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

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026

Location: Archie Browning Lounge

**Attendees:** Al Teasdale – ECC President/Senior Men’s; Karen Hoban – ECC Secretary/Sunday Funday; Pam Knysh – ECC Treasurer; Len Hanischuk – Sponsorship; Judy Scott – Golden Girls; Ned Easton – Rebels; Graeme McLaren- Senior Mixed; Brad Walsh – Monday/Wednesday Men’s; Rachele Perry – Youth League; Dianna McIntosh – Monday Afternoon Ladies; Torben Wilson – Doubles; Ken O’Connor - Sportsmen

## 1. Call to Order

President, Al Teasdale called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. There was a quorum present.

## 2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed by email on February 16, 2026.

**Motion:** [Accept the February 19, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda as circulated.](#)

**Moved/2nd:** Torben Wilson/ Len Hanischuk

**Results:** Approved without dissention

## 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the January 20, 2026 Board of Director’s Meeting were distributed by email prior to the meeting.

**Motion:** [Accept the Minutes of January 20, 2026 Board of Director’s Meeting be adopted.](#)

**Moved/2<sup>nd</sup>:** Brad Walsh/ Graeme McLaren

**Results:** Approved without dissention

## 4. Old Business

### 4.1. Rock Replacement Committee

- Committee members: Al Teasdale, Rachele Perry, Brad Walsh, Doug Muir, and Al Sutherland
- Have not met yet because Al T is trying to figure out the process:
  - Need to know how soon funds will be available after Esquimalt approves the municipal budget. May need to use funds raised by ECC to pay deposit on rocks.
  - Al has been informed that Thompson Rink Equipment has new raw material so they can start making stones again. We should get our name on the waitlist sooner than later, but can’t do this until we know when funds will be made available.
  - Al T. has not been able to get in contact with Canada Curling Stone yet but will keep trying.



- Brad suggested the committee meet to discuss what is needed and to delegate responsibilities.
- Decision as to whether to continue with the rock levy next season will be decided in the summer once we know how much money was raised from the Grand Slam event, Esquimalt council's decision re: budget, and information received from rock manufacturers.
- Funds received from the 2024 and 2026 Provincial Championships have been set aside for ECC's share of the rock replacement.

#### 4.2. Grand Slam event

- Event will take place October 13-18 at Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre (SOFMC).
- ECC will be the host club and will receive 100% of the revenue from the 50/50 draws.
  - ECC will be responsible for obtaining a gaming license.
  - May consider using Rafflebox and get help from CurlBC (gaming license & handheld terminals). They would each take 5% of revenue.
  - Funds raised will be put towards rock replacement.
- All Tier 2 events have been cancelled for next season; therefore, Victoria Curling Club will not be hosting a tier 2 event in conjunction with the Grand Slam event hosted by ECC. Will promote VCC as a venue for food & drinks between draws.
- Media launch at SOFMC on March 12, 2026. Site visit with sponsors will be on March 11.

#### 4.3. Sponsor Appreciation Event

- Len has suggested we hold a sponsor appreciation event where club sponsors can try curling.
- Need to figure out capacity and level of interest from sponsors. Don't want to bump leagues to hold the event.
  - Kia has already confirmed they would like to attend, and likely MP Stephanie McLean as well
- No budget yet. If we invite Esquimalt, they might provide free ice rental.

[Action Item: Al & Len to work on planning the Sponsor Appreciation event over the summer](#)

#### 4.4. Club Finale and AGM

- Last year teams were randomized as they arrived so that most people were on teams with players from other leagues. Each team played one game. Received positive feedback and would like to do this again.
- ECC has 20 leagues, so need to figure out how to fit them all in – including Doubles and wheelchair curlers.
  - Stick curlers vs. wheelchairs worked well last year.
  - Doubles players could play 4-person or if anyone is interested in trying Doubles, this would be a good opportunity. Could place 1 Doubles player and 1 new player on each team.

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- Random draws for gift cards after each draw. Already have some GCs from Canadian Wholesale Club, need to get some more. GCs from other club sponsors encouraged.

## 5. President's Report

### 5.1. Esquimalt Rec Users Group Strategic Plan Meeting

- AI was invited to participate in a conference call with consultants conducting a strategic recreational survey. Participants included the Eves of Destruction Roller Derby and the Victoria Esquimalt Lacrosse Association.
- AI was asked to provide some information about who participates in the club:
  - Club members range in age from 13 to 91 years old.
  - 60% of club members are over 60 years old.
  - Number of club members has increase by ~200 since COVID.
- Consultants estimate that the population of Esquimalt will decrease over the next three years – which means a decreased tax base to pay for recreational programmes and facilities.

## 6. Treasurer's report

- Fiscal year end was January 31, 2026.
- Club is in a good cash position.
- Was a good year for sponsorship.
- Member dues, sponsorship, and money from Raffle Box were all up over last year.
- Budget
  - Similar to last year, forecasting a slight loss.
  - Forecasting 700 curlers
  - ECC, Curl BC, and Curling Canada dues to remain the same
  - Will continue to partner with Esquimalt Rec to offer Learn to Curl. Club receives 60% of registration revenue. Need more volunteers to help on weekends.
  - 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bonspiel. Would like to hold a club-wide bonspiel instead of the open house at the start of the season.

## 7. Correspondence

- n/a

## 8. Advertising & Sponsorship Report

- Casino invited AI & Len to a cheque presentation. They presented a cheque worth \$2000 instead of the anticipated \$500 scoreboard sponsorship amount.
- All scoreboards are full for next season.
- AI requested that another set of rails be installed on the side wall for sponsor signs.

## 9. Curl BC Report

- n/a

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## 10. New Business

### 10.1. Website for Registrations

- Compiling the Curl BC report is very time consuming and labour intensive.
- Al spoke with Doug Muir about extracting the data from league registrations via the club's website. It is possible, but Doug would need to do a bit of work.
- Not all leagues use the registration feature on the website.
  - Concerns were expressed about privacy, ability for some senior curlers to navigate through the website registration process, other information used by leagues but not collected on the registration page (e.g. consent to share contact info or photos, emergency contact)
  - Payment is not and will not be made available through the website.
  - Would be nice to be able to include waiver as part of registration form.

### 10.2. Wheelchair Team Sponsorship

- Competitive team is going to the Nationals in Quebec at the end of April.
- Curl BC is providing jackets and paying airfare. Team is fundraising to cover other expenses.
- There is \$400 in the budget for rep team support that has not been used yet.

[Motion: To provide \\$400 support to the Wheelchair curling team for their trip to Nationals.](#)

Moved/2nd: Brad Walsh/Torben Wilson

Results: Approved without dissent

### 10.3. Curler of the Year

- Two nominations were received.
  - One of the nominees has already won the award in the past and the other has not held office in a league or for the club, but both are worthy of the award.
  - Have awarded Curler of the Year to dual recipients in the past.
- Award criteria should be reviewed and updated.

[Motion: To jointly award the Curler of the Year Award to both nominees for 2026.](#)

Moved/2nd: Janet Bell/ Dianna McIntosh

Results: Approved without dissent

- Torben will present the award to the recipients at the AGM

### 10.4. Club Coach Course (*not on agenda*)

- Rachele asked about the possibility of holding a club coaching course at ECC
- Would require the lounge and ice time. (Best time likely at beginning of the season on a weekend).
- Interest in the course expressed by some club members. May get others from Victoria, Duncan, or Cowichan.

[Action Item: Al to put in a request to Curl BC to hold a club coaching course at ECC.](#)

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## 11. League Updates

### 13.1. Sunday Funday

- 3 wks of playoffs start on Feb 22. Teams divided into 3 pools based on standings from Round Robin play during the season.
- Final games and wrap up dinner on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

### 13.2. Doubles

- Currently in February hiatus due to bonspiels using the ice.
- Last day is March 14<sup>th</sup>. Will have a pizza party after the game.

### 13.3. Golden Girls

- Bonspiel was a success, included players from Victoria and Duncan

### 13.4. Friday Ladies

- Wind up on March 13

### 13.5. Rebels

- 2 wks left, and then social night.

### 13.6. Monday & Wednesday Men's

- Last day March 9, joint windup March 11.

### 13.7. Youth League

- Family & Friends Day March 8, last day of play March 9

### 13.8. Sportsmen

- 2 wks left

### 13.9. Monday Ladies

- 2 wks left, then party

### 13.10. Senior Mixed

- 2-3 wks left, then wrap up

### 13.11. Senior Select

- 10 teams. Skins game to end season on March 9 & 11.

### 13.12. Senior Men

- Long time curler, Roy Johnson passed away, so spoke about him before games last week and used his obituary as inspiration to learn about each other during social time after the games.

## Next Meeting

- AGM, March 15, 12:45 pm.
- Board Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August, exact date & time TBD

## 12. Adjournment

**Motion:** To adjourn meeting.

**Moved/2nd:** Brad Walsh/ Ken O'Connor

**Results:** Approved without dissention

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.