

# MINUTES



Meeting: **Esquimalt Curling Club Extraordinary Board Meeting**  
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024  
Location: Via ZOOM videoconference

**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; Judy Scott – Golden Girls; Janet Bell – Friday Ladies; Rachelle Perry – Juniors; Ken O'Connor - Sportsmen

## 1. Call to Order

President, Al Teasdale called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. There was a quorum present.

## 2. Approval of Agenda

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

*A formal vote was not conducted, but when asked if everyone approved of the agenda or had any additions, no one spoke up.*

## 3. New Business

### 5.1. Wheelchair Curling

- Enthusiastic group of wheelchair curlers had two introductory sessions on the ice with ECC coaches.
- Al asked Curl BC to conduct host some Can Curl sessions. Curl BC paid for 4 weeks of ice time & posted on website, Al & Rachelle have been the coaches.
- Long term goal is to convince the group to join the club.

**Motion:** To support 2 'Learn to Curl' sessions for a new wheelchair group. Rental cost for 2 sheets for 2 dates (Jan 6 and 13, 2024) was \$ 290.30

**Moved/2nd:** Al Teasdale/ Cheryl Eason

**Results:** Approved without dissention

### 5.2. Esquimalt Staff Appreciation

- There have been rumours circulating among municipal staff that the curling rink is in jeopardy of closing because it is losing money.
- Al spoke to Mayor Barb Desjardins during the provincial championships to express the club's thanks for the municipality's support. (Barb Desjardins was instrumental in saving the curling rink when it was previously threatened with closure).
- Learn to curl night for municipal staff to show thanks and appreciation.
- Final numbers of expected attendees not in yet. Expect that some of the directors and managers will attend. (expect total cost for pizza to be \$100-\$200).

**To cover the cost of pizza at the "Try Curling" event for Esquimalt staff. Estimated cost will be less than \$500 (approximately \$10 per person)**

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Results: Approved without dissent

- Note: Esquimalt has asked ECC to take over the learn to curl program next season. AI to meet with them to find out what is expected, what resources will be available, who will be paying for it, and who will be collecting registration fees.

## 5.3. Bylaw Amendments

- Proposed amendments to be presented at the upcoming AGM were sent via email on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Rationale is that some elected board members are also league representatives, and some league representatives represent more than one league.
- Usually approximately 5 board members do not attend any given meeting.
- Reducing the number of board members by one for each person with a dual roll effectively drops the quorum for board meetings from 13 to 11. The percentage required for quorum does not change.
- Any further questions or comments about the proposed amendments should be emailed to AI before the AGM.

## 5.4. Curler of the Year

- Three nominations have been received. A copy of the nominations were sent with the agenda on March 5.
- AI pointed out that he was nominated, but he already received the award in 2016-17. Usually, the award is not given to the same person more than once, but there is nothing in writing to say that it can't be done.
- Karen will send a link to the voting form. One vote per board member or league. Board members that represent more than one league may designate someone else to vote on behalf of one of the leagues.

## 5.5. Other Business (not on agenda)

- Need to find nominees for Vice President and for Treasurer. Karen will add a line to the curler of the year voting form for suggestions. Nominees should be vetted by the board before the AGM.
- Leagues need to submit 2024-25 bonspiel & special event dates to AI before the end March.
- AI suggested that money received from the provincial championships could be used for facilities (i.e. mapping/charting rocks, hacks) and learn to curl program (equipment).
- Brenda asked about Junior curling program on weeknights or weekends. Suggested that current timeslot is hard for parents to get the kids to.
- AI would like to appoint a learn to curl director next year.
- Leagues need to confirm teams for the Club Championship on March 17<sup>th</sup>. One team and a league rep are invited to luncheon.

## 4. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.