

**Victoria Curling Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 6th, 2021 6:00-7:00 PM  
Minutes**

**Attendees:** Harold Trenchard, Marlene Jeffries, Kristine Dobell, Neil Campbell, Paul Dixon, Cameron de Jong, Colin Coughlin, Stu Fraser, Andrew Komlodi

**Regrets:** Mariah Coulombe, Stephanie Cambrey

**1) Call to order**

With quorum present, President Colin Coughlin called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Note that this meeting was held via teleconference.

**2) Approval of the agenda**

*Motion:* Move to approve the agenda for the July 6th, 2021 VCC Board Meeting.

*Moved by:* Harold Trenchard

*Seconded by:* Neil Campbell

**APPROVED**

**3) Approval of minutes from June 15th, 2021 meeting**

*Motion:* Move to approve the minutes for the June 15th, 2021 VCC Board Meeting.

*Moved by:* Harold Trenchard

*Seconded by:* Neil Campbell

**APPROVED**

**4) General Manager Report**

*a) Ongoing*

a) Basketball Canada has left the building, mostly. There will still be some storage space used at the Club until July 15, after which time our summer renos will continue, with lobby paint, new matting and dividers in the ice area, and new LED lights installed everywhere. That should take us right up to the plant turn on, which we have tentatively scheduled for August 24/25.

b) Victoria Muslim association would like to hold a prayer service on July 19 7-9am. Checking with Island Health - as its a religious service they can have 100% capacity which is up to 1437 people.

a) This should not impact anything going on in the club.

*b) 2021-22 League and Bonspiel Calendar*

a) The league schedule of dates and times has now been mapped out (see attached spreadsheet for full details), with a start-up date of September 20 for all leagues. This year, no league will have fewer than 21 dates, with most getting either 22 or 24, after accounting for scheduled events and bonspiels.

- b) Saturday nights are anticipated as being an evening rental night throughout the season; however at the moment we have scheduled no events for the first half of the season, save for the Curl BC Men's Regional Playdowns, December 10-12. The playdowns will not impact most weekend leagues, however we have tentatively cancelled play in both the Friday Senior Men's and the Sunday night Rookie League in the event we need to accommodate extra draw times.
- c) Bonspiels at the Club level include the Jack Anderson Mixed, G.M. Memorial (Seniors), Ladies Daffodil, the Men's Bonspiel and the Sooo Long (modified Open/Mixed). "Bonspiel Season" this year is entirely in March, with the Ladies, Men's and Sooo Long occurring every other weekend through the month. Note that there is no bonspiel scheduled for the weekend of the Daylight Savings Time change.
- d) Also this year, we have blocked the entire day on Friday for the Ladies Daffodil in the hopes of attracting more teams that will appreciate more play; it will also allow that 'spiel to not have draw times after the banquet on Saturday night should they so desire.
- e) Meanwhile, the Sooo Long will take place after all league play has ended, which could allow for evening play starting Wednesday, alleviating some of the heavy draw times that come with running that bonspiel as a "pool" format.
- f) It is hoped that ice will be installed without issue in approximately 3 weeks time, which will allow for a good chunk of practice ice time prior to league draw times starting. The intent will be for practice ice time to be bookable as per last season, but will be free until at least the end of October for VCC members curling in leagues.
  - a) *Question from Stu* - when is the Seniors bonspiel? **ACTION: Stu to supply dates for Paul to pencil into the calendar.**
  - b) *Question from Colin* - are we coordinating with Esquimalt CC on the dates of bonspiels? Would like to not have conflicts on the weekends. **ACTION: Paul to contact Esquimalt CC to coordinate dates.**
- c) *Bookings for Practise/Rentals*
  - a) The booking system used last year will be once again utilized this season - with the hope that more ice time will be available on the web to book, for both practices and for rentals. Still working out the logistics of doing so, but certainly practice ice will be readily available via the website for those that wish to book in advance.
- d) *League Schedules/Scoring*
  - a) The most frequent request (after "when is practice ice available") that we get is for league schedules and scoring to be available online for leagues. We've found a probable solution in a web-based platform called "TeamLinkt" - it's all web based, with plugins available for our own existing website. It will allow for league reps to enter in schedules (or create schedules with very little effort), and also allow for individual teams/curlers to enter in scores on their phones as they come off the ice.

- b) There is an app for individual members, which will alert them to game times upcoming, scores, statistics (if they want)...there's even the possibility of using the program to live-stream games, chat, etc.
- c) It's very robust - and there are a number of amateur sport organizations that are using it with success. We are currently building it out with a calendar schedule - and it looks like it's going to work great. Fingers crossed.
- d) Best part of this is that it is a "free" application at all levels - it's ad supported from within the app, but from what I have been able to see, it's very unobtrusive. So far so good.
- e) Adult learn to curl
  - a) Anticipate to have this running during the second half of the year
  - b) Propose to have everyone who plays in ALTC has free entry to the Soo Long. Place the curlers on teams that have only 3 people etc.
- e) *New Technical Safety BC Requirements*
  - a) New TechSafe requirements are coming into effect for two things that affect the Club: the secondary coolant system (brine lines), and our emergency discharge system.
  - b) The first order, concerning the secondary coolant, is fairly straightforward, and will require us to put a series of pressure relief valves in our existing piping. It is, unfortunately, an expense that will be related to the start up of the plant, at a cost of approximately \$4500.
  - c) The second order is slightly more problematic - TechSafe wants to have \*no\* emergency discharge system, instead having another series of pressure relief valves. This would require us to repipe much of our existing system, as our plant was built pre-2005, when newer codes came into place that would be more "upgradeable". The cost to do something like this would run north of \$35,000.
  - d) However, there is another option, which is to keep our existing emergency discharge line, and develop a "safe" procedure for dealing with when/where and under what circumstances it may be utilized, in conjunction with the Fire Department, and Accent themselves.
  - e) We've chosen option 2 - and Accent has already supplied us with a draft document for this. It incorporates a lot of what we already had in place - WorkSafe BC required information on this a couple of years ago.
  - f) It will need to be reviewed annually, but with Accent in our corner, we should have no particular issues with this. One thing that we will need to do is create more of a lock box around the discharge "button" so that only Accent or the Fire Department can access.
- f) *New Leagues proposed by Members*

- a) Corey Chester has indicated a willingness to try to start a doubles league - probably on Saturday afternoons. Working out what this might look like, but the hope is to run a half year league, and then another half year league. Meeting with Corey later this month.
- b) Paul Cseke has expressed interest in creating a Friday Fun League, to run after the Friday Night Mixed ( 9:30pm start) - playing just 4 ends, providing some instruction, and generally not taking anything too terribly seriously, but still introducing the game to a younger demographic. Paul has some experience in running one day fun spiels along these lines, so I'm hopeful he can cobble together some interested players. It would be a great thing to run on Friday nights.

**5) Covid-19**

- a) For the upcoming year, how do we deal with vaccinated/unvaccinated? It is private information, but we can recommend that unvaccinated people wear a mask.
- b) Currently there are no guidelines for the 'lobby'. Field/playing surface is well-defined, but the lobby is not. The date for change is September 7th if the current trend continues. The club dates are past this point.

**6) Curl BC Update**

- a) Lots of unknowns about return to curling - waiting for ViaSport guidelines.
- b) Provinces and Territories are working to coordinate rules across the country. Changes will be coming in the next 2-3 weeks.

**7) Financial update**

- a) Nothing to report.

**8) Communications to members**

- a) **ACTION - Paul to reply to Andy Jarzebiak's request from last meeting**

**9) New Regional Facility**

- a) No update

**10) New/existing business**

- a) Food Services update
  - a) In the final stages of signing a contract with the new vendor.
- b) Bar update
  - a) Bar manager
    - a) Position to be posted in the next couple of weeks
  - b) Licensing Change
    - a) There is a time period that needs to be given before we change licenses.
    - b) Possible issue with business tax if we change the license
    - c) We had been waiting for the lease to be addressed before doing this change.
    - d) Overall, fees for the license change is \$1-1.5k.



- e) Could be an issue with members if the place becomes full
- f) ACTION - Paul will pursue the license change
- c) Naming Rights update
  - a) No update
- d) Meetings - AGM/League Rep
  - a) Need to have a league reps meeting before the AGM. Schedule one in August - dependent on registration and software.
  - b) Set the date at the next board meeting.

**11) Next Board Meeting: Tuesday August 10th, 2021**

**12) Adjournment**