

**SCHOONER CURLING CLUB
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
26 August 2020 – 7:00 pm**

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Richard Lorway	Billy Farr	Yvonne Donovan
Lynn Kelly	Cheryl MacKinnon	John Donovan
Frances Ford	Stephen Jurcina	Justin Humphrey
Brian Laughlin	Janet Gallivan	Joe Erickson
Gordie Cormier	Bernadette Cormier	Kelley Laughlin
Stephen Leslie	Bryant Cormier	Dave Boudreau

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

2.0 RETURN TO PLAY

Return to play for the upcoming season was discussed. Nova Scotia Curling Association has established new rules for safe play. Richard highlighted some of them. We may have to look at 3-person teams or doubles leagues. A Skips' meeting will be required to better understand the new rules. Richard will be reaching out to our members to see who is interested in returning and which sort of leagues they would be interested in. Billy will design an electronic survey for us and will post it online.

3.0 CLUB UPGRADES

We have installed four new windows. We are also having the side door replaced.

The old ice plant has been shut off. Stephen Leslie used his equipment to get rid of the old platform and equipment. A new condenser platform has been built. The attic has also been gutted. We have to replace the back door and put in double doors before we can swap out the ice plants.

4.0 FINANCES

We need a new dehumidifier. We have a quote of \$19,600.00 plus HST for a brand new one. We will be able to get the tax back. We have the money for this purchase thanks to the Scotties Legacy Fund.

We also have the Nova Scotia Power loan for the new lighting paid off and are saving about \$700.00 per month on electricity. We have also received grant money to pay for the new windows and doors.

New Dawn hasn't collected rent since June. We are not sure why. We are hoping that they are giving us a break due to the pandemic.

We have \$7,000.00 in our operating account. We also have \$47,000.00 in our capital account. We owe \$8,000.00 of that amount. Our power bill is usually \$3,100.00 for two months. Last month it was estimated at \$3,200.00. We have received a letter from NSP indicating we now have a credit of \$1,100.

5.0 DEHUMIDIFIER

As reported earlier in the meeting, we have a quote from Cimco for a new dehumidifier. The quote is \$19,000.00 plus HST. We can apply to have the tax returned to us. That quote does not include installation. We can do the installation ourselves. We will get Cimco to hook it up for us after we have it installed. We have a letter from Cimco stating that the estimated time of delivery would be 5 to 7 weeks, which would put us into mid-to-late October if we order it now. Cimco is the only company that does rink refrigeration in this area. There is another company in Ontario, but they do not have any local representation to do servicing.

We are aware of a rink in the Halifax area that is being upgraded, and as a result, they have a dehumidifier that may be available for us to purchase.

After discussion, it was decided that we should approve the larger amount of money required to purchase the brand new dehumidifier as a fall back, and if the used unit looks to be suitable for us, then we can go with that. We will not purchase the new unit until we get further information on the refurbished unit.

A motion was made by John Donovan and seconded by Kelley Laughlin to authorize money to be made available to purchase a brand new dehumidifier up to \$20,000.00 plus HST.

Motion Carried.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Billy Farr and seconded by Stephen Leslie. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ford, Secretary