



# Victoria Curling Club

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

June 16, 2016 - 1952 Quadra Street, Victoria, BC

### 1. Call to Order

President Mark Stefanson chaired the Annual General Meeting of the Victoria Curling Club (VCC). With a quorum present (98), the meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. (Copy of attendees attached.)

2. **Moment of Silence:** A moment of silence was observed for those members no longer with us.

### 3. Club Recognition

President Mark Stefanson introduced the following VCC club members in recognition of their curling accomplishments for the 2015-2016 season.

- Team Henderson earned a Bronze Medal at the BC Junior Men's Championship. Team members included: Paul Henderson, Duncan Silversides, Benton Boychuk-Chorney, Timothy Henderson and Coach Todd Troyer.
- Sydney Brilz was honoured with the Flora Martin Sportsmanship Award at the BC Junior Women's Championship. Sydney was a member of Team Coulombe.
- Carley St. Blaze was honoured with the Kay Giles Sportsman Award at the BC Scotties. Carley was part of Team Van Osch.
- Tracey Lavery was part of team that won the 2016 BC Scotties that went on to represent BC at the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts Canadian Women's Curling Championship
- University of Victoria Varsity Men's Curling Team earned a Bronze medal at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Championship. VCC team members included: Corey Chester, Andrew Komlodi, Sanjay Bowry, Deryk Kuny and Coach Melissa Soligo.
- Melissa Soligo was chosen Coach of the Year at the CIS Championships.
- Corey Chester was named Curl BC's Male Athlete of the Year.

#### **Banner Presentations**

President Mark Stefanson accepted the following banners on behalf of the VCC:

- Melissa Soligo presented the BC Scotties banner.
- Duncan Silversides presented the banner from the BC Junior Men's Curling Championship
- Tom Henderson speaking on behalf of his son Timothy Henderson, presented the Bronze banner from the 2015 Canada Winter Games.

In addition to the individual and team awards, President Stefanson also thanked the 17 VCC leagues acknowledging them as the "backbone" of the club and thanked the league and bonspiel volunteers.



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#### 4. Adoption of minutes from the 2015 Annual General Meeting

**Motion:** *Move that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held June 18, 2015 be approved.*

Moved by: Glen Taylor

Seconded by: Morgan Sargent

**CARRIED**

#### 5. President's Report

President Mark Stefanson gave his annual report. (See attached copy for details). At the conclusion of his report he thanked the Board members for their contribution this past year and then addressed the following questions and concerns from the floor.

- Hours in the pro shop were a problem. (Lorna Taylor)
- Concern over advertising revenue being down. (Colin Coughlin)
- Enquiry if VCC had applied for the Canada 150 Infrastructure program. (Eileen Defoe)
- Concern about entry of league data into the new website. (Heather Couzens)
- Concern about negative atmosphere at the club. The club atmosphere has to be a positive experience to attract and keep members. (Chuck Palmer)
- Lack of response from the office and concern about the quality of the food. (Stew Thomson)
- Bar revenue down \$30,000. Fewer members and fewer rentals. Thursday AM Senior Men's league upset they couldn't have the bar opened. (Bruce Joanisse)
- Comment that the bar is an important component of the club atmosphere. The onus is on the curlers to use the bar more. Club needs to find ways to increase bar hours and sales. (Andrew Komlodi)
- Registration last season was poorly handled. No one was in the office and couldn't get parking passes. Thursday AM Senior Men's League: lack of bar service led to people just going home. (Al Orton).
- Concern about over stocking of the pro shop at the beginning of the season and the lack of oversight throughout the season. There should have been better checkpoints. (Dave Smith)

#### 6. Presentation of the 2015-2016 Financial Review Engagement Report

Larry Beattie, Grant Thornton, LLP presented VCC's first Review Engagement report. Mr. Beattie reviewed the VCC's Statement of Operations and Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) for the year ending April 30, 2016. Mr. Beattie explained that the review engagement (unaudited) is a scaled-down version of an audited financial report and confirmed that it meets the VCC's financial reporting requirements.

As of year-end April 30, 2016, the VCC showed a deficit of revenue over expenditures of \$45,193. The majority of the deficit was attributed to: no advertising revenue, reduced rental revenue and reduced membership revenue. In addition, the entire budget for pro



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shop inventory was spent at the beginning of the season in anticipation of Sports Traders closing with purchases not meeting expectations.

Member Jack Bowman raised concerns that funds from the restricted (building) fund were being used for operations and questioned why the fund was down to \$170,026 from \$205,109 in 2015. Treasurer Sabrina Corraini explained that the membership had authorized the transfer of \$35,946 from the restricted fund for the purchase of a new boiler and \$7,708 was borrowed from the fund for a new ice scraper at the beginning of the season. Both items were critical to maintain VCC operations. Treasurer Corraini also pointed out that the restricted fund is an area the new Board of Directors will need to review and as regulations require that VCC will no longer be eligible for gaming grants if restricted funds exceed 50 percent of the VCC annual operation budget (which was \$410,000 in 2015/2016). A recommendation from the Board will need to be brought back to the members.

**Motion:** *Move that the \$7,708.08 borrowed from the Building Fund during the 2015-2016 fiscal year to purchase a new ice scraper be approved as a member-authorized withdrawal from the Building Fund and does not require repayment to the Building Fund account.*

Moved by: Sabrina Corraini

Seconded by: Susan Morriss

**CARRIED**

**Motion:** *Move to approve the Victoria Curling Club Financial Statements as prepared by Grant Thornton Chartered Professional Accountants for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.*

Moved by: Sabrina Corraini

Seconded by: Andy Jarzebiak

**CARRIED**

### 7. Appointment of the Auditor for 2016-2017

**Motion:** *Move to appoint Grant Thornton to complete the Victoria Curling Club review engagement for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.*

Moved by: Sabrina Corraini

Seconded by: Stew Thomson

**CARRIED**

### 8. Renewal of Line of Credit

**Motion:** *Move that the VCC confirm renewal of their Commercial Security Agreement with the Coast Capital Savings Credit Union as security for a \$75,000 operating line of credit.*

Moved by: Sabrina Corraini

Seconded by: Sharon Kelly

**CARRIED**

### 9. Presentation on the new Societies Act – Andrew Tam

Director Andrew Tam gave an overview of the new *Societies Act* of British Columbia, which comes into force November 28, 2016, and how it will impact the VCC at a practical level. His report was sent to the membership prior to the AGM. Impacts to VCC are as follows:



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- **Revise Constitution:** VCC will need to revise its constitution. The new constitution will be restricted to name and purpose only. All parts of our current constitution which go beyond name and purpose will need to be moved into bylaws.
- **No Unalterable Provisions:** the new act will not allow our constitution or bylaws to have any “unalterable” provisions. This will impact paragraph 4 of our current constitution that deals with the “Dissolution Clause.”
- **Member-Funded Society:** the new act creates a new category of organizations called “member-funded societies.” Being a member-funded society has two advantages for the VCC: the VCC would be exempt from disclosure obligations unlike a charity and if the VCC were to dissolve, the assets can be distributed back to the members. The new constitution must state that the VCC is a “member-funded society.”
- **Financial Criterion:** to maintain the benefits of being a member-funded society, the VCC cannot receive more than 10 percent of its gross income from donations or government funding. This will have to be monitored on an annual basis.
- **Transition time:** the VCC will have two years to transition to the new Societies Act once it comes into force.

At the completion of his report, Mr. Tam and General Manager Ken MacDonald answered questions from the membership in attendance.

### 10. Special Resolution to declare the VCC as a member-funded society

Whereas, the Victoria Curling Club is an organization that was founded primarily for the benefit of its members;

And that the Victoria Curling Club wishes to declare itself a “member-funded society” as that term is understood in Part 12 of the Societies Act, SBC 2015 c.18,

Be it resolved that, effective November 28, 2016, the constitution of the Victoria Curling Club be amended by adding the paragraph below:

*This society is a member-funded society. It is funded primarily by its members to carry on activities for the benefit of its members. On its liquidation or dissolution, this society may distribute its money and other property to its members.*

Moved by Andrew Tam

Seconded by Neil Campbell

**CARRIED**

### 11. Election of the Board of Directors for 2016-2017

Director Susan Morriss thanked Don Allan and Melissa Soligo for their work on the Nomination Committee. The list of candidates was presented and the election of the new Board for 2016-2017 was conducted. The results are as follow:

**President:** Mark Stefanson by acclamation.

**Past President:** Don McMullen (automatic appointment).

**Vice President:** Neil Campbell by acclamation.



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**Directors returning:** Andrew Tam is returning for the second year of a two-year term.

**Election of Directors:** The following members were elected by secret ballot:

- Marlene Jeffries – two-year term
- Morgan Sargent – two-year term
- Carley St. Blaze – two-year term
- Colin Coughlin – (Treasurer one year term)
- Nickolas Coleman – one-year term
- John Riopka – one-year term

**Motion:** Move that the results of the election for the 2016-2017 Board of Directors be accepted.

Moved by: Stew Thomson

Seconded by: Barry Rankin

**CARRIED**

**Motion:** Move that the ballots from the 2016-2017 election of Directors be destroyed.

Moved by: Paul Mantell

Seconded by: Marg Armbruster

**CARRIED**

### 12. Other Business from the floor

- a) **Building (Restricted) Fund:** Andrew Komlodi suggested that rather have money going into the Building Fund (which will have restrictions under the new Societies Act), the VCC should start a new fund.

Both Mark Stefanson and Sabrina Corraini stated that there needs to be a thorough discussion on the building fund. It should involve the Past Presidents as the original intent of the building fund can no longer be realized. Mark committed to getting back to the membership within four to six months with recommendations.

- b) **Curl BC Yearbook:** several members raised concern that VCC did not place an ad in the 2015-2016 Curl BC yearbook. Mark Stefanson explained that money was tight last year and all expenses were examined and cuts were made.

**Motion:** Move that the VCC commit to taking out an ad in the next available issue of the Curl BC yearbook.

Moved by: Jack Bowman

Seconded by: Roy Hogan

**CARRIED**

- c) **Building Lease:** Neil Campbell provided an update on the lease situation with the City of Victoria. The VCC is on a month-to-month lease with the city.

### 13. Remarks from the President Elect

President-elect Mark Stefanson thanked the outgoing Directors; Sabrina Corraini, Maureen Leech, Susan Morriss, Stephen Martin and Sandra Bitz for their efforts. Mr. Stefanson also thanked the membership for their commitment to the club and expressing their views.



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Mr. Stefanson stated that his priorities for the 2016-2017 curling season would be the same as the previous year. They are as follows:

- Financial sustainability
- Enhance member and non-member curling experiences
- Establish VCC as the *center of excellence* for curling on Vancouver Island
- Continue to build on the relationship with the City of Victoria as the City looks at its future plans for the Crystal Pool.

He concluded his remarks by affirming that we have capable office staff and although we had some issues in the past season, they will be addressed. Curling development will also continue to be a key initiative for the VCC.

#### 14. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM

Moved by: Don Allen