

PEACE ARCH CURLING CLUB

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Held at Peace Arch Curling Club December 3, 2025

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34

The following board members were present: Christine Makasoff, Doug Holmyard, Greg Christofferson, Joel MacDonald, Bruce Buchanan, John Bogar, Gary MacKinnon, Paul Mathias, Aleta Andrew, Mark Evans

The following board members were not present: none

Also present: Ross Scott

2. Agenda:

Moved/seconded (Gary/Aleta) Motion carried that the agenda for this meeting be approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting November 3, 2025: Moved/seconded (Joel/Paul) Motion carried that the minutes be approved as published.

4. Business arising from previous meeting:

Joel MacDonald will be assigned to position of Treasurer.

Fundraising and events committees does not have a chair.

Christine and Aleta to come up with template for bonspiels at the club.

5. President's Report:

Masters Curling in BC

There are 3 levels of authority for masters curling in BC.

1. PCMCA Pacific Coast Masters Curling Association

- 4 zones, FVMCA is zone 2

- Only responsible for playdowns, not bonspiels

- Eligibility requirements: must be 60+ and pay the PCMCA fee. Cannot sign up as an individual, must play in sanctioned league where everyone 60+ pays the fee.

2. FVMCA

Fraser Valley Masters Curling Association

- Responsible for bonspiels, not playdowns. Acts as host for PCMCA playdowns on a yearly club rotation.

- Eligibility requirements: 55+ and pay PCMCA fee. In the past must also play in a day league. That restriction was removed 3 years ago.

- Rules from the FVMCA are essentially suggestions because the host clubs can make any rules they want.

3. Bonspiel host clubs

- Have the right to make their own bonspiel rules. In the past the clubs have followed the FVMCA rules. Some clubs restrict the participation of evening league players.

Negotiations with City of White Rock

Mark, Bruce and I presented to City Council on Nov 17. Four councilors and the mayor expressed support for the plan. City staff was directed to meet with us. John Wolgar and John Stech have met with us and have been working on a user agreement. They have also met with their colleagues in finance to figure out the long term financial obligation for the City in taking over ownership. We have been told that the earliest we can expect a draft user agreement is in January 2026.

Peace Arch Hospital Foundation

Sean Kenny contacted me to discuss the possibility of the foundation sponsoring an event at the club in order to gain exposure with our members. We will be meeting on Dec 18. My suggestion would be for them to pay a fee to set up a table on the Day of Champions. Ross has suggested a banner in the rink with a yearly fee.

Senators League Report

The overall numbers for the Senators leagues are holding steady. I expect the number of teams to remain the same in the winter session. The Wednesday league is now an open league. Only 1 woman is enrolled. The Fall-session Monday champion is Team Scott. Wayne Parent is taking over the drawmaster job from me.

Senators and Ladies Bonspiel

There was hiatus for this bonspiel of about 7 years. Last year it was revived as a 3-day event and included Friday Open players. This year it was changed to a 2-day event and was opened to all day leagues, including Sunday Open and Saturday Novice. The organizers felt that the 2-day format worked better. We were calling it the Day Leagues Bonspiel. We held a competition to choose a new name. The winner was Day Sweepers Bonspiel, submitted by Rick Everest.

Hutch Bonspiel

The Hutch Bonspiel is close to selling out. I have run this event for the last 4 years. Gary MacKinnon will be helping me this year and taking over next year.

Kitchen

There is continuing dissatisfaction amongst the club members with the management of the kitchen. There are many problems with the kitchen equipment due to poor maintenance and cleaning procedures. Food waste and fresh food are regularly left out resulting in a mouse infestation. In discussion with Keith Becker, we learned that the café is losing money. The owners are adamant that they will stay to try to turn the business around.

6. Manager's Report:

Optimal Ice - Manager's Report for Peace Arch Curling Club

RENTALS

Lounge – 1 rental

Rentals – Ice: 3 school visits

- Chinese league presentation

- 5 ice rentals

CLUB ACTIVITIES

League Schedules

- Second half registration has started for some of the leagues.

- Internal spiel went well. Kitchen needed support from Patti's old team.

Pro Shop – sales going smoothly – stocking up on a few items for Christmas

Bar – fully restocked 15k in sales in the month of November.

Financial

- Purchased some carpets to try to keep dirt down. Lots of fluff but that is slowing down as the carpet settles and newness ends.

- Cash on hand is good 129K in Scotia Coast 106 k in reserved fund and 175 k in

Operation.

- We owe \$11k to Curl BC, \$8K to PCMC fees and some GST.

Bonspiel Policy – need to have a more focused discussion on how to run spiels and their purpose. Future spiels that require more staffing due to tight schedules will need to be compensated.

BUSINESS

High Tides – exciting finals held with Pacc showing well. A-Final winner was team Mulligan and A-Final second was team Holland; B-Final winner was team Burton, beating a team from Seattle; in the C Event, Boynton wins over Henry; D Event winners were a young team from UBC with a win against Evans.

Cost in staff wages for optimal ice was \$1200 not including payroll taxes 39 hours for ice and total of 80 hours for Optimal ice \$2400 in expenses.

The Nifty 50 spiel is over 4 days with 20 draws \$1200 in ice fees to Optimal Ice will not cover my costs. There will be a minimum of 2 ice makers present for draw change plus another for scraping as the turnaround time is 30 min.

Optimal Ice needs to assess mid-year costs due to additional leagues and bonspiels.

Kitchen

Called in an electrician to look at the convection oven which was tripping the circuit. The cord had been spliced when reinstalled and not done by an electrician. Electrician will restore to original state. Invoice will be sent to Candlelight.

Gas fitter was called in and capped off hoses that were there. Detected gas and said it was coming from oven, so gas was shut off till we could determine source. Doesn't think work was done by licensed gasfitter and Sam couldn't provide documentation as to who did the work.

Key foods came on Monday to repair stove. Replaced pilots and stove is now in working order. Needs to be cleaned thoroughly as lots of grease carbon build up. Who to bill for work. Stove was in working order when Patti left and we put \$1200 into stove to repair knobs and inspection. Bill was \$835.19

According to Patti at last meeting, Sam doesn't want to wash our dishes that we use when we cater outside. I usually charge groups \$100 and pay them \$50 to clean. We overpaid the last spiel so I thought they would do it for free but Friba doesn't think Sam will pay her extra for that. I gave Friba \$50 directly in cash for the 2 hrs it took. The dishes need to be cleaned commercially but they have not replaced the cleaning solutions, so I am not sure how sterile they are. Patti has told them where to buy the liquids.

Fridge not being maintained – not being vacuumed. Kim fixed the fridge once and said he wouldn't do it again because it was filthy.

EMPLOYEES

Taylor Reeves returning to Thursday as bartender as Natasha has class that night.

FACILITY

Purchased an LED light for change room but it doesn't connect to old light. Will have to purchase another and link them.

Dehumidifier needs work during the break. Oil leak and not operating efficiently as we are getting some frost on ice during games. Sign installed for bartender parking – I have direct line to parking officers to get them to ticket people.

Action Items

1. Bar - jug cooler not working -RKT investigating
 2. New light -in progress
 3. Need plug installed for air fryer -postponed
 4. Digital thermostat for beer cooler -cost tbd
 5. New runner for walk in area being sourced - completed
 6. Return-it campaign - Reached \$1500
 7. City invoices last week. – \$51,000 for 2 quarters. - completed
 8. New contract 2025-2026 season - unsigned
 9. Newsletter paid adverts - approved
- Ross Scott- Optimal Ice Curling Services Ltd.

Director's Reports:

(a) Facilities (Mark Evans)

PACC needs to obtain a letter of permission from City to redo the floor. They see the floor as being their property, so they are getting legal opinion.

Next Monday at 11am with general contractor and others will all be there to walk the club.

Motion by Mark Evans: PACC to engage Alfred Horie Construction as the general contractor to redo the floor and ice plant; seconded by Joel. All in favour.

Alfred Horie is the same contractor that was in charge of Mission's new floor.

PACC will be using the same company that the City used at Centennial Arena.

Ventilation project is on hold as PACC waits for a permit from White Rock.

(b) City of White Rock (Bruce Buchanan) nothing new to report although two meetings have been held with the 2 Johns. City working on user agreement.

(c) Membership/Marketing (John Bogar)

Motion by John Bogar is to accept the terms of reference for the Membership and Marketing Committee as submitted. Seconded by Bruce Buchanan. All in favour

Posters were put up at Kent St Center and Centennial Arena.

Motion by John Bogar to waive the fee for anyone 16 and under who attends the 3-hour Try Curling on Jan. 3 and Jan. 17, Greg seconds. All in favour

Working on printing a club book for next year funded by advertisers.

Will do something for Curling Day in Canada on Jan 31.

Will do something for Olympics.

What kind of questions would the board like to see on a retention survey.

- (d) Treasurer (Joel MacDonald) nothing to report yet.
- (e) Constitution & Bylaws (Greg Christofferson) Nothing to report.
- (f) Ladies League (Aleta Andrew) working on Bye the Sea Bonspiel in January plus the Nifty Fifty at the end of March.
- (g) Events: High Tides was a success, 20 teams plus lots of extras at dinner, Cutting Edge Catering, a local business, used with success.
- (h) Leagues (Gary MacKinnon) Nothing

7. New Business:

There remains unpaid registration fees. Board should look at revising policy concerning unpaid fees.

Paul proposes that PACC consider establishing a five-year plan for the club that incorporates what kind of club does PACC want to be.

- 8. Date and location for next meeting. Sunday, Jan 18 at 3pm at PACC
- 9. Adjournment 8:40pm.