

PEACE ARCH CURLING CLUB

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Held at Peace Arch Curling Club on
Sunday, March 12, 2023**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

The following Board members were present:

Christine Makasoff, Blaine Makasoff, Dale Bradford, Warren Ennis, Rod Friesen, Mark Thorvaldson, Greg Christofferson

Also present:

Gary MacKinnon, Manager

2. Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded (Christine/Greg) and Carried that the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on February 12, 2023 be approved as published.

Moved/Seconded (Greg/Blaine) and Carried that the draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, October 23, 2022 be approved for posting on the Club's website.

4. Business arising from previous meeting

(Refer to attached copy of Rod's message to CIMCO)

Rod explained that much of the variation in estimated cost of replacing the refrigeration plant is in ammonia vs. freon chilling systems. Ammonia systems are cheaper and generally still considered the best system for larger plants.

As regards our current plant Rod recommends we get Kim Turnbull to do a pressure check on the in-floor pipes to determine if there are any leaks in them. If they are still functioning properly Rod recommends we proceed with replacement of the headers as our 1st priority this off season.

With ice to come out starting on March 27, then Rotary book sale April 13 – 19 and student exams during the 1st three weeks of May we should try to schedule Kim to pressure check the pipes on the May 24 weekend and, if all is good, proceed with replacement of the headers as soon as he can after that.

Action item: Rod/Gary to get a quote from Kim Turnbull for replacement of the headers sometime this coming May or June.

As regards getting other quotes/estimates for replacement of the refrigeration plant Blaine has attempted to contact three other firms with no success. One of those outfits, Accent Refrigeration, apparently aren't doing large projects (which ours would be) anymore. Superior ? have not returned Blaine's calls and Blue Collar Group doesn't do projects as relatively small as ours. To date CIMCO is the only firm to respond.

Action item: Blaine will pursue at least one more estimate/quote which will be needed to apply for any government grants to assist with funding of a new refrigeration plant.

Action item: Christine will reach out to the new person at the City of White Rock who replaced Eric Stepura and invite him to our next Board meeting.

5. President's Report

Nothing new to report.

6. Manager's Report

Gary reported that the Volunteer Appreciation Reception which had initially been scheduled for yesterday (March 11) has been rescheduled to March 26 from 2:15 – 3:15 pm. Reason for the postponement was so we would have the CurlBC Volunteer of the Year awards (2, one female and one male) for presentation at the reception.

It was agreed that we will have the bar open for the reception.

Action item: Gary needs a volunteer to put out a request for contributions to a pot luck dinner for the Day of Champions.

Action item: We need a 2022 Club Champions plaque for presentation at the Day of Champions dinner.

Action item: As a project over the summer we need a volunteer(s) to go through the old trophies stored in the room behind the display case at the entry to the upper lounge and catalogue them for display, for keeping by club members or for destruction.

Gary advises we can expect a report from Optimal Ice (Ross Scott) at our next Board meeting. Gary noted the Ice Making contract for this past year was for \$40,000 plus GST. In addition we paid Norm Scott \$455 for the ice painting. It is expected Optimal Ice will want more \$ next year. It was also noted that Mike Rube might be available for an ice maker contract next season as he has left the employment position he had taken prior to this past season and is currently unemployed. Gary noted that Optimal Ice donated \$250 to the Truly Novice Bonspiel.

7. Committee Reports

a) Treasurer (Blaine)

Blaine had nothing new to report but Gary reported that the books are up to date as of December 31, 2022.

b) Leagues (Blaine)

Blaine reports that the rules about spares has again become an issue. There is currently no general rule applicable to all leagues about what position(s) spares may play with the result that there may be a real or perceived abuse of spares to improve some teams. After discussion of the issue the following **Motion** was made and seconded (Blaine/Rod):

“If a team is missing 1 or 2 of its regular members it may replace that/those missing member(s) with an eligible spare. That/those spare(s) must throw only lead or second rocks and cannot throw third or skip rocks but may call a game if one of the missing players on that team is its skip (but not otherwise). If a spare is calling a game for a missing skip that spare must still throw only lead or second rocks for that team. THIS RULE SHALL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE RULES AND PROCEDURES OF PACC AND SHALL APPLY TO ALL LEAGUES IN THE CLUB.”

MOTION CARRIED

c) Events (Christine)

Christine reported that she is working on posters for our Day of Champions and that a pot luck dinner is planned for the event. Accordingly, we will need to request contributions from our members for that dinner.

d) Capital Fundraising (Christine)

Nothing new to report.

e) Membership/Marketing (Warren/Mark)

Warren reminded the Board of the outstanding volunteer work by Lori Goulet in organizing the Junior Boot Camp which had 6 young boys signed up for the camp. All of those boys will be participating in the Totally Novice Bonspiel on March 26. We must also invite them to enroll in our Junior Program next season.

The question is “how do we get the message out for a Junior Program for next season?” Greg is the director responsible for the Junior Program and he will work with our membership committee to come up with ideas re same.

Another question/concern is how to get more girls into our Junior program. It was noted that there were none registered for the Junior Boot Camp.

One of our challenges as noted in previous Board meetings is getting signs/brochures/pamphlets promoting curling posted in Surrey schools. The school District administration is opposed to any such posting in their schools but Mark feels the committee may have established some contacts among various teachers so we can, hopefully, get around the District’s prohibition.

Blaine wondered about getting more advertising in the Peace Arch News as well as in Surrey and White Rock Parks & Leisure guides. He noted PACC gets 3 free ads in the PAN which we have been using to promote the Learn to Curl program as well as one general ad promoting curling at PACC and one ad for pickleball each spring. It was agreed by the Board that we should discontinue the

pickleball ad and instead use that space to advertise our Junior and LTC programs in advance of reopening for the fall season.

f) Facilities (Rod)

See above under #4. Business arising from previous meeting.

g) Junior & Novice (Greg)

Greg felt that the Junior Boot Camp was generally a success, despite having only 6 participants, all of whom were boys. However, we need to get the message about the Camp out earlier for next year.

Greg feels we could break even with limited numbers of participants as long as the Camp is only charged for 2 sheets of ice rental.

It was agreed that our target group should be grades 5 – 7 so they could easily move into our Junior/Novice programs.

Parent Advisory Councils might be a good group among which to target our various children and youth programs.

Another target group might be the teachers who accompany the students to PACC for their school programs.

h) Nominations (Blaine)

Nothing new to report.

i) Constitution & Bylaws (Dale)

Nothing new to report.

8. New Business

No new business.

9. Next Meeting

7:00 pm. PDT on Monday, April 17, 2023 at Peace Arch Curling Club upper lounge

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 Noon.