

PEACE ARCH CURLING CLUB

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Held at Peace Arch Curling Club on Feb 7, 2024

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

The following Board members were present: Christine Makasoff, Dale Bradford, Ross Savage, Rod Friesen, Greg Christofferson, Warren Ennis

Also present: Ross Scott, Bill Jones, Rick Jaques

2. Agenda

Moved/Seconded (Dale/Warren) and Carried that the Agenda for this meeting be approved as published.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of Jan 10,2024

Moved/Seconded (Dale/Warren) and Carried

3.5 Presentation: Bill Jones made a presentation that the PACC actively encourage club members to wear some sort of head protection. In support of Bill's presentation Rick Jaques gave a personal account of having fallen on the ice himself and getting a concussion as well as the long term effects of a concussion experienced by his wife from a car accident.

The Board was supportive of this initiative.

Motion: The Board recommends that a committee be struck to look into and promote the wearing of some form of head protection while curling. We will ask Bill to chair the committee and select committee members to aid him in this effort.

Moved/Seconded (Dale/Ross) and Carried

4. Business arising from previous meeting

- Nothing to report

5. President's Report

- To be included in the Treasurer's Report

6. Manager's Report

- Return of the Ice Mice. Women's night spiel. Hasn't happened for 5-6 years. Likely this is the last spiel. Ross has booked it for Oct 18-20 and has asked the Board to make a decision as to whether the allotted time should be approved.
- Discussed the impact of spiels on the business side of curling. From a business perspective spiels are not profitable. Other Leagues get cancelled or moved around and those are the folks who pay the bills. Much revenue is lost.
- Discussion of how the Senators and Day Ladies behave as an entity unto themselves. This may put PACC at risk legally and perhaps they should have their own Board and their own Society and they can rent the ice from the club. There is huge resistance/lack of trust from many of them to fold back in to the formal structure of the PACC. Some of the requests/processes are actually illegal. Currently, the Board and some individuals are at risk by the way in which things are currently structured. This needs an analysis and a legal opinion. It was suggested we reach out to the Presidents of the Senators and the Day Ladies, explain we are in discussion about this issue and ask what their position is...would they rather be independent or return to the fold of the PACC. It is felt they must make a decision one way or the other.
- Ross has his Serving It Right certificate
- Discussed the ongoing issue of the humidifier not doing its job. It was placed too high and therefore it is too warm resulting in frosty ice. Possible solution is placing fans to get better circulation.
- Commercial dishwasher in lounge needs some attention as the three fluids involved are not mixing properly. Will have it checked by an appliance person. It may need replacing.
- Ross had our GIC at ScotiaBank transferred into the checking account so it is fluid.
- So far rentals for the summer are in the \$15,000+ range
- Fraser Valley Health has made accommodations with the CWR for increased use of the building. They have started renovations and have significantly more employees present.

7. Committee Reports

a) Treasurer

- PACC has opened accounts with Coast Capital
- Better options, no monthly fees
- Credit card is in Clubs name, not the managers, making things much easier should there be a change in the position
- PACC has chequing, savings and gaming accounts

b) Leagues (Dale)

- Met with all league reps except for Friday Open and the Senators
- They arrived at a consensus

MOTION: That we adopt the Spare Rules as set out in the attached PACC Policy Manual with the changes to the current rules highlighted in yellow; that our Policy Manual be so amended and posted on the PACC website and notification of these changes be sent to to all PACC members by e-mail, and in particular, to all PACC League Rep's; and that these Rules shall take effect immediately.

Moved/Seconded (Dale/Seconded) and Carried

Motion: That the minutes of the AGM of Oct 2023 be approved and posted on the website as "Draft" minutes. They will formally be approved at the next AGM meeting.

Moved/Seconded (Dale/Rosco) and Carried

c) Fundraising (Christine)

- Capital fund raising and facilities go together and there is a grant that can be applied for but we need to to put up half the money (\$40,000). We need to decide what is the priority and get current quotes for the cost of what we decide on. Rod thought possibly the humidifier should get top priority. Ross agreed with this.
- The current building fee is \$25. It is thought that it can be raised to \$100 without having to go to the AGM. It was first brought in to pay off the loan, which hasn't been paid off yet (approx \$6,000 left)
- Rosco feels we need to have a meeting with the CWR before the next board meeting to discuss what is our relationship with the city. The numbers before us tell us we cannot afford to be where we are. A committee of three could each book two minutes to make presentations to the CWR council to educate them as to the positive impact our vibrant club has on their city. This presentation would also include making them aware of the dire straights our club is in financially due to our contractual obligations with the City. We have been promised open communication but still have not received itemized billing of the costs applied to the curling club. This presentation needs to be done as soon as possible as the club is still active for the next two months and we need our members aware and supporting the Board's efforts. The Committee will consist of Rosco, Christine and Ross.

c.5) Events

- PACC is having a fundraising event to raise money for Team BC (with our very own Sarah Loken as lead). They will talk about their experiences, we can ask questions about curling and then four teams can bid on a chance to play two ends each against the this Scottie contender. There is a silent auction and live auction and Sarah is willing to auction off her time to coach an individual or team.

d) Membership/Marketing

- Nothing to report

e) Facilities

- See above

f) Junior & Novice (Greg)

- Greg, Laurie and Ross are to sit down and formulate a game plan for the Junior program. Particularly need to find a time slot that works for the kids. From past history of the Junior programs at the Club the sense is that parents must be involved for the program to be successful.

g) Constitution and Bylaws (Dale)

- Nothing to report

h) Nominations

- Nothing to report

i) Wish list

8. New Business

- When does the Club club close due to extreme weather events.
- Opted to go with the decisions made by the Surrey School District (which includes White Rock Schools)
- Options for a maturing GIC. It will be put into chequing at ScotiaBank and then transferred to Coast Capital. Once fully established at CC then we can decide how to allocate it.
- International Tankard Invitational. Held in Seattle this year. Traditionally the Club pays for the entry fee and donates \$150 each to the two people selected to represent our Club. It has not happened since COVID. It mainly recognizes volunteerism and generally strengthens intra club relationships.
- In the past the Board selected the candidates based on their volunteerism and has been seen as an honour for people who have supported the Club. An e-mail will be sent out to all volunteers and the first two people to step forward can go.
- Rosco expressed concerns about the way in which the Lounge is physically structured. He feels it could be made into a more usable space (it may work better for large Club events or seen in a better light by prospective renters/tenants) and maybe the pool table/ shuffle board need to go.
- The Board opted to postpone the decision until such time as circumstances have changed and we become aware that the issue needs to be revisited.

9. Next Meeting

Wednesday March 6 @ 6:30 in the Flex Lounge

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.