

**SCHOONER CURLING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
23 June 2020 – 7:00 pm**

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Gordie Cormier, President	Richard Lorway, Vice President
Frances Ford, Secretary	Lynn Kelly, Treasurer
Brian Laughlin, Ice Director	Julia Cormier, Drawmaster
Billy Farr, Website and Newsletter	Kathy Gale, Fun Nights
Janet Gallivan, Fun Nights	Georgette Sparkes, Housekeeping
Bernadette Cormier, Housekeeping	Ceilidh Forrest, Juniors Coordinator
George Plumridge	John Donovan
Stephen Leslie	Joe Erickson
Russell Fitzgerald	Kelley Laughlin
Cal Thistle	Barb Thistle
Dave Boudreau	Gary Landry
Phillip Edwards	Helen Joyce
Yvonne Donovan	Rick Windsor
Alison Grapes	Martin Campbell
Bryant Cormier	Josephine MacGillivray
Vince Gale	

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President, Gordie Cormier, at 7:05 pm. The meeting took place while adhering to social distancing and sanitizing requirements.

2.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES – 4 January 2020

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated.

3.0 REPORTS AND UPDATES

President's Report

Gordie welcomed everyone to the meeting. He was pleased with the good turnout, considering the Covid-19 situation. He announced that he would not be re-offering for the position of president for the coming season as he felt that, after six years of serving, it was time to step aside and allow for a newer perspective. He thanked all the members for the cooperation and help that was given to him during his terms as president. This allowed for many accomplishments by the club over the past few years.

Financial Report

Lynn delivered the financial report. She stated that due to Covid-19, we have lost some revenue, but we are still in good financial state. Because we closed so suddenly due to the pandemic, there are a few outstanding tabs. She will be getting in touch with those people and asking them to pay via e-transfer. We have cut services to the club to save money. These include our cable, telephone, internet, and debit machine. We have not approached New Dawn for a waiver of rent. Richard noted that we do not qualify for any government subsidies as we are not a business. Lynn also stated that our share of the Scotties 50/50 draw has helped us through the shutdown. We are also going to be receiving money from the Scottie's Legacy Fund.

Committee Reports

Ice Director's Report - Brian noted that our sudden shutdown went smoothly. We will need to have the dehumidifier fixed for the coming season.

Webmaster's Report - Billy noted that the April newsletter has been published and sent to the members who subscribe electronically. It is also available on the website. He stated that the website has gone a bit quiet and people seem to be using our Facebook page to keep updated. We now have 750 likes and followers on FB.

There were no other committee reports.

4.0 UPDATES

4.1 Ice Plant

We have purchased and are now in possession of the ice plant equipment that we negotiated for with the Brookside Curling Club in River Hebert. The purchase got us a full ice plant, including a chiller, brine pump, and compressor, as well as an old Ice King, some vinyl houses, chamois, a measuring device, and a chipper. The trip to collect the equipment went smoothly. Gordie, Brian, Richard, and Stephen went to the Brookside CC to bring back the new equipment. Stephen provided the truck. The expenses to bring the equipment back came in under budget. The equipment is now in storage at the New Dawn warehouse across the street. We will have it installed over the summer. It was estimated that it would cost about \$5,000.00 for installation. We will get Cimco to recover the R2, and we can sell the transformer. A motion was made by John Donovan and seconded by Russell Fitzgerald to budget \$7,000.00 for installation. **Motion Carried.**

4.2 Provincial Grant

We applied to the provincial government for a grant to help pay for the ice plant as well as for improvements to the windows and doors. We were successful with our application. The province has approved \$14,000.00 for us.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Amendment to Bylaws

As stated in our current bylaws, notices of General meetings must be posted in the club at least two weeks prior to the meeting. This bylaw was written before there was any internet, so it was decided that we should update it.

Current Bylaw:

Clause 12(B)1

Notices of General Meetings shall be posted in the Club at least two weeks prior to meeting.

Proposed Bylaw:

Clause 12(B)1

Notices of General Meetings shall be distributed to members by email and other electronic means at least two weeks prior to meeting.

A motion was made by Georgette Sparkes and seconded by Russell Fitzgerald to accept the amendment. **Motion Carried.**

5.2 Distribution of Scotties Legacy Fund

The Scotties Legacy Fund is a percentage of the ticket revenue from the 2019 Scotties Tournament of Hearts that was held in Sydney. The funds are being held by the CBRM Curling Association and are to be split with the Sydney Curling Club. The amount to be split is \$66,000.00. A process had been put in place to divide the money a few years back, but the process was basically unworkable. Discussions were held with Sydney CC. They wanted to take 75% of the fund. Schooner CC felt this was too much and wanted a 50-50 split. After a number of meetings, both sides came to an agreement of 60% for Sydney and 40% for Schooner. This was felt to be equitable as they have more members and more sheets of ice. Richard had insisted that both clubs have their membership vote on this. Sydney CC has already held their vote, and their members voted to accept this split. John Donovan made a motion to accept the negotiated agreement of 60% for Sydney CC and 40% for Schooner CC. It was seconded by Georgette Sparkes. **Motion Carried.**

6.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020 SEASON

The nomination slate was precirculated among the members. Anthony Boudreau agreed to let his name stand for Vice President. Yvonne Donovan and Georgette Sparkes agreed to take on Housekeeping. Julia agreed to keep Membership. Alison Grapes added her name to the Fun Nights Coordinators. Lynn Kelly will keep Ways and Means. There were no challenges from the floor. Russell Fitzgerald moved and Billy Farr seconded that the nomination slate be accepted as whole. **Motion Carried.**

The Executive and Committee Heads for the 2020 - 2021 season are as follows:

President	Richard Lorway
Vice President	Anthony Boudreau
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/Alison Grapes
Housekeeping Committee	Georgette Sparkes/Yvonne Donovan
Juniors Coordinator	Ceilidh Forrest
Membership	Julia Cormier
Newsletter/Website	Billy Farr
Public Relations	Richard Lorway
Ways and Means	Lynn Kelly

As the new President, Richard took the floor and thanked Gordie for his years of service to the club. He also thanked Stephen Leslie for spearheading the undertakings for the new ice plant.

7.0 UPCOMING EVENTS - COVID -19

Due to Covid-19, we will not be hosting our golf tournament or our washer toss this summer. Also, due to the pandemic, there will be new guidelines coming from Curling Canada and the Nova Scotia Curling Association regarding start up for the coming season. We will let our members know about these as we get closer to October.

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