



**Victoria Curling Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 28th 12:00pm-1:00pm  
Minutes**

**Attendees:** Andrew Komlodi, Harold Trenchard, Marlene Jeffries, Kristine Dobell, Paul Addison, Paul Dixon, Colin Coughlin, Stephanie Cambrey, Stu Fraser

**Regrets:** Cameron de Jong

**1) Call to order**

With quorum present, President Andrew Komlodi called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.  
Note that this meeting was held through Zoom.

**2) Approval of the agenda**

*Motion:* Move to approve the agenda for January 28th, 2022 VCC Board Meeting.

*Moved by:* Paul Addison

*Seconded by:* Stephanie Jones

**APPROVED**

**3) Approval of minutes from December 20th, 2021 meeting**

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

*Moved by:* Paul Addison

*Seconded by:* Stephanie Jones

**APPROVED**

**4) Presidents Report**

a) Brier Bid

- a) A committee has been struck to bid for the 2024 Brier, consisting of Andrew Komlodi, Marlene Jeffries, Elaine Dagg-Jackson and Terry Wright.
- b) Reached out to Tourism BC and got a 'Thumbs up'.
- c) Drafting a pitch to ask for the Government's support for a bid.
- d) Will need \$100,000's of money for a commitment.
- e) Deadline is April for submitting a bid.
- f) We are bidding for 2024.

**5) Manager's Report**

- a) Esquimalt Curling Club closed its doors just before Christmas, as the Municipality decided to use the space as a vaccination centre for COVID-19. After some scrambling between some of the ECC League Reps, the Office at VCC and our own League Reps were able to accommodate a good number of curlers who wished to

- continue to play in the 2nd half here at the Club, either as an integration into our existing draws or as 'stubs' of leagues onto themselves.
- b) Between messaging through Andrew and myself and some back-channel talks between leagues that were already aligned in terms of days and hours of play, we were able to bring in just under 60 teams, spread throughout the Club calendar. Notably, the entire ECC Monday Night Men's league was able to port their season over; 6 teams came from the Tuesday Night Ladies to fill the empty sheets alongside our Super League; new ice is being utilized by the 'Base' League on Tuesday afternoons, and the Friday Afternoon ladies; and other teams are scattered into other daytime and evening leagues.
  - c) All told we are seeing almost \$30,000 in revenue from league and membership fees from the new curlers.
  - d) Perhaps just as importantly, the olive branch extended by our Club to the Esquimalt curlers has been very appreciated. There have been numerous comments on our hospitality, and the ice, and the facility.
- b) Other New Curler-Adult Learn to Curl and the Junior Program
- a) We have 26 new ALTC curlers, and 8 juniors for the second half of the season. We didn't operate these programs in the first half, and particularly on the ALTC side of things, there was a lot of pent up demand. The next challenge will be integrating these new curlers with our existing leagues and programs in the coming seasons, which will be addressed in conjunction with the Development Committee as part of their mandate. The help will be most appreciated.
- c) COVID Updates
- a) All of the ECC curlers have now been scanned and wristbands are enroute. We have the consent from all the ECC curlers that came over, and they were scanned in their first weeks of being here. We are asking all visitors/non-curlers/spares to check in at the office if they have not been scanned and given a consent form.
  - b) The order of Events, including Sports Tournament (i.e. bonspiels) is still TBD.
  - c) Liquor service in the bar is compliant with the current health order. As we have a 'Club' license, we are exempt from the requirement to have 'full meal service' (along with Liquor Manufacturing Tasting Rooms). This is unchanged from pre-Christmas when this order first came out. I have compiled a paper on options for us, should we need to pivot quickly as the result of new orders.
  - d) BC Senior Games
    - a) We have been approached by the BC Senior Games to host the curling part of that tournament, which will take place over 4 days in mid-September. It will require us to put the ice in early (by approximately one week). They would pay for the rental of the building and largely run the tournament with minimal involvement from the club itself. However, they are looking for a head volunteer to lead the curling portion and obviously there would be a need for further volunteer help, which hopefully we could drum up for them, assuming we wish to go ahead with this.

**6) Committee Reports**

- a) Events Committee
  - a) Need to figure out bonspiel dates.
  - b) Are we allowed to have bonspiels?
  - c) Can we push back the dates?
  - d) Can we ask for special permission to hold bonspiels?
  - e) This will be up to the Bonspiel Events Committee to resolve.
- b) Governance Committee
  - a) We are reviewing and synthesizing the Club bylaws and anticipate requesting members to be a 'sounding board' for the changes, soliciting feedback via the next newsletter.
- c) Human Resources Committee
- d) Finance Committee
  - a) Financial loss from bonspiels is approximately \$10,000.
  - b) We have received approximately \$30,000 from members joining from the early closure of ECC.
  - c) Will be transferring money from the Legacy Foundation and JDF to the VCC in the next 2 weeks.

**7) Communications**

- a) Are we going to be announcing when people have Covid? What are our protocols if someone has Covid? Response: We will follow BC Guidelines which are to stay at home for 5 days from the onset of symptoms and return when you feel well. We will not be reporting individual cases.

**8) New Business**

- a) The Scots are coming to Canada next year. Paul Addison has volunteered to be the board liaison. They are asking for ice time and time at the bar. The banquet will be at the Strathcona Hotel. This is the longest running curling event there is.

9) **Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday March 1st at 5:45pm

10) **Adjournment:** 1:00pm