

MINUTES



Meeting: **Esquimalt Curling Club Annual General Meeting**
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020, 4:00 pm
Location: via Teleconference

1. Call to Order

President, Samantha Sherman called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

Prior to commencing the meeting, Cheryl Eason, who was acting as the meeting moderator, outlined the rules of engagement and conducted a roll call to determine who was participating in the teleconference. Quorum was achieved with 29 club members participating in the conference call. The rules of engagement called for voting to be conducted by a count of “no” votes.

Samantha acknowledged that the Esquimalt Curling Club is situated on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen People (Esquimalt and Songhees Nations).

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was circulated by email prior to the meeting. There were no additions.

Motion: [Accept the March 29, 2020 AGM Agenda as circulated.](#)
Moved/2nd: Brad Walsh / Jim Williams
Results: Motion carried with no abstentions or dissension.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the March 17, 2019 Annual General Meeting were circulated by email prior to the meeting.

Motion: [Accept the Minutes of the March 17, 2019 AGM be adopted as circulated.](#)
Moved/2nd: Brad Walsh / Rachelle Perry
Results: Motion carried with no abstentions or dissension.

4. Reports

4.1. President's Report

- Thank you to the 2019-2020 Board of Directors and league reps, their time and effort is appreciated.
- Thank you to the ice makers for once again providing us with the best ice in the city.
- The board began work early this year – immediately after the Club Championships and AGM last year, by attending meetings and writing a letter of support for the Juan de Fuca Curling Club which was facing closure. We took in as many displaced curlers as we could when the decision was made to close Juan de Fuca.
- The season started in September with the addition of 4 new leagues, including the first Doubles league in Victoria. Some of the existing leagues expanded to two days and many leagues added new teams. Existing leagues made adjustments as needed to accommodate new leagues



- There were a number of successful events at ECC this year, including the Open House in September, the Hosting of a one day event for 118 International students, and a full slate of Bonspiels.
- Director at Large Len Hanishuk worked tirelessly on sponsorship, including a partnership with Asham Curling Supplies.
- In February, we created our first advertising video which was aired on CHEK Television.
- Samantha nominated Ron Bilodeau (Irwin Industries and Pro Tech Exterior Products) for a sponsor of the year award from Curl BC. Thank you to Ron for being a long time sponsor and for contributing to the curling community
- ECC was recently asked to support the Juan de Fuca Curling Association in their proposal for a new curling centre in Langford. The response from ECC members was mixed. We have agreed to have ECC reps on the steering committee and will provide a letter supporting the growth of curling in the capital region, but not in support of the proposal in its current form.
- This is Samantha's last report as Club President.

4.2. Treasurer's Report

- Report was distributed to all league reps and ECC executive members prior to the meeting.
- Thank you to the executive and board. This was a very successful year both financially and the work that was done.
- Sponsorships made up 64% of our revenue.
- The excess of disbursements over receipts was not unexpected.
- Equipment and supplies cost more than anticipated.
- The reconciled bank balance is a reduction from the amount at the end of season last year. Reduction due mostly to this year's operating loss and the capital expenditures for rock refurbishing.
 - Jon Savidant asked how often the rocks get refurbished.
 - Cheryl responded that the refurbishment is listed as a depreciation expense amortized over 5 years.
 - *Note: the rocks were last refurbished in 2013.*
- Have heard concerns that there is too much liquidity in the club's bank account. The current account balance meets the operating reserve requirements (5 year average of administrative and club expenses).

5. **Budget 2020-2021**

- The 2020-21 budget was approved at the February 27, 2020 board meeting.
- Precautionary note from Cheryl about the 2020-21 budget:
 - We are in unusual circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - The budget doesn't factor in any negative consequences of the pandemic on sponsorship (many sponsors are small businesses). The board will need to keep a close eye on this.



- The board felt it was important to keep the ECC fee at its current amount, so the budget reflects this.
- Some discretionary expenses were kept in the budget that often do not get used (i.e. advertising and website).
- The board decided to eliminate league support.
- The approved budget will result in a net deficit which will bring the bank balance down to a level we do not want to go below, especially if there is a decrease in sponsorship revenue.
- The board will need to monitor and continue discussions regarding the budget and club expenditures.

6. Elections

6.1. Samantha Sherman conducted elections for the club executive for the 2020/2021 season.

6.2. Members elected:

- President – Torben Wilson
No other names put forward, approved with no abstentions or dissension.
- Vice President – Al Teasdale
No other names put forward, approved with no abstentions or dissension.
- Secretary – Karen Hoban
No other names put forward, approved with no abstentions or dissension.
- Treasurer – Cheryl Eason
Continuing in 2nd year of term appointment

7. Curler of the Year

Nominated by the Rebel's league and awarded to Bob McKie for his many years of contributing to the betterment of the Esquimalt Curling Club.

Note: the Club Championship has been rescheduled to the end of September and the trophy presentation will take place at that time.

8. Adjournment

Motion: [To adjourn meeting.](#)

Moved/2nd: Brad Walsh / Torben Wilson

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm