

**CORNWALL CURLING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 26, 2017**

a	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
Attendees	Board Members: Alan Mason, Chris Creighton, Angela Sanderson, Brent Irving, Lisa MacEachern, Jean Sinclair, Bev McCormick, Gary O'Sullivan, Kimberley MacDonald, Darlene Howlett. There were 20 adult members (15 required for a quorum), 3 parents of junior players and 1 junior coach.	
1. Call to Order	Alan Mason called meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Alan welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.	
2. Approval of Agenda	There were two changes to the agenda. Alan Mason to present the Daytime Curlers report and Angela Sanderson to present the publicity report. Joe MacKinnon moved to accept agenda with above changes. Angus Davies seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.	
3. Review/Approval of Previous Minutes	Alan Mason read out the minutes from the 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM). Bryan Sutherland moved to approve the minutes from May 13,2016 AGM. Ray Biage seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.	
4. Business arising from previous minutes.	There was no business arising from the previous minutes.	
5. Committee Reports		
-President's Report- Alan Mason	Alan presented his report. See attached report for details. Highlights from the report: The board implemented a new policy offering support to club teams that will be competing at national and regional competition. New policy with respect to junior curlers curling in the adult evening leagues	
- Finance/Treasurer- Jean Sinclair	Jean presented the treasurer's report and supplied a financial statement for the 2016-2017 season with comparisons made to last season. See attached for complete details. Jean thanked Bev for her hard work and assistance in managing the accounts. The club had a deficit of \$4,234 dollars. Jean plans to prepare a budget for the start of next year	

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	to analyze expectations of future operations. The new board will need to look at a way to decrease expenditures or increase revenue next year. The club balance sheet is still strong with ~\$16,000 in cash, ~\$16,000 in inventory and ~\$45,000 in capital assets. -Joe MacKinnon asked who would decide if fees needed to be increased next year.	Alan responded that it would be the new board's decision to raise rates next year if required.
-Membership and Draws: Gary O'Sullivan	Gary presented his report. See attached report for complete details. Our club had over 300 curlers this year making us the largest club on the Island. A waiting list was created in October and five of the nine people on the list were able to curl. The Thursday evening draw start time was changed to 6:30 this year. The Monday and Thursday draws were full but there was room for more teams on Tuesday and Wednesday. Date for registration next season is Oct 11, 2017. The new Learn to Curl program was very successful and there is hope that it will continue in the upcoming season.	
-Bonspiels/Socials- Lisa MacEachern/Darlene Howlett	Lisa presented her report. See attached report for details. Club bonspiels were well attended this year, but the “drop in” curling evenings had very few people in attendance.	
-Facilities- Chris Creighton	Chris presented his report. See attached report for details A new stove was purchased, a TV monitor had to be replaced, and new coat hooks were installed outside of the men's locker room. The club has also purchased a new sign. One correction to Chris's report in that the new sign has not been delivered yet.	
-Publicity- Angela Sanderson	Angela presented Colleen MacDonald's report. See attached report for details.	
Fundraising/Volunteers- Kim MacDonald/ Angela Sanderson	Kim presented the fundraising committee report. See attached report for details. There were two new major sponsors this year: Murphy's Pharmacy sponsored the ladies spiel and Cornwall Independent Grocer supported our closing spiel. Prizes were available for all draws and all on ice signs were rented this year. There will be openings for two new sign sponsors next year as two business will be ending their sign sponsorship. -A question was asked about existence of a list of current sponsors, so club members would know who has provided sponsorship. Angela presented the volunteer report. See attached report for details.	A list of sponsors is available on the website.

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Seniors/Daytime -Alan Mason	Alan presented Paul Fields report. See attached report for details.	
Youth -Brent Irving	Brent presented the junior instructor Brenda MacMillan's report as well as his own. See attached reports for details. Brenda's report indicated that a number of parents have asked if the Sunday junior curling instruction could be switched to another day of the week. Brenda has resigned as junior instructor. Rob Roberts has agreed to take on the role of junior instructor for next year.	
	Joe MacKinnon moved that the reports be accepted as submitted. Roy Coffin seconded the motion. All in favor Motion passed.	
6. Election of New Board Members	Alan Mason announced that five people have agreed to let their name stand for election to the board of directors. Laurie Kelly, Byron Lindsay, Kelly Lynn Younker, Shannon Fenelon, and Bryan Sutherland as Daytime Curlers Rep. Alan asked if there were any nominations from the floor three times. There were no nominations from the floor, so the above mentioned were acclaimed as new board members.	
7. New Business	<p>a)Brent Irving made a motion to change bylaws in regards to term length for board members. The proposed change was on the website prior to the AGM.</p> <p>Current by law 2.1.6- Each Director shall be elected for a term of two (2) years ending at the second annual general meeting after the Director's election. (Rev Oct 2014)</p> <p>Current by law 2.18 No Director shall be eligible for election to more the two consecutive terms (Rev. Oct 2014)</p> <p>Current by law 2.1.11 Any Director may be removed before the expiration of the Director's two-year term by an affirmative majority vote of the Directors present at any regular meeting of the Board or at a special meeting duly convened for that purpose. Another person may by elected by simple majority vote to hold office for the unexpired portion of the two-year term of the Director removed. (Rev Oct 2014)</p>	

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	<p>Proposed changes:</p> <p>Amended bylaw: 2.1.6 Each Director shall be elected for a term of three years ending at the third annual general meeting after the Directors election.</p> <p>Amended bylaw: 2.1.8 No director shall be eligible for election to consecutive terms.</p> <p>Amended bylaw 2.1.11 Any Director may be removed before the expiration of the Director's term by an affirmative majority vote of the Directors present at any regular meeting of the Board or at a special meeting duly convened for that purpose. Another person may be elected by simple majority vote to hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the Director so removed.</p> <p>Under the current bylaws there will be a 50% turn over on the board each year which makes recruitment of new members more difficult. The current board also feels that a three year term will provide more experience and mentorship for incoming board members. The board feels it could be more effective with a three year term.</p> <p>Angus Davies questioned why they bylaw would state a person cannot serve consecutive terms if willing to do so. Resulting discussion did not see any reason a person could not serve consecutive terms if willing to do so.</p> <p>A motion was made by Angus Davies to amend the original motion to leave Bylaw 2.1.8 as it currently reads and proceed with changes to 2.16 and 2.1.11 as noted above. Ray Biage seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.</p> <p>Brent motioned for a vote on the bylaw changes as amended and David Younker seconded. One person opposed the motion but majority in favor. Motion carried.</p> <p>b)Alan provided information on concerns the Town of Cornwall has about the</p>	<p>Bylaws 2.1.6 and 2.1.11 will be amended as highlighted. Bylaw 2.1.8 will remain unchanged.</p>

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	<p>Seymour Drive entrance to the club parking lot. The town is considering removing the entrance and having a ditch with a walking bridge only. Concerns were raised about safety in the parking lot as people have been using it as a through fare. The town also mentioned concerns about drainage and want the culvert removed with just a ditch remaining.</p> <p>Suggestions club members had was adding signage and a speed bump to try and decrease speed of cars in the parking lot. Club members concerned about trying to get turned around in lot when it is full as normally one could drive out of the lot and park on the street when lot is full.</p> <p>Alan MacCormac suggested having a fence beside the playground zone to decrease likelihood of a child stepping in front of a car.</p> <p>Bev McCormick reported the town was thinking of putting a gate up.</p> <p>Ernie Stavert notes that the parking lot can be full and people are parking on Seymour Drive. He questions if someone would speak to the town about utilizing land to the south of the building to add more parking spaces. Increased parking space would benefit the Curling Club, Civic Center and West River United Church which also has parking issues.</p> <p>Bryan Sutherland mentioned that he has noticed some club members parking at Murphy's Pharmacy parking lot.</p>	<p>Bev McCormick will bring suggestions back to the Town of Cornwall</p> <p>Kimberley MacDonald will speak with Murphy's Pharmacy about continued use of their parking lot.</p>
<p>8. Other Business/Open Discussion</p>	<p>a)Ray Biage suggested that the President of the board should be allowed to serve a second year as president if so desired. Currently the Presidency is for one year and then person becomes Past President the following year. A quick look at the bylaws did not seem to indicate this could not be done.</p>	<p>Alan Mason does not wish to serve another year as president, so this will not affect the club next year. Bylaws will be reviewed more closely and this can be discussed again at next years AGM.</p>

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	<p>b)Rob Roberts coach of Chase MacMillan junior team which is made up of 11, 12 and 13 year olds is concerned about the new policy the board has in place regarding junior members curling in adult leagues. The new policy does not allow members under 13 years of age as of June 30 to curl in adult leagues. This policy affects his team as two of the team members will only be 12 at the start of next season. Their team is one of two junior male teams at the club vying for the Canada Games. The second team is not affected by the age restriction and Rob feels his team will be at a disadvantage by not being able to compete in the adult evening league. Rob reports that the team has had good success this past year and needs to gain more experience. Worries about increased costs the team would face if having to travel off Island more to try and get competition. Feels the team could compete in the adult league but was not opposed to having a junior evening league created as well. Feels the format of the U16 development league on Saturday mornings is no longer allowing further development. Derek McEwen also concerned that new adult teams from outside of the club would get preference over current club junior teams that want to play in the league next year.</p> <p>Alan Mason explained that the evening adult leagues are for friendly competition and a social outing. Adults members are concerned about losing the social component of the outing if there are too many junior teams. Lorianne Davies pointed out that juniors were not allowed to curl in the adult leagues at one point and it is a privilege that has been given.</p> <p>Kelly Lynn Younker has been a junior and an adult member and sees both sides of the argument. Feels games against adults while a junior was beneficial but admits that her team did not socialize with the other teams after their games. She also suggests looking into a junior evening league.</p> <p>Brent Irving reminded us that no teams are evaluated on ability when it comes to registration in the evening leagues. It is an adult league and the board felt it needed guidelines when admitting junior players to these leagues.</p> <p>Alan Mason explained that the board spent a lot of time discussing this policy</p>	<p>Follow up re possibility of creating an evening junior league.</p>

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	<p>and feels that it is fair and it was a unanimous decision by the board. Alan also stated this was a positive step towards junior development by having the policy created, hopefully giving a fair and transparent expectation of consistency for junior teams. The board had to determine an age limit and appreciates that not everyone is happy with the limit set. Alan stated the board contacted Canadian Curling on this topic. The board will not be revising the policy but can look into the feasibility of a junior league for next year.. Alan stressed that we are a volunteer organization and the board is doing the best they can for all club members. Carlene Peters did comment that junior members are very important to our club and should try to be accommodated as able.</p> <p>c) Derek McEwen asked about new increase cost in cable charges for next year. Our club currently has cable with a sports package so curling can be viewed while members are at the club. Roger's has decided to apply fees based on liquor licence and capacity of a building. This is going to affect non profits like our club. If the proposed changes go into effect, the club would be looking at ~\$300/month increase in cable costs. The club will likely have to cut out the sports package next year if this occurs. Requests from Curl Canada have “fallen on deaf ears”. Hoping for a grass roots campaign through social media.</p> <p>d)Reminder that the Golf Tournament ins Saturday, June 17 @ 9:00 A.M at Country View Golf Course.</p>	<p>Derek M has put a link on the club website #curlingclubisnotasportsbar</p>
Next Meeting	Next Annual General Meeting to be held in May 2018.	
Adjournment	Alan moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M.	