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Meeting: Esquimalt Curling Club Board of Directors

Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Location: Archie Browning Lounge

Attendees: Al Teasdale – ECC President/Senior Men's; Karen Hoban- ECC Secretary/Sunday Funday; Torben Wilson – ECC Past President; Steve Peckford – Curl BC Rep; Brenda Byrne – Rebels; Bill Blair - Tuesday Senior Mens; Dianna McIntosh – Monday Afternoon Ladies; Brian Morin – Senior Select; Lu Neilson – Golden Girls/ Friday Afternoon Ladies; Brad Walsh – Monday/Wednesday Men's; Bob Herbert – Senior Select; Ken O'Connor – Sportsmen; Kathy Dann – Doubles; Graeme McLaren – Senior Mixed

1. Call to Order

President, Al Teasdale called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed by email on December 11, 2023.

Al requested to change the order of the Old Business, but no new additions.

Motion: Accept the December 12, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda with noted change.

Moved/2nd: Brad Walsh/ Steve Peckford

Results: Approved without dissent

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the August 29, 2023 and October 25th, 2023 Board of Director's Meetings were distributed by email on Dec 11, 2023.

Motion: Accept the Minutes of the August 29, 2023 Board of Director's Meeting be adopted.

Moved/2nd: Brenda Byrne/Lu Nielson

Results: Approved without dissent

Motion: Accept the Minutes of the October 25, 2023 Board of Director's Meeting be adopted.

Moved/2nd: Bob Hebert/ Brad Walsh

Results: Approved without dissent

4. Old Business

4.1. Lounge Furniture

- No updates
- Al will emphasize to Esquimalt that with the provincial championships being held at Archie Browning, it would give a poor impression to have torn or broken chairs and stained tables.

4.2. Buzzers

- No updates on when they will be fixed. Seem to be going off 4 minutes early.

4.3. Provincial Championships

- Curl BC has taken on a more organizational role.

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- Glass and netting will be removed from arena for the championships
- Ticket sales started last week. Presale on until end of December. Link to tickets on Curl BC or Eventbrite websites
 - ECC and VCC will split 85% of profit from ticket sales.
- Volunteers still needed. Sign up via Curl BC website. Link also on ECC website under "News".
- Emails have begun going out to volunteers.
- Dinner for curlers will be held 5-6:30pm on January 22, therefore the Men's league cannot use the lounge before their first draw on that date.
- Bar will be open daily from ~2pm-midnight throughout the championships.
- Hospitality suite will be in the Crowsnest lounge.
- There will be beer sales in the arena, and hope to have the concession open as well.

4.4. Policy Manual

- Board members were asked to review the sections of the draft Policy Manual that had not reviewed in the last meeting.
- No changes were suggested for the sections (5 and 6) not previously reviewed.
- Question was raised as to whether we can/should state in the policy manual what constitutes quorum for board meetings.
 - Currently have 17 leagues plus executive members = quorum of 13
 - Some people have two roles on the board (i.e. league rep & executive member)
 - Suggest for people that have multiple roles, reduce quorum by one because they are not allowed to vote more than once.
 - This is covered in the club's bylaws, so needs to be voted on at the AGM.

Motion: To approve the Policy manual as amended in the Oct. 25 and Dec 12, 2023 Board meetings.

Moved/2nd: Bob Herbert/ Torben Wilson

Results: Approved without dissention

4.5. Empty Scoreboard

- At the Oct. 25th meeting, Len Hanishuk brought forward a motion to donate the unused scoreboard to a charity, but voting did not take place due to not having quorum.
- Len suggested that it could be kept in reserve for if/when a current sponsor decides not to advertise.
- Consensus was to carry this item forward to the next meeting so Len can present it himself.

4.6. Asham Discount

- We are not generating enough sales to keep account with Asham.
- To keep Asham, we need to change the account to a 15% discount to members with a provided discount code. The club will no longer receive a portion of sales.
- Len recommends keeping them on for bonspiel merchandise at 40% discount.

4.7. Gratuity for Anniversary logo

- Lori at Bravo Advertising prepared images for the club's anniversary logo (which still hasn't been found), Trackside Auto and Darlen Ventures. May need her services for the charity scoreboard if approved.
- Images were prepared at no cost so Len proposed giving Lori a gift certificate as a token of appreciation.

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- Consensus was to carry this item forward to the next meeting so Len can present it himself, and Cheryl can provide input regarding budget.

5. New Business

5.1. Hardline

- Hardline Curling has offered to sell equipment to our members at wholesale price (we pay for shipping).
- We would need to collect orders before a set deadline.
- The club can decide whether to take a profit percentage.
- Consensus to defer this topic until next meeting to discuss with Len

5.2. Charity Spiel

- Pre-COVID, Senior Men's bonspiel was held to establish a championship team. Bonspiel was sponsored by Country Grocer.
- Registration has decreased and it is therefore not feasible to continue in the same format.
- Would like to keep the dates (March 14-15) and run an in-house Charity spiel.
- The format will be open-mixed with approximately 16 teams, open to all ages (but draws will be during the daytime). Haven't yet decided if registration will be by team or by individuals.
- The chosen charity will be the Rainbow Kitchen this year. The designated charity may change year-to-year.
 - Esquimalt council will see that the club is giving back to the community
 - Bob H. suggested that we need to get in contact with media to report on how club is supporting the community. Other leagues also donate to local charities.
- The spiel will be more for fun than for prizes.
- Looking for sponsorship suggestions.
 - Country Grocer used to provide \$800 sponsorship. The bonspiel bought \$3500 gift cards at a reduced rate.
 - Al suggested the organizing committee talk to Len. Look into "in-kind" sponsorship.
 - Senior Men's league supported the bonspiel in the past by donating ~\$100.
- Seeking support from the Club to run the bonspiel.
- Contact: Brian Morin (bwmorin@gmail.com)

5.3. Wheelchair Curling

- Al was approached by a woman about starting a wheelchair curling league at Esquimalt.
- There is a group of 10-15 people who would like to try it. The group has booked 2 Saturdays.
- Curl BC has said they will put on a CanCurl clinic.
 - Clinic consists of 4 sessions. Curl BC pays for the ice and supplies a coach
- The league would need some volunteers to help curlers on the ice.
- Ramp built for clinic held last year is in the storage locker.
- Karen suggested contacting the Victoria Wheelchair Sports League to generate more interest in the clinic/league
- Al also received an email from a military veteran requesting lessons so that he can enter the Invictus games. Curl BC will provide lessons.

5.4. Nomination Committee

- Anyone that would like to sit on the committee is asked to put their name forward.
- Positions up for election: Vice President, unsure about Treasurer, possibly Secretary.

5.5. Saltspring Coffee Basket

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- As part of Curl BC's 50/50, each club is entered into a prize draw. ECC won a Saltspring Coffee basket. At the last board meeting, it was decided to enter all members' names into a draw for the basket.
- Cheryl created an alphabetical list of all club members and assigned each person a number from 1 to 581. Anyone that curls in more than one league was only listed once.
- An online random number generator (random.org) was used to select a number.

A screenshot of a web-based "True Random Number Generator". It has input fields for "Min:" (1) and "Max:" (581), a "Generate" button, and a "Result:" section. The result is "557" in large bold text, with "Min: 1, Max: 581" and the timestamp "2023-12-13 03:45:07 UTC" below it. At the bottom, it says "Powered by RANDOM.ORG".

- The winner of the coffee basket was Ian Whitley of the Sunday Funday league.

6. Curl BC Report

- Curl BC continuing to promoting the monthly 50/50 draws.
- Have partnered with a private insurance company – info available on Curl BC website.

7. Advertising and Sponsorship

- *Len was not at the meeting, but emailed topics of concern to Karen prior to the meeting (covered in old business- items 4.5, 4.6, 4.7 and new business item 5.1).*

8. Treasurer's Report

- *Treasurer's report was distributed by email prior to the meeting because Cheryl was unable to attend in person.*

9. League Updates

9.1. Sunday Funday

- 14 teams, two draws
- 4 new teams to the league, and 10 brand new curlers

9.2. Doubles

- 5 teams
- Al working on pricing with Esquimalt, meeting again next week

9.3. Thursday Senior Mixed

- 9 teams and 4 spares

9.4. Monday/Wednesday Men

- Bonspiel went great in November, thank you to club for support
 - 20 teams, including one from Comox and ~13 from VCC.

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- Up by two teams from last year. Pre-COVID, would have 24-35 teams.
- Next year, looking for hotel sponsorship/room deals.
- 9.5. Monday Afternoon Ladies
 - Finished fall season with 7 teams
 - Will draw new teams for the winter season. Need 1 more player.
- 9.6. Golden Girls
 - 13 teams = 1 bye
- 9.7. Rebels
 - 12 teams
- 9.8. Sportsmen
 - 10 teams, going well
- 9.9. Senior Select
 - Mon/Wed 10 teams, includes 2 entire teams of ladies
 - 10 spares
- 9.10. Senior Men
 - Up to 10 teams, started at 8.
 - Bonspiel Jan 9-12
 - Capped at 12 teams each of competitive men and mixed.

10. Next Meeting

- *Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 7:00pm.*

11. Adjournment

Motion: [To adjourn meeting.](#)

Moved/2nd: Brad Walsh/Steve Peckford

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.