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Meeting: **Esquimalt Curling Club Board of Directors**

Date: **Wednesday, August 13, 2025**

Location: **Archie Browning Lounge**

**Attendees:** Al Teasdale – ECC President/Senior Men's; Randy Tonks- ECC Vice President; Karen Hoban – ECC Secretary/Sunday Funday; Pam Knysh – ECC Treasurer; Len Hanishcuk – Director of Advertising; Dianna McIntosh – Monday Ladies Afternoon; Graeme McLaren- Thursday Senior Mixed; Janet Bell- Friday Afternoon Ladies; Judy Scott – Golden Girls; Rachelle Perry – Youth League; Ian Forbes – Senior Select; Brad Walsh – Monday/Wednesday Men's; Randy McKenzie - Rebels

## 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 August 11, 2025.

*Additions:*

- Check TV advertising
- Online/Hybrid meetings

**Motion:** [Accept the August 13, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda as circulated, with noted additions.](#)

**Moved/2nd:** Brad Walsh/ Rachelle Perry

**Results:** Approved without dissent

## 3. Introductions

Meeting attendees introduced themselves and stated the league they represent and/or their position on the club's executive.

## 4. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the February 27, 2025 Board of Director's Meeting were distributed by email prior to the meeting.

**Motion:** [Accept the Minutes of February 27, 2025 Board of Director's Meeting be adopted.](#)

**Moved/2nd:** Brad Walsh/ Ian Forbes

**Results:** Approved without dissent

## 5. Old Business

### 4.1. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for curling rink

- Following a club member's cardiac arrest at the curling rink, the board requested that an AED be installed in the hallway outside the rink.
- Al has been in contact with representatives from Esquimalt Recreation, but has not received an answer yet.
- It is important for everyone in the club to know the location of the AED (and other emergency equipment such as the ammonia alarms and smoke detectors). Suggest league

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presidents inform their league members of the location of emergency equipment at the start of the season.

- Karen pointed out that the club has a safety plan that describes the location of the safety equipment and what to do in various emergency situation. (*plan to be distributed with minutes from this meeting*)

## 6. President's Report

- Covered under New Business

## 7. Treasurer's report

- Have a good balance in the bank
- Operating budget was submitted at the AGM on March 17, 2025
- Budgeted for 715 curlers in the 2025-26 season

## 8. Correspondence

- none

## 9. Advertising & Sponsorship Report

- Currently have 25 sponsors plus 3 new ones for this season
- Need another rail installed for side wall advertising

## 10. Curl BC Report

- none

## 11. New Business

### 9.1. Appointment of Directors

- Advertising & Sponsorship: Len Hanischuk
- Curl BC Representative: Steve Peckford
- Learn to Curl: Amanda Lynn Ballard

**Motion:** To appoint the Len Hanischuk, Steve Peckford, and Amanda Lynn Ballard as directors for a one-year term.

**Moved/2nd:** Dianna McIntosh/Randy Tonks

**Results:** Approved without dissention

### 9.2. Curling Rock Replacement

- The curing rocks used by Esquimalt Curling Club (ECC) and owned by the Municipality of Esquimalt are very near the end of their life.
- In previous discussions with the Parks & Rec department, the club has agreed to pay for half the cost of the replacement of the stones.
- The cost estimates from Kays Scotland and Canada Curling Stones were approximately 25% higher than the rough estimate AI had been given previously. New estimate for 6 sheets of ice is \$125,000 + shipping, with a \$20,000 deposit required.
  - Canada Curing Stones have said if an order is placed by September, they will arrive next season.
  - Estimate that the club will need approximately \$75,000 to cover our share of the rock replacement.

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- Esquimalt Recreation must get funding approval from the municipal council. Budget meetings are held annually in June or July for the following fiscal year, so have missed the opportunity for this year.
- The club has some money in reserve from hosting the provincial championships in 2024 and expects to receive an equal or greater amount from hosting the combined championships this season.
- Suggestion to charge every member a rock replacement levy.
  - Curling Canada/Curl BC fees increasing this season to \$27 and daytime ice rental fees going up to \$59/sheet for 2 hr rental, so Pam suggested that the levy be broken into two: one this year and one next season.
  - Leagues may choose to subsidize their members if they have funds available to do so
- Brad expressed his concern about collecting money from members before a deal is finalized with the municipality.
  - Money collected would be refunded to leagues if municipality rejects funding request
- Discussion ensued about the possibility of applying for grants and other fundraising opportunities.
  - It was suggested that some long-time leagues have excess funds in their accounts and might be willing to make a donation to the club to go toward rock replacement.
- Brad suggested exempting the youth and learn-to-curl members from the levy since the club wants to promote the growth of curling.
  - There was discussion about whether to apply a blanket exemption or to tell youth that they could apply for an exemption if the levy would be a hardship

**Motion:** To increase ECC Club fees for the 2025-26 season to include a rock replacement levy, with an exemption from the levy for the youth & learn-to-curl programs.

**Moved/2nd:** Pam Knysh/Al Teasdale

**Results:** Approved without dissent

*Fee breakdown for 2025-26:*

\$10	Club Fee
\$20	Rock Replacement
\$22	Curl BC
\$5	Curling Canada
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\$57	Total

## 9.3. Provincial Championships

- Men's, Women's, and U20 Championships will be held at Archie Browning Dec 30 – Jan 4
- Have some people in place already for organizing committee, but still have a number of positions open.
- Need to get the word out for more volunteers. Al will draft a message to be sent to all club members.
- Also need people to sign up as officials. Online training course available via CurlBC.

## 9.4. Learn to Curl/Rookie League

- Listed in the Esquimalt Rec Guide. Registration started on Aug 11.
- 60/40 split of profits between ECC and Esquimalt Rec

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- Maximum 24 participants in learn to curl program (same as last year)
- Will run learn to curl on 3 sheets and Rookie League on 3 sheets at same time
  - Priority in rookie league will be given to participants from last season that do not/have not curled in other leagues.
  - Rookie league will expand after Christmas to accept participants from this year's learn to curl program.
- Youth league has helmets to donate to the club for Learn to Curl/Try Curling
- Need volunteers to help with both learn to curl and rookie league

## 9.5. Open House/Try Curling

- September 21 (1 week early this year)
- Try Curling clinic listed on club's website and 2 people have already signed up. Usually get a lot of walk-ins on the day of the clinic.
- Last year's format was successful and would like to do the same this year if ice is ready:
  - 11am-1pm Open Practice for club members
  - 1-3pm Try Curling clinic
- Bar will be open 12-4pm
- Need volunteers to help.

## 9.6. Scottish Ladies Tour donation request

- Lynn Hoadly participated in tour to Scotland last year. This year Scottish curlers will be coming to Victoria.
- 3 teams from ECC and 3 teams from Victoria Curling Club participating. All games will be played at VCC.
- Seeking a donation to offset some of the costs of hosting.

**Motion:** To provide \$200 and ECC pins to support the Scottish Ladies Tour

**Moved/2nd:** Brad Walsh/ Graeme McLaren

**Results:** Approved without dissent

## 9.7. Chek Television Advertising

- For a number of years, the club has advertised during Chek's broadcast of the provincial championships (~\$800 for 5+ spots over the championship weekend).
- Discussion ensued about benefit of advertising and return on investment.
  - Wrong time of year (end of season) to bring new people to club
  - Do leagues have room for new curlers?
  - Is Chek's demographic the right target audience?
  - People watching championships are likely already curlers
- Consensus that club should not purchase ad spots this season, especially given the need to raise funds for rock replacement.

## 9.8. Online/Hybrid Meetings

- Pei Mei requested the board explore the possibility of holding online or hybrid online/in-person meetings.
- Limited to 40 minutes with free Zoom accounts, free Microsoft Teams accounts also have a time limit, unsure if Google meet limits the number of participants/meeting length.
  - Pam offered to use her work account
- Will try a hybrid meeting for the next board meeting.
- Meeting time to stay the same as there was not support for moving earlier

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## 9.9. Reminders (not on agenda)

- Waivers are required from all curlers (including spares)
  - League reps to keep waivers
  - Only need to be signed once per club – usually waiver signed & club fees paid to the first league played in
- Spam emails – lots of spam purportedly from ECC president
  - If seems suspicious, call AI to confirm.
  - Check the address the email was sent from

## 12. League Updates

- 12.1. Senior Men
  - Expect 8-10 teams
  - Bonspiel in January
- 12.2. Sunday Funday
  - Expect 20+ teams
- 12.3. Monday Afternoon Ladies
  - Hoping for 8-10 teams.
  - Interest from new players
- 12.4. Senior Mixed
  - 40 curlers last season, expect similar this season
- 12.5. Rebels
  - Expect 12 teams
- 12.6. Friday Afternoon Ladies
  - Not much happening yet, possibly up one team from last year
- 12.7. Golden Girls
  - Expect 13 teams
  - Bonspiel moved to February 3
- 12.8. Youth League
  - Nothing yet
- 12.9. Senior Select
  - Bob Herbert will continue to look after the Petersen bonspiel
  - Looks like 12 teams on Mondays, 10 teams on Wednesdays
- 12.10. Monday/Wednesday Men
  - Registration opens at end of week, expecting 16+ teams each night

## 13. Next Meeting

- Thursday, October 16th at 7:00pm.
- AI to book boardroom.

## 14. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn meeting.

Moved/2nd: Brad Walsh/ Len Hanischuk

Meeting adjourned at ~8:25 pm.