

**Victoria Curling Club
Board of Directors Meeting
April 5, 2022 6:30pm-8:30pm
Minutes**

Attendees: Andrew Komlodi, Harold Trenchard, Marlene Jeffries, Kristine Dobell, Paul Addison, Paul Dixon, Colin Coughlin, Stephanie Jones, Stu Fraser, Katie Bartel, Cameron de Jong

Regrets:

1) Call to order

With quorum present, President Andrew Komlodi called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

2) Approval of the agenda

Motion: Move to approve the agenda for April 5, 2022 VCC Board Meeting.

Moved by: Paul Addison

Seconded by: Stu Fraser

APPROVED

3) Approval of minutes from March 1, 2022 meeting

Motion: Move to approve the minutes for the March 1, 2022 VCC Board Meeting.

Moved by: Paul Addison

Seconded by: Stu Fraser

APPROVED

4) Presidents Report

- a) The year went well despite the challenges of Covid.
- b) Men's bonspiel was a success.
- c) We are still seeking considerable funding from the Province for our 2024 Brier Bid. The outlook for receipt of funding is poor, and given timing requirements for bid submission, we will likely need to reorient our efforts towards a bid later in the decade.
- d) City staff requested an overview of the club and why the lease should be extended. This information was drafted and submitted. Andrew is in the process of arranging a follow-up meeting with the City of Victoria about renewing the lease.

5) General Manager's Report

a) Bonspiels

- i) Jack Anderson and the Men's bonspiels were successful. \$24,000 was brought in through bar sales.

b) Dehumidifier

- i) We should be looking at the purchase of a new dehumidifier, however sourcing a

- new one would be 8-12 months.
 - ii) A rebuild will be significantly less expensive, but the cost is unknown. Cost for a rebuild is expected to be around \$20,000.
 - iii) Stephanie Jones might be able to source parts through her employer, Trane.
- c) League Reps Meeting**
- i) The League Reps meeting was held on March 29, 2022 with a focus on Recruitment and Retention of curlers.
 - ii) Each league is going to complete a questionnaire about where their league stands with regard to competitiveness, socializing, general skill level and player commitment.
 - iii) Most leagues are reporting that they think the draws they have will be fairly full. There is still room for extra draws on some days and nights.
 - iv) 4-6 week leagues were discussed for those members not wanting to make a long commitment.
 - v) There is a trend across the country towards 'Open' leagues, to maximize options for curlers and thus participation.
 - vi) A new stick league is on the verge of forming.
 - vii) A suggestion was made to encourage long-time teams to voluntarily split into 2 parts and bring in 2 new players on each new team, to increase teams and provide an onramping opportunity for newer curlers.
 - viii) Cathy Sorensen does a lot of work on our Social Media pages, mainly Facebook and Instagram. She has volunteered to post league related content in addition to the Club related content she already produces.
- d) New Horizons For Seniors Grant**
- i) Our grant funding for a new scraper has been approved and received.
- e) Gaming Grants**
- i) Application for next season' funding will go out this month.
- f) City of Victoria Arts and Cultural Spaces Grant**
- i) We intend to submit an application, which would fund at up to 50% of project costs. Possible projects are piping and draping, staging, PA system and electrical upgrades. We would eventually like to identify a tie-in with our dehumidification needs-to put in heating/cooling. One of the largest drawbacks to using our facility as a performance venue is the lack of cooling in the summer, both on the main floor and upstairs in the lounge.
- g) Ready to Rock Program Funding**
- i) Elaine Dagg-Jackson has identified some funding opportunities to host a 'Ready To Rock' program for new Canadians. It is a 3 hour experience introducing the game with instruction, food and a beverage. Kelowna Curling Club has put on this program successfully for the past 3 years. Elaine is applying for funding for both our club and the Kelowna Curling Club this coming season to host 2 of these day curling camps.

We have support from the North Park Neighbourhood Association and a likely partner in the Inter Cultural Association. Elaine will update Andrew and Paul on the results of the application.

h) Summertime Rentals

- i) Times Colonist Booksale is coming in 3 weeks.
- ii) SkaFest in June.
- iii) Police Training and a wedding reception in July.
- iv) We have a contact that could help bring some band performances upstairs.

i) Vacation

- i) Paul will be away from the city April 6-April 14 inclusive. Janaya will be in the office for a few hours each day clearing messages, etc.

6) Committee Reports

a) Finance and Risk

- i) Outlook is favourable.
- ii) The Legacy Fund has been transferred to the Royal Bank. The funds from Juan De Fuca have also been deposited into the restricted building fund.
- iii) The annual reporting process should be processed within 30 days.
- iv) The two areas of committee focus are:
 - (1) Increasing the insurance coverage for the building.
 - (2) Developing a plan for responding if the building is damaged catastrophically.

b) Governance

- i) Draft of updated by-law documents was shared with the board.
- ii) Victoria Curling Club members with knowledge, interest or expertise will be contacted to provide input into the by-law review process.
- iii) Some overlap has been identified between the by-laws and draft policy registry. Once all redundancies have been identified, the committee will determine whether specific items are better suited to policy or by-law.
- iv) A draft should be available for the Board by the end of April.
- v) By-laws changes will need to be adopted at the next AGM.

c) Development and Retention

- i) Five recommendations to move forward on
 - (1) Support Current Leagues
 - (2) Moving towards open/mixed leagues
 - (3) Drop in curling ie: Saturday nights
 - (4) Attention to youth curling
 - (5) Corporate Rentals

d) Building Replacement

- i) Paul Dixon will review Cody's list of items that will need replacing/fixing and bring to

- the next Building Replacement meeting.
- ii) We need to start planning for the future. We need a cost analysis of building new versus an overhaul of the current building and define task groups.
 - iii) Action: Paul will identify the last engineer's report and update the Board in May.
- e) Events and Competitions**
- i) Paul needs the dates for events by the end of the month to update the event calendar on the website.
 - ii) Planning for the Brier bid is on-going.
 - iii) The University games are confirmed for Feb 24th-26th. A meeting will be held next week with Elaine Dagg-Jackson to start planning.
- 7) Communications
- a) Letter of 'Thanks' from the Jack Andeson organizers.
 - b) Letter of support from the North Park Community Association for the Ready to Rock program.
 - c) Letter to the Premier asking for financial support for the Brier bid.
- 8) **New Business**
- a) Criminal record checks need to be submitted as soon as possible to enable upgrades to the bar's liquor license.
- 10) **Next Board Meeting:** May 17th at 6:30pm
- 11) **Adjournment:** 7:45 pm