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Meeting: Esquimalt Curling Club Board of Directors

Date: Thursday, February 08, 2024

Location: Archie Browning Lounge

Attendees: Al Teasdale – ECC President/Senior Men's; Karen Hoban- ECC Secretary/Sunday Funday; Cheryl Eason – ECC Treasurer; Torben Wilson – ECC Past President/ Doubles; Len Hanishuk – Director of Advertising; Graeme McLaren – Senior Mixed; Bob Herbert – Senior Select; Brenda Byrne – Rebels; Brad Walsh – Monday/Wednesday Men's; Dianna McIntosh – Monday Afternoon Ladies; Judy Scott – Golden Girls; JoAnne Bilodeau – Golden Girls; Janet Bell – Friday Ladies;

1. Call to Order

President, Al Teasdale called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed by email on February 5, 2024.

Motion: Accept the February 08, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda as circulated.

Moved/2nd: Len Hanishuk/ Brad Walsh

Results: Approved without dissention

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the December 12, 2023 Board of Director's Meetings were distributed by email on February 5, 2024.

Correction to minutes:

Item 4.3 ECC and VCC will split 85% of profits from event.

Motion: Accept the Minutes of the December 12, 2023 Board of Director's Meeting with noted correction.

Moved/2nd: Bob Herbert/ Brad Walsh

Results: Approved without dissention

4. Old Business

4.1. Provincial Championships

- Championships were very successful, thank-you to all the volunteers.
- Curl BC and the Curlers were happy with the event
- Venue was the right size for this kind of event. May see similar events in the future.
- Exact numbers have not been finalized yet, but ECC and VCC will each receive a good sum of money from the profit from ticket sales and 50/50.

4.2. 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. Voting did not take place during the December meeting because Len was not at the meeting to present the topic.
- Len suggested that if there is a scoreboard that does not have sponsorship, it could be used to advertise a local charity. ECC would take on the cost of making the sign ~\$200.

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- Cheryl stated that there must be some kind of process to choose which charity is put on the scoreboard. She suggested that charities interested in having their name displayed should submit a brief submission for the board to consider. There should be specific criteria, and the selection process must be fair and equitable.
- Bob suggested it could be more general and not specific to one charity.
- Cheryl suggested that we should have a dedicated space for charity advertising. Brad asked if another location, such as a sideboard or the advertiser's board would be more suitable.
- Janet pointed out that we need to decide at what point we stop selling advertising space and put up the charity's name. It wouldn't be right to offer the space, then remove the charity's name if an advertiser was found to pay for the space.
- Len stated that the 6th scoreboard has been sold, so this motion can be tabled and readdressed in September.

4.3. Asham Discount

- Renewed the online purchasing discount (15%), but no longer have the profit-sharing agreement due to low sales.

Action Item: Len will ask Doug to post the discount code on the ECC website

- Retained the 40% discount for bonspiel prizes.
- Len will meet with the Asham representative in March.

4.4. Gratuity for Anniversary logo

- Lori at Bravo Advertising prepared images for the club's anniversary logo pro bono.
- Len proposed giving Lori a gift certificate as a token of appreciation.

Motion: Purchase a \$100 gift certificate as a token of appreciation for providing graphics at no cost to ECC.

Moved/2nd: Cheryl Eason/Torben Wilson

Results: Approved without dissent

4.5. Hardline

- Hardline was a sponsor of the provincial championships. During the championships, the owner offered the club a 40% discount on all equipment.
- The order must be made as a single bulk order and we must pay the shipping.
- Len will place an order in August.

Action Item: Len will put up notices on the bulletin boards and will ask Doug to put a notice on the ECC website.

4.6. Wheelchair Curling

- Group of wheelchair users, organized by "Amanda" tried curling over two weekends. Al and Karen helped on the ice, in addition to the many helpers they brought with them.
- First week saw about 10 curlers, 2nd week about 6.
- Curl BC held a demo on the ice during the provincial championships and invited some of this group to participate.
- Curl BC will be hosting a CanCurl program Feb 17, Mar 2, Mar 9 and Mar 16.
 - Amanda's group will be participating and Curl BC is reaching out to other groups as well.
 - May need more volunteers

4.7. Charity Spiel

- Each league receives \$200 support from the club. Bonspiels receive \$300.

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- Wednesday Senior select is sponsoring the charity spiel. The league has received money for league support and has requested money for bonspiel support.
 - In effect, the bonspiel support money would be going to charity.

Motion: To add a line to Esquimalt Curling Club's budget for charity donation.

Moved/2nd: Cheryl Eason/Bob Herbert

Results: Approved without dissention

4.8. Nomination Committee

- Positions up for election:
 - Treasurer
 - Vice-President
- Still looking for people willing to run for these positions.
- Torben will conduct the vote during the AGM.
- Need to send a message to all leagues soliciting nominations for Curler of the Year.
- Deadline for nominations: February 26th.
- Voting by the board will take place via email.

5. **New Business**

5.1. Esquimalt Staff Appreciation Event

- During the provincial championships, Al spoke to Mayor Barb Desjardins and thanked her for all the work Esquimalt staff did to get the championships going.
- Al suggested we could show our appreciation by holding a learn to curl for municipal staff. If Esquimalt would provide the ice, ECC will provide coaches and pizza.
- Steve Knoke, Director of Parks and Recreation Services was enthusiastic about this proposal.
- Tentative date for event is March 16th.
- Can handle up to 50 people, likely Parks and Rec Staff.

Action Item: Al will put a call out for volunteers.

5.2. Club AGM

- Club Championships and AGM scheduled for March 17th. Will follow same format as in previous years.
- Will put forward a motion to change the bylaw which sets the required quorum for board meetings. (Often hard to achieve quorum at board meetings, especially when members often hold multiple positions or represent multiple leagues).

6. **President's Report**

- Correspondence: thank-you letters for bonspiel support from Golden Girls and Driftwood Men's bonspiel.
- Senior Men's bonspiel was very successful.
- Private bonspiel this weekend with 120 curlers (mostly in their 20s)
 - Have asked for volunteers from the club to help
 - Will get a chance to promote ECC, perhaps recruit some curlers to join the club
- Provincial Championship Volunteer Appreciation Event
 - Feb 18, 5:30-7:30

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- All competitive curlers from Victoria that played in the championships have also been invited
- Al spoke with Alex Horvath about the rocks and ice. Alex had ideas for improvements.
 - Suggested that the rocks be weighed and mapped. Rocks are not properly matched and reconditioning of striking bands would require weighing of rocks. Would likely take 2-3 people a couple of days to complete.
 - Removable hacks. Advantage would be that the hacks would remain at same height all year and there would be less dirt around them. Cost ~ \$1200 per sheet.
 - Can't get the scraper machine through the doors to the curling rink without taking the blade off. Each time the blade is removed, it gets dulled, therefore resulting in poorer ice. The nipper only has one blade and it is not adjustable. (In comparison, VCC has multiple blades and changes them regularly). The scraper and nipper are owned by Al Sutherland.

Action Item: Al to approach Esquimalt about sharing the cost of the above-mentioned items.

7. Curl BC Report

- n/a

8. Advertising and Sponsorship

- Lost two in-ice spaces (\$700)
- Picked up Casino as an end board sponsor for next season.
- When ice was removed after provincial championships, the logos were saved and donated to ECC and VCC, so will have ECC logos to put on ice next year.

9. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's report was distributed by email prior to the meeting.
- Appreciate all the work by Len to acquire sponsors and to follow up on payment from them.
- Finalizing financial statements for review by independent review committee and will be presented at the AGM for approval.
- Most revenue/expenses within budget but spent more than budgeted on ice making supplies, as a result will likely result in a small deficit
- Draft budget was presented with modest increases in most expense categories. Used the same number of curlers for calculations and kept ECC dues the same as this season.

10. League Updates

9.1. Sunday Funday

- Friends and family funspiel this weekend
- 2 wks. off due to Superbowl and Family weekend, then playoffs start.
- Last day March 10

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9.2. Senior Mixed

- Last day March 7

9.3. Senior Select

- Please encourage club members to join the charity bonspiel

9.4. Rebels

- Two weeks off due to bonspiels
- Finish on March 15

9.5. Monday/Wednesday Men

- Wrap-up dinner & AGM on March 13th.

9.6. Golden Girls

- Bonspiel was a great success.
- Last day March 12

9.7. Monday Ladies

- Last day February 26 (7 teams, 7 games for winter session)

9.8. Friday Ladies

- Last day March 8

9.9. Doubles

- Juggling the schedule to accommodate bonspiels
- Last day March 16.

11. Next Meeting

- *AGM, March 17th, unless another is needed before then.*

12. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn meeting.

Moved/2nd: Brad Walsh/Brenda Byren

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.