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Meeting: **Esquimalt Curling Club Annual General Meeting**

Date: Sunday, March 17, 2024, 12:30 pm

Location: Curling Lounge, Archie Browning Sports Centre

1. Call to Order

President, Al Teasdale called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm. Quorum was achieved.

2. Introduction of Teams participating in Club Championship

- Monday Senior
- Sunday Funday
- Ladies Afternoon
- Select
- Ladies Evening
- Youth League
- Sportsmen
- Friday Ladies
- Doubles
- Rebels
- Senior Men
- Golden Girls
- CFB Base
- Wednesday Senior
- Wednesday Men
- Senior Mixed
- Select
- Monday Men

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed to all board members and league representatives (to be passed on to their members) by email on March 10, 2024. There were no additions brought forward.

Motion: [Accept the March 17, 2024 Annual General Meeting Agenda as circulated.](#)

Moved/2nd: Torben Wilson/ Judy Scott

Results: Approved without dissent

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the March 12, 2023 Annual General Meeting were distributed to league representatives and club board members via email on March 10, 2024.

Motion: [Accept the Minutes of April 10, 2022 Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated.](#)

Moved/2nd: Brenda Byrne/ Rachele Perry

Results: Approved without dissent

5. Reports

4.1. President's Report

- Al expressed his thanks to a number of groups and individuals:
 - To the Club executive and all the league reps who attended board meetings throughout the year, for their time and effort to make the club a success.
 - To Doug Muir for our excellent website
 - To Al Sutherland and the ice crew
 - To the Township of Esquimalt
 - To the maintenance staff

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- It was a very busy year, but most of Al's time was taken up by two activities: the Provincial Championships and Learn to Curl.
- **Provincial Championships**
 - Received an initial email in mid-May
 - First task was to put together an organizing committee:
 - i. Pei Mei Chi – ECC Co-Chair
 - ii. Len Bosch, with assistance from Daryl Bosch – Staging, 50/50, Admissions
 - iii. Len Hanishuk – Sponsorship
 - iv. Mavis Smith – Treasurer
 - Thanks to the many volunteers that helped
 - Esquimalt did most of the “heavy lifting”
 - Curl BC was more than pleased with the event
 - Esquimalt and Victoria Curling Clubs will each receive a small profit from the event (see below).
- **Learn to Curl**
 - *Wheelchair Curling*
 - Al had a meeting in October 2023 with a woman who wanted to get a group together to start wheelchair curling.
 - ECC paid for 2 sessions of ice in January and provided some volunteer coaches/assistants
 - Curl BC invited the group to try the ice at the Provincial Championships and an experienced wheelchair curler from Vancouver gave them some pointers
 - CanCurl (a program for disabled curlers) paid for 4 drop-in sessions, ECC again provided volunteer coaches/assistants
 - Thank you to the volunteers that helped with these sessions
 - Ultimate goal is to get this group to form a league within ECC.
 - *All day Bonspiel*
 - Al was contacted by a woman organizing an all-day bonspiel for a group of mostly new curlers and asked if ECC could provide some coaches
 - 120 curlers, age group mostly 20–30 year-olds
 - Hope that a small percentage of that group may be interested in joining the club
 - *Learn to Curl lessons*
 - Esquimalt staff have asked ECC to take on the learn to curl lessons
 - Esquimalt Rec used to offer lessons and drop-in curling before COVID
 - Al has tentatively said yes, feels it would be worthwhile for the club
 - Need to work out the details with Esquimalt
 - Al envisions appointing a Learn to Curl Director to the board to coordinate activities
 - *Esquimalt Staff Appreciation*
 - Last weekend ECC held a learn to curl staff appreciation event for Esquimalt Municipal staff
 - Idea for event started when Al heard multiple rumours from municipal employees that curling is going to get shut down because they are losing money on it.



- Al spoke to Mayor Desjardins at the provincial championships and thanked her for the municipalities help throughout the year and at the championships. Suggested the learn to curl as a show of appreciation.
- There was lower turnout than had hoped due to the short notice. May do it again in the future.
- Attendees included gardeners, lifeguards, maintenance staff, managers.
- Thank you to volunteers who helped on-ice.
- **Profit from Provincial Championships**
 - 85% of the profit was split between ECC and VCC
 - Need to decide how to spend the money, Al suggests putting it back into the club.
 - Esquimalt has been amenable to sharing equipment costs 50/50 (e.g. Jet Ice water conditioner).
 - Possible items to spend money on: removable hacks, equipment for learn-to-curl program (sliders, brooms, delivery sticks).
- **Charity**
 - The senior leagues changed the Country Grocer Senior Men's Bonspiel into an open Charity Bonspiel.
 - Country Grocer agreed to stay on as a sponsor and to match donations.
 - Had originally planned to support the Rainbow Kitchen, but then hear that Macaulay school had lost its lunch program, so split the money between the two causes.
 - Thanks to organizers Brian Morrin, Herbe Sharpe, and Bob Herbert
 - Many leagues and bonspiels have large bank balances. They are encouraged to reduce those balances by donating to local charities and supporting the community.

4.2. Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's report and financial statements were distributed to league reps and club board members via email on March 16, 2024. Hard copies were also handed out to those in attendance prior to the start of the AGM.
- Cheryl provided a "2023-24 By the Numbers" info graphic outlining the club's reserve funds, sponsorship income, receipts, and number of club members.
- The club is doing well financially.
- Cheryl advises the club to keep a reserve fund for operating expenses.
- Budgeted to break-even for 2023-24 fiscal year but came in above, mainly due to money from provincial championships.
- Expenses were 10% higher than budgeted due to higher than anticipated equipment/ice supplies and the large number of name tags that were ordered. Insurance costs were lower than anticipated.
- Sponsorship has grown. Thanks to Len Hanishuk for his continued efforts in securing sponsors).
- Membership continues to grow and is slowing building back after COVID.
- Mavis Smith and Matt Broughton conducted a financial review. Based on that review, the financial statements are recommended for approval.

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Motion: Approve Esquimalt Curling Club's financial statements for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

Moved/2nd: Jim Williams/ Randy Tonks

Results: Approved without dissention

6. Budget 2023-24

- The 2024-25 budget represents a break-even financial position and maintains a bank balance that meets operating reserve requirements.
- ECC membership projected to increase to 600 members.
- Club fee to remain at \$10, but Curl BC/Curling Canada fees to increase to \$22.
- Sponsorship revenue budgeted to increase slightly.
 - Sponsorship revenue covers league support and bonspiel sponsorships. Up to \$500 per bonspiel and up to \$200 for those leagues not receiving bonspiel funds
 - Amount available to leagues & bonspiels will be decreased if sponsorship revenue is not achieved
 - Sponsorship/support money is intended to be used to support or celebrate curlers.
- Equipment/supplies back to a more normalized amount (was higher in 2023-24 due to a late bill)
- Floor was opened to questions about the proposed budget. No questions were put forward.

Motion: Accept the budget for the 2024-2025 season as presented

Moved/2nd: Jon Le Roy/ Judy Scott

Results: Approved without dissention

7. Bylaw Amendments

- The proposed bylaw amendments were attached to the meeting agenda and distributed to league representatives and ECC board members via email on March 10, 2024.
- It is often a struggle to meet quorum for board meetings because some board members are also league reps, some league reps represent more than one league, and meetings are held on weeknights, so one or more members are usually curling.
- Goal of the amendments is to reduce the quorum but stay true to the bylaws. Leagues would still maintain their votes.
- Proposed changes:

BYLAWS

Part 1. – Definitions and Interpretation

Definitions

1.1 In these Bylaws:

“**Board**” means collectively the immediate past president, president, vice- president, secretary, treasurer, one (1) league representative from each League, a maximum of two (2)

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Curl BC representatives and a maximum of three (3) directors at large as appointed by the Board. Each director must be a Voting Member;

Change to:

“**Board**” means collectively the immediate past president, president, vice- president, secretary, treasurer, one (1) league **representative appointed by each League Executive**, a maximum of two (2) Curl BC representatives and a maximum of three (3) directors at large as appointed by the Board. Each director must be a Voting Member;

Add:

“**League Executive**” mean collectively the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, immediate past president and directors of a League or Leagues

Part 5 – Board Meetings

Quorum of Board

5.3 The quorum for the transaction of business at a Board Meeting is a majority of the Board.

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Add:

5.3.1 For the purpose of determining the majority of the Board, if any of the elected Board members (immediate past president, president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer) are also League representatives (as per section 1.1), then the total of the Board members is reduced by 1 for each elected Board member that is also a League Representative, up to a maximum of 2.

Motion: The Bylaws of the Esquimalt Curling Club be amended according to the version as distributed to all leagues.

Moved/2nd: Toben Wilson/ Graeme McLaren

Results: Approved without dissention

8. Elections

- Al Teasdale asked Past President Torben Wilson to conduct the election for the club executive for the 2024-2025 season.
- Cheryl Eason is stepping down as treasurer after 4 years.
 - Term ends at the end of April

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- No volunteers to take over. Mavis Smith nominated, but declined.
- Board will meet and will likely have to appoint a temporary (1 yr term) acting treasurer.
- No nominees for other positions. All incumbents agree to stay on in current positions.
- 2024-2025 Executive:
 - President – Al Teasdale (no challenges, approved by acclamation)
 - Vice President- Randy Tonks (no challenges, approved by acclamation)
 - Secretary – Karen Hoban (no challenges, approved by acclamation)
 - Treasurer- vacant

9. Questions and Answers

- The floor was opened to questions or comments but none were received.

10. Curler of the Year

- The Pat Kennedy Memorial Curler of the Year Award was presented to Clay and Gale Snelling for their contributions to the Esquimalt Curling Club (write-up attached).
- Clay expressed his thanks for the award and reflected on how rewarding it is to volunteer for and participate in the club, and to give back to the sport of curling. He encouraged everyone to volunteer.

11. Adjournment

12. Motion: [To adjourn meeting.](#)

13. Moved/2nd: Toben Wilson/ Dianne Erickson

14. Results: Approved without dissention

Meeting adjourned at ~1:20 pm.

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Attachment 1 – Curler of the Year

Clay and Gail have been stalwarts of the CFB League for as long as they have been members of the ECC, they have been curling in the league for 20+ years. For as long as can be recalled, they have been instrumental in the success of the Logistics Bonspiel, both expending countless hours obtaining prizes and Clay doing the draw for the spiel.

Their rink in the league is one of the most pleasurable teams to curl against and they are fun and open with kind suggestions for teams starting out and learning the sport.

They both recently volunteered at the 2024 BC Men's & Women's Curling Championships and both are active participants leading up to and during the White Ensign Mixed Bonspiel.

