

**SCHOONER CURLING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
15 May 2019 – 7:00 pm**

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Gordie Cormier, President
Frances Ford, Secretary
Brian Laughlin, Ice Director
Billy Farr, Website and Newsletter
Janet Gallivan, Fun Nights
George Plumridge
Stephen Leslie
Russell Fitzgerald

Richard Lorway, Vice President
Lynn Kelly, Treasurer
Cal Thistle, Drawmaster
Julia Cormier, 2nd Drawmaster
Dave Boudreau
John Donovan
Joe Erickson
Kelley Laughlin

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President, Gordie Cormier, at 7:10 pm.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES – 10 October 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by John Donovan and seconded by Russell Fitzgerald. **Motion Carried.**

3.0 REPORTS AND UPDATES

President's Report

Gordie reported that we had a good year, with a membership of 66. He will make reports on other issues as the meeting progresses.

Vice President

Richard reported that the club had a good year. The Scotties took a lot of attention. He commended Gordie for the good job he did this past year. He noted that there were very few complaints from the members.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn delivered the financial report. We are not in the best financial shape at the moment. Costs of running the club are going up. There is a bit of money in the Chase the Ace account, but that is being held in case of a dire event. Our finances are low because of the money we had to spend on getting the sewer fixed, which was \$6000.00.

New Dawn paid 60% of the cost. We are having issues with our dehumidifier, and that will have to be fixed in the new season. Expenses over the summer will bring our balance down further. We will have about \$800.00 for start up in October. There was some discussion about the costs we incur. Some of the items discussed were the cost of the debit service, HST on the rent (which we get back), remainder of NS Power loan (about 10 months left). It was also noted that there was no revenue for the club during the STOH as we were closed for that time. The financial report was accepted on a motion by Cal Thistle and seconded by John Donovan. **Motion Carried.**

Drawmaster's Report

Julia reported that the year went well. There will be some changes made for next season which will be discussed.

Ice Director's Report

Brian had no report other than to note that we will have to buy white paint for the new season. The tanks will not have to be sent out.

Bonspiels Committee

Julia noted that the bonspiels went well this year. Some changes were made this past year. We held bonspiels using a Thursday-Friday-Saturday format, and that worked better than the old format of Tuesday to Saturday. The accumulation of points per end keeps the game going and ensuring that everyone gets to play six ends per game. Gordie noted that the committee format for bonspiels is working well, and we will keep it that way for now.

Bar Steward

No report.

Membership

Julia reported that the membership numbers were down this year, although we did have ten new members. Leagues were full, but more members would be good. There was discussion of having some brochures done up. John Donovan volunteered that if we got that done, he would take them to the Mayflower Mall.

Juniors Program Report

Gordie reported that Nadine and Thomas have finished their work with the Juniors Program. Ceilidh Forrest will be taking over. An email has gone to Andrew Parris re training for this. Gordie would like to see more people taking part in the training. The CBRM Curling Association takes care of the expenses for the training.

Housekeeping Committee

Nobody from the committee was present for the meeting. Gordie noted that Georgette, Bernadette, and Trida did a good job this past season keeping the club clean.

Ways and Means

Lynn reported that we had a good return on the signage in the ice shed. We received \$1400.00 for signage this year. Lynn noted we lost the \$500.00 we received from Travelers Insurance in the past as they are no longer partnering with curling. Lynn also noted that both the 6-49 fundraiser and the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser were successful. We will continue with these next year. She also reminded members that if they know anyone who would like to rent space for advertising in the ice shed or sponsor a team to let her know.

Public Relations

Richard reported that all spiels were advertised on GoCapeBreton.com. Richard would like to have a bit of help with public relations. We should also take advantage of the Community Calendar in the newspaper.

Fun Nights

Janet reported that she and Kathy enjoyed organizing the fun nights. Some of them were very busy, while others were not.

Website/Newsletter

Billy reported that there haven't been any changes with the website. He suggested that we might think about making our presence on Facebook a little different. We could establish a members-only group and place the spares list on that, and make the individual who can't get to the game responsible for finding a spare. Billy also noted that the Scotties Tournament of Heart was good for our Facebook page. Our main focus for our website and Facebook page is to convey information to our members, but we could also use them to get more information out to public. Billy stated that he is always open to feedback or content of the newsletter.

4.0 UPDATES

4.1 Ice King Blade

Our blade got damaged and needed to be replaced immediately. We made an emergency purchase of a blade which cost us \$1363.00 plus HST. As the Executive is only allowed to make an emergency purchase of up to \$1000.00 without a vote, we are asking for approval of this expense from the members. Russell Fitzgerald moved that the club approve the emergency purchase of the new blade. This was seconded by Billy Farr. **Motion Carried.**

It was noted that we may send the old blade away to see if it can be fixed. However, it is a very old blade.

4.2 Fundraising Options

We will hold a 6-49 fundraiser in the new season, and also a spaghetti dinner. We will need to do some other fundraising if we want to stay open. There was a discussion of offering a game of chance such as Board of Cards to the members this year. We will leave Chase the Ace for now as it has become more complicated to run.

5.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020 SEASON – Slate of Officers Attached

The nomination slate was precirculated among the members, and there were no changes to it. Russell Fitzgerald moved and John Donovan seconded that the nomination slate be accepted as whole. **Motion Carried.**

The Executive and Committee Heads for the 2019 - 2020 season are as follows:

President	Gordie Cormier
Vice President	Richard Lorway
Treasurer	Lynn Kelly
Secretary	Frances Ford
Drawmaster	Julia Cormier
Ice Director	Brian Laughlin
Ice Maintenance	Brian Laughlin
Bar Steward	By Committee
Bonspiels	By Committee
Fun Nights	Kathy Gale/Janet Gallivan
Housekeeping Committee	Georgette Sparkes/Bernadette Cormier/Trida Murphy
Juniors Coordinator	Ceilidh Forrest
Membership	Julia Cormier
Newsletter/Website	Billy Farr
Public Relations	Richard Lorway
Ways and Means	Lynn Kelly

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Scotties Tournament of Hearts Revenue

The amount raised in total from the 50-50 draws during the week was \$120,000.00. Half of that amount went to the winners which left \$60,000.00 minus costs (Alcohol and Gaming, cost of ticket machines) to be divided between our club and Sydney CC. The CBRM Curling Association is administering the monies, which amount to \$50,000.00. The two curling clubs will get \$25,000.00 each. We have decided not to enter into an agreement with Sydney CC to

leverage the money through grants. We will not be using the money for operating expenses. It will be placed in a contingency or capital fund.

6.2 Ice King

Gordie received an email from Dave Merklinger regarding a used Ice King that is for sale for \$5500.00 plus expenses. Brian stated that he is happy with the one we already have and that we don't need another one just now.

6.3 Roof

We have asked for quotes from businesses for roof repairs/replacement, but nothing has come back yet. There was further discussion re the roof. We have a leak. If we are looking to install a new metal roof, we will need a structural engineer to do an analysis. We could sand blast and paint on a rubber compound. Whatever we decide, the roof needs attention. We will follow up on the quotes.

6.4 Membership Dues

It has been awhile since our dues increased. At \$220 plus HST, we still do not charge very much for membership. We would propose to raise the fees to \$235.00 plus tax. It was moved by John Donovan and seconded by Russell Fitzgerald that the membership dues be raised to \$235.00 plus HST. **Motion Carried.**

6.5 Bar Prices

Gordie stated that he would like to see the alcohol prices increase by \$0.50. There was much discussion about this. It was moved by Cal Thistle and seconded by Stephen Leslie that the alcohol prices be increased. There was a vote taken with 11 for and 5 against. **Motion Carried.**

6.6 League Play

There was discussion regarding league play in the club. John Donovan would like to see the Sunday league open to every person in the club, and he would like to see the word "competitive" dropped.

There was discussion regarding a 2-on-2 league. It would be a single entry format with players rotating through. Individual stats would be kept. We will put this on the membership application to see if there is any interest in having this on a Friday night.

There was discussion on postponement of games. Games should be made up within two weeks of the postponement. A motion was made by Cal Thistle and seconded by Gordie Cormier to ensure that those postponed games be made up within the two-week time period. **Motion Carried.** A skips' meeting will be

called at the beginning of the season and this will be brought to their attention. The Executive Committee will develop this further. There will also be a lesson on curling etiquette for new curlers as well as returning members.

Jackets as Prizes

There was discussion of awarding jackets as prizes for leagues at the end of the year. This has become expensive for the club. A vote was taken to abolish the awarding of jackets as prizes and was carried. Club jackets will be made available if members wish to purchase them. Lynn will look after this.

Thanks to Executive and Committee Heads

John Donovan offered up a motion of thanks to the Executive for a job well done this past year. There was applause from the floor.

7.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

7.1 Golf Tournament

Lynn noted that the golf tournament will take place on 22 June 2019 at Alderdale Greens. The cost is \$40.00 per golfer which includes a steak dinner. She needs to have all the money collected three days before the date. Players can e-transfer the money to her or leave it at the bar.

7.2 Washer Toss

The Washer Toss Tournament will be held on Saturday, 20 July. Registration will take place at noon with games to start at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00 per team. Entry fees will go towards the prizes. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served. We will not be putting this on Facebook this year. We will keep the participants to club members only and their guests.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Stephen Leslie and seconded by Russell Fitzgerald. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ford, Secretary