



**Victoria Curling Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 23, 2021 5:30-6:55 PM  
Minutes**

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

**Regrets:** Cameron de Jong, Stu Fraser

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 November 23, 2021 VCC Board Meeting.

*Moved by:* Colin Coughlin

*Seconded by:* Marlene Jeffries

**APPROVED**

3) Approval of minutes from October 26th, 2021 meeting

*Motion:* Move to approve the minutes for the October 26th, 2021 VCC Board Meeting.

*Moved by:* Colin Coughlin

*Seconded by:* Marlene Jeffries

**APPROVED-Pending update with regard to a question posed by Colin Coughlin (8C)**

4) Presidents Report

1) Two updates involving negotiations with the City of Victoria.

a) Andrew, Colin, Marlene and Paul met with the city to discuss a new lease. The meeting was positive. The city requested a 1 or 2 page outline about the Victoria Curling Club and how we are linked to the community, our demographic and our plans. Once this is complete, we can make a request to begin formal negotiations with the city. This document should be completed by mid December in order to present it to council in January.

b) Andrew, Paul and Andrew met with Andrea Walker, Victoria's lead on executing music strategy. The city of Victoria is looking for more music venues and it was discussed that our club was keen to help the city implement their strategy.

i) Paul Addison inquired about our policy regarding vaccinations. It was determined that patrons are required to be masked on their or purchasing from the bar. We have to follow the guideline of all patrons being double vaccinated.

- 4) General Manager Report
- a) Shoes (180 pairs) and broom (48) have been purchased (and are now here) with a combination of funds from existing donations, a ViaSport grant, Optimist Club funds and the bulk coming from the Victoria Curling Legacy Fund. Primary focus is to get them into the hands of the High School League as a start, then our rentals for both corporate and school outings. We will be building out lockers to hold the shoes in the lobby area by the scoreboards, along the outside wall. Donations from our intermediate Curling Clinic and the last several Friday Night Fn league drop in dates have been earmarked to finance the materials needed for the lockers. Cody will commence building as soon as time permits (and the lumber and other bits arrive).
  - b) The intermediate Clinic held on November 7th was a great success-'sold out' within 5 hours of announcement. Many thanks to Paul Addison and his team of coaches for coordinating. As mentioned, donations collected from the participants have gone into funding the building materials for the rental shoes and brooms ( a total of almost \$600 was raised in this way).
  - c) Programs-Adult Learn to Curl (Sunday nights), Junior Program (Tuesday afternoons), Rentals and Bonspiels-All of these programs will be 'out' and advertised to the membership/public at large within the week. ALTC will be getting a boost from sponsorship courtesy of the North Park Neighbourhood Association-they are sponsoring 6 individuals from the Inter-Cultural Association (also in our neighbourhood) to join the program. We have had the Junior program on hold since the start of the pandemic-largely due to the problem of coordinating volunteers and a leader of the program. Len Stewart of the GVCA approached with the idea of the Academy participants doing the coaching and instructional aspects of the program on Tuesday afternoons. Accepted!Our rental program/options have also been on hold during the pandemic. The biggest challenge with this is the lack of facilitators/instructors. At the moment, as we start to program more ice time into the rental pool, we are mitigating the issue by restricting rentals to members and guests (typically from work or similar) and turning the member into a facilitator.
  - d) We have a few larger events planned for the balance of the season. UVic Alumni, Victoria Bar Association, Emergency Physicians, Uvic Law Society, Oak Bay Neighbours (Networking) are all renting a combination of ice and bar.
  - e) On the bonspiel front, the Senior Men's spiel gets underway today with 16 teams. Planning for the larger Jack Anderson Mixed (third week in January) is well underway and the expectation for that is that we should see between 32-40 teams participating there. On the Club bonspiel front, committees have been struck for the ladies and Men's and dates coordinated so that we are able to maximize entries.
  - f) Our first real 'event' of the year-really the last 2 years-was held on Friday November 19 when 'Runaway Lane' played the Club during the Friday Night Drop in league. All accounts suggest that it was a huge success-for the bar (over \$2000 take) and for the drop in league (all 8 sheets were in play). We are looking for more ways to incorporate this kind of event/vibe in the Lounge on a semi-regular basis.
  - g) Work has started on the water backflow prevention project mandated by the CRD-our water main has been finished and work on the ice plant will be done this coming Friday. We have our 'regular' plumber working on the project and expecting costs to come in around \$5000 total.

- h) Our walk-in bar fridge broke. Compressor and internal fan mechanism needed to be replaced. uptown AC (Chris Baier) was able to provide a compressor at no cost to the Club (a donation by them) and as a result we were able to not only complete repairs, but also fix some sloppy connections in the refrigeration system as a whole, with only labour costs to contend with.
  - i) The massive rainfall event in mid-November resulted in some leaks above sheet 1, temporarily closing that sheet. Repairs were carried out to the peak of the slope by Cody after the storm had passed. There is still some concern about the flat roof above the lounge area (middle of the lounge by the stairwell) as there has been some water ingress after large rainfalls. We are monitoring and will check on the cost of repairs to cap an old vent and likely replace flashing in the area.
  - j) New Horizons for Seniors grant has opened up. We will be submitting a proposal before the deadline (just before Christmas)...’rf[
- 5) Review Committee Matrices
- a) ‘Community’ should be added to the Strategic Plan.
  - b) Gary Mitchell was going to look at our Archives. We need to follow up with Neil Campbell to see if Gary is still interested.
  - c) Mens Bonspiel (Thunderbird)-Colin sent a letter at the end of last year, Andrew followed up with an email, Marlene has also contacted them, so far no responses have been received. It would be nice if First Nations participated in the bonspiel. It was decided to keep the generic name this year. It was decided it would be inappropriate to continue to use ‘Thunderbird’ without approval from First Nations. This year the mens bonspiel will be referred to as The Victoria Men’s 68th Bonspiel.
- 6) Curl BC Update
- a) No updates
- 7) Financial update (revenue/expenses)
- a) Trust Account-no update
- 8) Communications to members
- a) No update
- 9) New/existing business
- a) All board members need to fill in the criminal record checks and personal history forms. Paul will send out an email once he gets all the details finalized regarding the criminal record checks. The personal history forms are in the shared folder for all board members to fill in and give back to Paul. Please get your personal history form back to Paul by December 3rd, 2021.
- 10) Next Board Meeting: December 20, 2021 at 5:30pm
- 11) Adjournment 6:55pm



Home of Curling Excellence