (January 13-17th, 2027).**

3) How is Final Curling Registration progressing on Curling I/O.

- 80% of curlers have registered for the teams listed below.
- If we do not have a 4th team register for the Saturday Open League then that league will not go ahead. We have confirmation that at least one of the Saturday Morning Teams would switch to the Friday Open League in that case.

- Monday – Men's. 8 teams
- Tuesday – Ladies. 8 Teams
- Wednesday – Modified Mixed. 7 Teams
- Thursday – Mixed. 9 Teams
- Friday – Open. 10 Teams
- Saturday Morning Open League – 3 teams - League needs 4 teams to proceed.
- Stirling - 6 Teams AM and PM - Full
- Seniors - 25 confirmed and people on spare list
- Adult Learn to Curl – 11 Registered, 13 more have shown interest
- NEW Thursday afternoon Junior Instruction Program - 10 registered, limit 16

4) Other New Business

- a) Nick will add Rachel Pilgrim to our Curling Club Drop Box. He will remove Moneca Toth, Lisa Kluck and Cindy Smith.

Close of Business

1) Date of Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be on Sunday October 25th, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the Hideout Lounge.

2) Motion to Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm by Brian Nociar