



**Victoria Curling Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 20, 2021 5:30-6:55 PM  
Minutes**

**Attendees:** Andrew Komlodi, Marlene Jeffries, Kristine Dobell, Paul Addison, Paul Dixon, Stephanie Cambrey, Cam De Jong, Stu Fraser, Colin Coughlin

**Regrets:** Harold Trenchard

1) Call to order

With quorum present, President Andrew Komlodi called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

2) Approval of the agenda

*Motion:* Move to approve the agenda for December 20, 2021 VCC Board Meeting.

*Moved by:* Stephanie Jones

*Seconded by:* Marlene Jeffries

**APPROVED**

3) Approval of minutes from November 23, 2021 meeting

*Motion:* Move to approve the minutes for the November 23, 2021 VCC Board Meeting.

*Moved by:* Stephanie Jones

*Seconded by:* Marlene Jeffries

**APPROVED**

4) Presidents Report

a) Have not heard back from Songhees.

b) In the process of advancing the cause of a Brier bid by Victoria. Met with Neil Campbell and Scott Braley to discuss. Curl BC was supportive. Andrew and Marlene, with the assistance of Elaine Dagg-Jackson and Terry Wright will continue to advance the dialogue with relevant parties.

4) General Manager Report

a) Covid Update

b) Public health orders came into effect, limiting the Club's ability to host tournaments.

i) Lounge protocols revert back to how they were in October.

ii) The PCMCA regional qualifier and the Jack Anderson mixed bonspiel are held in January and are both canceled. We are looking to reschedule the Jack Anderson in late February or March.

iii) A music networking event that is being facilitated by the City of Victoria, which was scheduled for late January, has been pushed to late February.

iv) Our year-end traditional season will be impacted largely due to uncertainty surrounding timing of lifting or continuing the current protocols, which are currently scheduled to expire on Jan 31, 2021.

c) Other Bonspiel News

- I. The G.M. Bonspiel has been on our calendar as a carry over from last year and a carry over from the two previous years before that, when it was first conceived as a tribute to both Glen Meadows and Grant Marshall, scheduled for the first week in February. However, there are no people who seem to be organizing this event for this season.
- II. Assuming the current PHO's do not get extended, I have been in touch with the organizer of the Esquimalt Master's Bonspiel, which was canceled due to the PHO's as it was scheduled for January; we would be able to slot this bonspiel into the time that was supposed to be occupied by the G.M. spiel. Many of the same teams would be playing and currently the entries are at 22 teams. They EM spiel would, for this year, rename the bonspiel to be the GM Bonspiel to keep continuity.

d) New (Old) Programs:

- I. The Adult Learn to Curl Program has 18 registered participants to date. The Junior program has just 7, currently likely in part due to vaccination requirements for the younger set not being completely met by a majority of youth in the 9-14 year old demographic.
- II. We had a number of successful rentals over the past two weeks. The use of curling rental shoes rather than street shoes has been received favorably. Unprompted, comments have been received along the lines of: 'I felt so much safer out there', 'this makes curling so much more accessible', 'my feet were warm'. Building will start over the holiday break to build a locker and cubby system to house the shoes in the lobby.

e) Sales Update

- I. Bar sales are going extremely well this year to date. Taking into account sales through to mid-December, sales are \$55,000 compared to \$22,500 at this time last year. Pro shop sales are relatively flat, at \$20,000 vs \$14,000, however some of that is due in part to supply chain issues. We have stock that is 'ready to be sold' sitting on trucks somewhere, rather than in our store.

f) Curl BC-Streaming

- I. Curl BC has offered up some money (\$10,000) to help us bring a streaming solution to the VCC. They will fund up to \$10K, cameras and infrastructure to enable us to live-stream games from one sheet at the Club. This will initially involve the purchase of three cameras (1 above each house and another that can shoot lengthwise down the sheet with "PTZ" (Pan, Tilt, Zoom) capabilities and cabling to support that. Curl BC wants to have clubs that regularly host playdowns, tour events and championships to have this tech so they can 'plug in' to broadcast games on their streaming platforms (ie Youtube, Facebook etc). We are one of 11 clubs in the province to receive these funds.
- II. From the Clubs' perspective, we would be able to use these cameras to broadcast 'in-house' or stream to our own platforms, possibly even providing a further revenue stream in the form of sponsorship. Also, we would design the infrastructure in such a way that we could piggy-back onto it in the future to install house cameras above each sheet that could be broadcast to our own Club tv's.

- 5) Financial update (revenue/expenses)
  - a) Trust Account-no update
  - b) As of Friday December 17th, 2021 we were close to projections.
  - c) The recent flooding at the club will cost a bit to repair (heavy rainfall in December).
  - d) Will do further projections regarding possible cancellation of upcoming bonspiels.
  
- 6) Governance Committee
  - a) Established a Governance Committee Action Plan for 2021-2022.
  - b) Committees: Each committee is required to confirm its membership and establish a chair. Each committee will provide a written summary of progress and outcomes to the Board Secretary prior to each Board meeting for inclusion in the committee update report.
  - c) By-laws: Establish a working group of members based on recommendations from the Board and Past Presidents. Draft a proposal detailing updates to VCC by-laws based on current by-laws and best practices from CurlBC and other curling centers and seek Board acceptance of by-law proposal and willingness to move forward to the membership for a vote.
  - d) Policies: Obtain and review current VCC policy documentation including constitution, relationship and objects. Consolidate policies into one document, identify gaps in policy and create a Societies Document for Directors' list, financials etc.
  
- 7) Communications to members
  - a) Letter of kudos from a rental group called Soldier On. They had a great experience and enjoyed their time at the club and are interested in returning for a larger event.
  - b) Submitted a grant proposal to New Horizons for Seniors to go towards a new ice scraper. A new ice scraper is approximately \$50,000.
  
- 8) Schedule Board meetings until spring
  - a) January 28th at 12pm on-line
  - b) March 1st at 5:30pm at VCC.
  
- 9) Next Board Meeting: January 28th, 2022 at 12pm: on-line.
  
- 10) Adjournment 7pm