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

Date: Sunday, March 16, 2025, 12:30 pm

Location: Curling Lounge, Archie Browning Sports Centre

1. Call to Order

President, Al Teasdale called the meeting to order at 12:23 pm. Quorum was achieved.

2. 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 7, 2025. It was also posted to the club's website and printed copies placed on all tables prior to the start of the 2025 AGM. There were no additions brought forward.

Motion: [Accept the March 16, 2025 Annual General Meeting Agenda as circulated.](#)

Moved/2nd: Jim Ross/ Jim Williams

Results: Approved without dissent

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the March 17, 2024 Annual General Meeting were distributed to league representatives and club board members via email on March 7, 2025. Printed copies were placed on all tables prior to the start of the 2025 meeting.

Motion: [Accept the Minutes of March 17, 2024 Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated.](#)

Moved/2nd: Samantha Sherman/ Steve Peckford

Results: Approved without dissent

4. 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 the volunteers that helped with Learn to Curl and the Rookie league
 - To Doug Muir for our excellent website
 - To Al Sutherland and the ice crew
 - To the Township of Esquimalt
 - To the maintenance staff
- Esquimalt Curling Club is giving back to the community with the Charity Spiel and donations from leagues to local charities.
- The total number of league members (nearly 700) increased this year, with 105 sheets of ice in use per week.
 - Over 100 new curlers this season – includes Wheelchair league, Learn to Curl, Rookie League, new teams, and people returning after time away
 - Leagues are filling up which could become a problem if we cannot accommodate new curlers. Need to start thinking of new leagues, perhaps on weekends.
 - Al has discussed with the Doubles League the idea of incorporating Stick Doubles into the league to help fill the league. Al is still in discussions with Esquimalt about getting a Doubles league rate.
- ECC hire Al Sutherland to map the rocks over the summer in 2024.
 - He found that the rocks are near the end of their lifespan.
 - Al T. has had discussions with Esquimalt about replacing the rocks. It will likely be a multi-year project.

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- If ECC can help offset the cost of replacing the rocks by donating funds, will speed up the process. There are various fundraising opportunities that can be explored.
- Learn to Curl (LTC)/Rookie League
 - ECC partnered with the township. Esquimalt looked after advertising, registration, collection of fees, and paid for ice rental. ECC supplied course content, equipment, and instruction. 60/40 revenue split in ECC's favour.
 - Limited to 24 students. Had 5-7 volunteers
 - 2/3 of LTC participants joined the Rookie League.
 - Rookie league had 40 participants with <3 years experience.
 - Fall 2025 will run 3 sheets (24 students) of LTC at same time as Rookie League (3 sheets)
 - Winter 2026 will incorporate LTC students into Rookie league (6 sheets)
 - Need more volunteers
 - Amanda Lynn Ballard has agreed to take over running LTC & Rookie League
- Provincial Championships 2026
 - Curl BC has asked ECC to host the Mens' & Women's provincial championships again.
 - Championships will be held Dec 30, 2025 – Jan 4, 2026.
 - ECC will work with the township of Esquimalt. Victoria Curling Club will not be a co-host.
 - Township of Esquimalt would like to see more events at Archie Browning, and provincial championships are good advertising. Would like to see local businesses benefit.
 - Still have some money left over from co-hosting 2024 championships, expect higher returns this time. Money could be put towards new rocks.
- Charity Bonspiels
 - The senior men's bonspiel has been turned into a co-ed charity bonspiel. Over \$3000 has been raised and given back to local charities.
 - Pei Me Chi is starting a Curl for the Cure bonspiel, likely to be held in mid-October.

4.2. Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's position was vacant this season, so Al T. took on the responsibilities.
- Financial statements and the proposed 2025-26 Operating Budget were distributed to those in attendance prior to the start of the AGM.
- Expenses were similar to last year with the exception of equipment (rock mapping/ Nipper blades). Board agreed to spend approximately ¼ of profit from hosting the provincials to benefit the club.
- Thank you to Len Hanishuk for his work on sponsorship.
- The Youth League would like to thank Bill Haddon and the Victoria Optimists for their donation of \$1000 which allowed the league to buy new helmets. Rachel requested that they be added to the sponsorship board.
- Mavis Smith, Matt Broughton, and Pam Knyph conducted a financial review. Based on that review, the financial statements are recommended for approval.
- **Motion:** [Approve Esquimalt Curling Club's financial statements for the 2024-25 fiscal year.](#)

Moved/2nd: Pam Knysh/Jim Williams

Results: Approved without dissention

5. Budget 2023-24

- Forecasting a small increase in membership for the 2025-26 season.
- Curling Canada fees will increase. Total CurlBC/Curling Canada fee = \$37
- Expect most expenses to stay about the same as this season but insurance will likely be up.

Motion: [Accept the budget for the 2025-2026 season as presented](#)

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Moved/2nd: Jim Williams/ Lynn
Results: Approved without dissention

6. Elections

- The Past President was not present to conduct the elections, so current President Al Teasdale filled in.
- There were no nominations for the positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer. All incumbents agree to stay on in current positions.
- Pam Knysh has volunteered to take on the role of Treasurer. No one opposed.
- 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- Pam Knysh (no challenges, approved by acclamation)

7. Questions and Answers

- Yvonne Leach expressed thanks to Al Teasdale for all his work in support of the Esquimalt Curling Club.

8. Curler of the Year

- The Pat Kennedy Memorial Curler of the Year Award was presented to Torben Wilson for his contributions to the Esquimalt Curling Club (write-up attached).
- Unfortunately, Torben was not in attendance due to illness, so the award will be presented to him at a later date.

9. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn meeting.

Moved/2nd: Yvonne Leach/Steve Peckford

Results: Approved without dissention

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm.

Attachment 1 – Curler of the Year

The recipient of this year's Curler of the Year award is someone who is passionate about the sport and is an enthusiastic promoter of both the Esquimalt Curling Club and curling in general.

They curl in two leagues at ECC and spare in many other leagues so that they can maximize their time on the ice. This person has been a volunteer coach at nearly every Try Curling open house since they joined ECC 13 years ago, and was an important part of the success of this year's Learn to Curl program and the Rookie League. They have also volunteered at numerous special events such as the provincial championships and assisting when private groups have come to the club to try curling. They currently sit on the boards for both the leagues they play in and regularly attend ECC board meetings. This person is a past president of the Esquimalt Curling Club and is the founder of the ECC Doubles league. He also has the best beard in the club!

This year's Curler of the Year Award goes to Torben Wilson.