

**CORNWALL CURLING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 25, 2015**

ATTENDEES: 22 club members plus Board members Paula Ling, Carlene Peters, Frank Martin, Joe MacKinnon, Derek MacEwen, Jeff Taylor, Krista Affleck, Brent Irving, Lew Black, Edgar Coffin, and Club Manager Bev McCormick. Board members Paul Neima and Leonard Gotell were not in attendance.

President Frank Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda: Copies of the agenda were circulated to those in attendance. Joe moved to accept the agenda for the meeting. Ankur Deshpande seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes from 2014 AGM: Minutes from the 2014 AGM were posted on the website and circulated to those in attendance for review. Lew moved to accept the minutes from the previous AGM. Derek seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Committee Reports:

Reports were prepared for each committee and copies were circulated for attendees to review.

Financial Report:

Edgar thanked Bev for preparing the financial statements. The Club made a profit over the last year; it was comparable to last year. Edgar pointed out that 40% of the Club's revenue comes from membership. Ice rental increased significantly over last year. The Road Builders event was a great fundraiser, and this event is coming back again in June 2015. Pro shop sales were up and a good inventory remains to start the next season. Electricity decreased in comparison to last year due to an adjustment in April which coincided with our lease.

Ankur asked why fundraising revenue had decreased significantly since the previous year. Edgar referred the question to Joe MacKinnon, co-chair of the Fundraising Committee. Joe indicated that some revenue remains to come in and some sign sponsors were lost. This is something to work on in coming years.

Carol Sweetapple asked a question on Bonspiel sponsors and why this revenue had decreased. This category only includes monetary sponsorship. A large part of the amount from last season, \$1500, was due to funding from Curl PEI last year for hosting the Maritime Masters.

Edgar moved the report be approved. Seconded by Bryan Sutherland.

Debbie Sigsworth asked a question regarding donations and grants. This category was down \$3000 from last year. Bev explained that last year we had a large government grant which paid \$0.75 for every dollar spent. A grant was received this year which covers \$0.50 for every dollar spent. Part of the grant was received in this fiscal year and the remainder will come in the next fiscal year.

Edgar moved the report be approved. Seconded by Bryan Sutherland. All in favor. Zero against. Motion carried.

Memberships & Draws

Paula summarized her report. Membership numbers were consistent with last season. Draws were held at the same times as last season. Some new drawmasters were recruited this year. Paula thanked all drawmasters for their hard work, as well as Lance, Bob and Jeff for maintaining the ice. She also

thanked Bev and Derek for publicizing the draws. She commented on the number cancellations this season due to weather.

Kim MacDonald asked if such turnover in membership is normal, and if the club ever follows up with members who do not return. Paula indicated that the Board has reviewed the topic of the turnover and the various reasons why members did not return. There were a variety of reasons and no trend in the reasons why members did not return. Derek indicated that the turnover was normal.

Paula moved for her report to be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ray Biage. All were in favor. Zero against. Motion carried.

Joe suggested all remaining reports be approved in a block after all are reviewed.

Bonspiels & Socials

Krista summarized the Bonspiels & Socials report. Drop-in nights were continued this season. Weather interfered with some of the scheduled nights. The last event had 30 people in attendance, about half of those being non-members.

A Mixed Doubles event was held in November, chaired by Myrna Sanderson. The Kenmac Energy bonspiel was again held in January and again had a full draw with 24 teams. Krista thanked Kim MacDonald and Alan Mason for initiating and chairing a fundraising bonspiel "Cornwall Rocks" in early March which raised money for the resurfacing of the Club's curling stones.

Carlene chaired the Closing spiel at the end of March. The event again had the traditional red versus blue teams but all draws were skins games. In the end red won by just one skin. The new format received great reviews so will be used again in next year's closing.

Krista thanked all bonspiel organizers, Club staff, and everyone who helped out with preparation and set up of various events throughout the year.

There were no questions about the Bonspiels & Socials report.

Facilities

Jeff reported that the resurfacing of the rocks was the largest endeavor undertaken this year. A government grant, the Cornwall Rocks bonspiel and a donation from the daytime curlers will all help to pay for the resurfacing. The rocks have been shipped.

The propane burners were a surprise expense.

Jeff thanked Ray for keeping the place looking great.

Jeff also reported that Lance is in talks with the Town regarding replacement of walkways, carpet and some pipes under the ice over the summer.

Jeff also thanked the Town for prompt snow removal in our parking lot over the winter months.

Publicity & Bylaws

Derek reported that he made 400-500 posts to the website this year. The Club has 331 follower on Twitter and 191 likes on Facebook. There have been 60,000 views on our website which is up over last year. It is great to see increased interest. Derek pointed out how everyone likes to see pictures and encouraged members to send pictures to him to post on the website.

Derek reported that he makes posts for recruitment in the fall as people may be looking for a place to join. He has gotten good feedback over the years.

Derek also did publicity for the Maritime Masters which he also chaired. The 50/50 at the Master made \$500.

Derek thanked those that sent reports along to him after events. He also said it helps a lot to get info about events out early on, so he asked organizers to get as much information out beforehand as possible.

A list of past winners was accumulated. Derek commented on the number of winners out of the Club this year. He is reconciling the names on plaques from previous years.

There was one bylaw change this year. The term to be served by Board members was shortened from 3 years to 2 years. A short meeting was held in October to vote on the amendment. It passed.

Fundraising & Volunteers

Joe reported that the Texas Mickey draw in the fall was a good fundraiser. The Road Builders event was a great success with a profit of \$1676 including bar sales. He thanked all Club members who helped out and gave their time to make it a successful event. The same event will be held again this year with Barry Craswell as chair.

Joe indicated we lost some draw sponsors this year and thanked Edgar for recruiting more sponsors. Some prizes are left to be distributed to draw winners.

There were no questions.

Youth

Brent thanked Brenda MacMillan for coordinating the junior program and preparing the report. Overall the junior program is doing very well and is probably the largest on the island. She thanked junior draw sponsors Merina and Jonathan Currie.

Brent described a new junior league for next season.

Brenda passed on a thank you to everyone who helped during the year.

Daytime & Seniors

Lew reported another successful year with a great social atmosphere and lots of helping hands. The competitive league had 14 teams. Lew thanked Paul Durant for being the drawmaster.

Every year the daytime curlers make a donation to the Club. This year they donated \$500 towards the resurfacing of the rocks.

The 3 social events held over the year were well attended.

Lew thanked Club staff Bev, Lance, Ray and Jeff.

Daytime President Paul Field thanked the daytime Board members for their service.

Carol Sweetapple asked how much money is in the Senior's accounts. Bryan Sutherland reported the balance is about the same as last year, about \$1700.

President's Report

Frank summarized his written report. He emphasized that the club runs on volunteers and without them we wouldn't be here. He thanked Derek for all of the time he puts into the website. He thanked Brenda for all of the time she puts in at the Club with the juniors. He thanked all of the Board members for their time, especially those who are moving on after completing their terms, especially Paul Neima for his advocacy of the club over his term. He thanked Bev for her great understanding of what the membership wants. He thanked Lance for all of his hard work and his huge shoulders, and his goal to always make the ice the best he can. He thanked Ray for always keeping the facilities so clean. He

thanked the bartenders for always serving with a smile. He thanked the volunteers who helped to make the fall curling school a success.

The spiels were also the closing successful. The skins addition to the closing spiel was popular. Frank thanked Kim & Alan for organizing Cornwall Rocks, and Myrna for the Mixed Doubles. He also thanked Joe for organizing the Road Builders event and all of the volunteers that helped to make it successful. He acknowledged Barry Craswell for chairing the event this year.

Frank included a link to Derek's winners list in his report. He thanked Krista for organizing the drop-in curling nights.

The Newcomers sessions were successful. Frank thanked all of the volunteers who came out to give instruction. It was great to have the Club busy on a night when it would otherwise be empty.

The rocks have been shipped for resurfacing.

Frank thanked all whom he may have missed and reminded all present of the golf tournament at Countryview on June 20th.

Ray asked whether a helper for Lance had been recruited yet. Frank indicated that he had not received any responses to the post.

Joe moved to approve the block of reports. Carlene seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Election of Directors

Four Board members have completed their term; Joe MacKinnon, Paul Neima, Krista Affleck and Leonard Gotell. In Paul's absence, Frank listed the names of potential Board members. He asked three times for nominations from the floor. As there were none, the following members were elected to the Board: Colleen MacDonald, Lisa MacEachern, Alan Mason and Kim MacDonald. Jim Orr will replace Lew Black as the Daytime/Seniors representative.

Frank moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm.