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## **Niagara Falls Curling Club Meeting Minutes**

**January 16, 2023**

**Note:** By email on January 15, 2023, the Board unanimously passed motions to approve Janet Trinder and Jessica Humphries to join the Board of Directors to fill the two vacant positions of Ladies section representative and Curling Affairs, respectively.

The motion to appoint Janet Trinder to the Board of Directors as the Ladies Section representative was moved by Laurie Simpson and seconded by Stephen Fish. Motion carried.

The motion to appoint Jess Humphries to the Board of Directors as the Curling Affairs representative was moved by Stephen Fish and seconded by Schelley Hiebert. Motion carried.

### **Call to Order**

A meeting of the NFCC Board was held on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Niagara Falls Curling Club. The meeting began at 5:32 pm and was chaired by Board President, Rob Walters.

### **Attendees and Regrets**

Directors in attendance included: Rob Walters, Janet Trinder, Jess Humphries, Randy Elliott, Claire Fish, Stephen Fish, Karen Williams, Spencer Maves, Jamie Brunaccioni, Laurie Simpson and Tim Williams.

Regrets: Schelley Hiebert and Jackie Lynch

### **Staff in Attendance**

Sean Ford

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Prior to starting official business, Rob Walters welcomed Janet Trinder and Jess Humphries to the Board of Directors. Janet and Jess provided some background on their involvement in curling and the Niagara Falls Curling Club.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting was made by Janet Trinder and seconded by Randy Elliott. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes**

There were motions to approve the November 21, 2022 Board meeting minutes and the December 12, 2022 Board meeting minutes.

Draft minutes for the November 21, 2022 Board meeting and the December 12, 2022 Board meeting were distributed prior to meeting.

A motion to approve the November 21, 2022 Board meeting minutes was made by Tim Williams and seconded by Claire Fish. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the December 12, 2022 Board meeting minutes was made by Karen Williams and seconded by Steve Fish. Motion carried.

### **Manager's Report:**

Sean Ford's report included the following updates:

- New carpet runners have been installed and working out well.
- Weather permitting, we will have a contractor coming to replace the missing vinyl siding pieces on the front exterior wall in the next week.
- There is an updated member contact list. Sean will examine posting it in the members' only section of the Club's website which is password protected.
- We will need to look at how we display league options for next year's online registration as the current software is set up for payment per league as opposed to our system of a full membership.
- The Valentine's Bonspiel has 21 teams signed up.
- The Learn-to-Curl Thursday night league has transitioned to games.

- GSOC update includes Ticket Igniter has finished preparing the server for ticket sales; A down payment has been made for the Pro-Am golf tournament, scheduled for August 12th at Legends.
- The Strathcona Cup will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup> with teams visiting from Scotland.
- Sean has received several compliments from members about the new chairs in the lounge.
- Tim Williams assisted Sean with burning the ice on January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The draw of 7 names to redeem debentures will occur after this meeting.

Sean also updated the Board on his discussion with the Molson representative and confirmed that the fridge was not donated by Molson.

He also provided a copy of the Club's online Google calendar for January to show the various events and rentals booked for the month.

### **Finance:**

Laurie Simpson updated the Board on her transition to the Treasurer position and that the format of her reports will be slightly modified to show a complete month. For example, tonight's report is for the month of December.

Summary of the Club's updated monthly financial statement including:

- \$135,000 cash in the Club's bank account
- \$36,500 in Bar and Pro-shop revenue
- \$17,700 in utility costs

Cash is down \$34,000 from last month's due to reconciling HST, Year end payroll and the purchase of the new chairs for the lounge.

There is approximately \$5,000 in the Murray Endicott fund which could be used for youth curler scholarships. Brian Moore is the Club member who has communicated with the Endicott family.

A question was asked about the Square fees and the Visa charges. The Square fees are related to our electronic "tap" payment system and the credit card transaction fees. The Visa charges are purchases put on the Club's Visa card which predominantly are alcohol purchases at the LCBO.

## **Other Business:**

Janet Trinder and Stephen Fish are going to explore the Club participating in Curling Day in Canada's Draw to the Button competition on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Stephen Fish asked for photos to be sent to him from the different leagues to be used in social media posts. He is also going to send around a questionnaire that can be used for social media posts to profile members.

Spencer Maves provided additional updates on preparations for the GSOC including:

- An information evening at the Club on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm to talk about the event, volunteer opportunities and how to purchase tickets. Club members Jeff Bolan and Joan Hawkes are the co-organizers.
- Volunteers will be provided a GSOC/Sportsnet jacket. There was a discussion on whether there should be a fee charged for volunteers to participate as was done at other events such as when the Scotties were held at the Meridian Centre in St. Catharines.
- The GSOC will be profiled on the Club's website along with a separate email to communicate with the volunteer coordinators, Laurie Simpson and Karen Williams.
- Spencer is looking to schedule a tour of the Gale Centre for Board members to see the venue.

Janet Trinder advised that there will be a card party on March 3<sup>rd</sup> along with a raffle to support the Club. Please let her know if you have any gift ideas for the raffle.

April 8<sup>th</sup> is the Battle of the Bridge with NFCC hosting the Buffalo Curling Club.

Jamie Brunaccioni reported that the Niagara Cup was a great success with 48 club members participating at the Welland Curling Club. We were victorious and will host the Cup next year.

Stephen Fish advised that the Niagara Youth Curling league will be ordering toques this year for participants. He can order some additional ones if we want to sell them through the pro shop.

Claire Fish reported on the recent activities in youth curling. She also raised making a \$50 donation to Niagara-on-the-Lake Palliative Care as the charity of choice for Santa who attended the holiday party.

A motion to make a \$50 donation to Niagara-on-the-Lake Palliative Care was made by Tim Williams and seconded by Janet Trinder. Motion carried.

Sean Ford advised that Jessica Zhang and Victor Pietrangelo won an Ontario Mixed Doubles Tour event yesterday.

Chelsea Brandwood and Jess Humphries will be competing in the Ontario Scotties in Port Elgin from January 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Acceptance of Reports**

A motion to accept reports was made by Tim Williams and seconded by Karen Williams. Motion carried.

### **Adjournments**

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Tim Williams and seconded by Claire Fish. Motion carried.

Meeting concluded at 6:37 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled in the Club's lounge on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Note: Following the Board meeting, 7 names were drawn from the debenture pool.