



Board Meeting Minutes
Cavendish Centre
December 17, 2024

Lethbridge Curling Club Mission/Vision

The Lethbridge Curling Club provides the best possible curling and social experience in the region.







PRESENT:

Bob Kurina, Mike Mulroy, Kirk Mearns, Elaine Miller, Dave Shannon, Amanda Mackenzie, Brittney Lopushinsky, Ryan Vaughn, Nick Nicolacopoulos

ABSENT:


Daniel Hennessey, Nic Rabl


GUESTS:


1. Call to order at 5:27PM
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Bob/Nick Approved by consensus
3. **Approval of Minutes from November 21, 2024** – Amanda/Brittney - Approved by consensus
4. **Manager's Report**
 - a. *Financials*
 -  May-November presented
 -  Lounge sales and Food sales are trending up and margins are within the acceptable range
 -  New catering events have been booked for December and January, including an event for 230 people on December 29, 2024.
 - b. *Membership*
 -  Final report for the season, membership is currently up approximately 9%
 -  Rookie league will not continue in the new year. This will be looked at in the Strategic Planning session next Spring.
 - c. *Information and discussion*
 -  The City of Lethbridge approved the redistribution of unused grant funding to give registered non-profit organizations in



Lethbridge the financial support to make a difference in the community. The Make Your Mark (MYM) grant was created. Will look into whether or not we may qualify for any additional grant money or if there is a program we could start for next season. The dealing to apply is March 31, 2025.

 So far only one team has declared their interest in registering for the Club Championships. We have until February 1 for any other teams to declare their interest. The club can register up to two Men's and two Ladies teams.

 Re-joined the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce this month. This should be useful with the Catering/Retail side of the business. Will let the board know if there are any events that they may want to attend. Also planning for a Chamber meet and greet at the club in the new year.

 Still need volunteers for the Casino, January 3 & 4th. Shifts needed include Friday Day – 2, Friday night 1, Saturday Day 2, and Saturday night 1.

 Added Spectrum Brewing Estrella Mexican Cervesa to the draft offerings. Spectrum is a local brewery.

 Cody Hall will be our USports/CCAA event ice maker. He is currently the Head Ice Maker at the Victoria Curling Club.


5. Treasurer's Report – Daniel Hennessey


- a. No report

6. Committee Reports


- a. Management Committee

 Payroll Service Quote discussion


 Currently use two 3rd party companies

 The update will allow for more flexibility

 GST legislation


 Won't affect the club


 Lounge Renovations

 There is still unused money available for decorating

 Have reached out to In Awe who can work with the Decorating Committee

 Letter regarding the ice conditions

 There have been other verbal complaints

 Kirk had already reached out to Greg Ewasko and he will be coming January 8, 2025



- 🏒 The City of Lethbridge will be contacted, as needed, if there are issues identified that fall under their purview. They are open to discussions on how to improve the ice conditions.

b. Community Liaison Committee – did not meet

- 🏒 Will discuss Curling Day in Canada

c. Governance and Policy Committee – did not meet

d. Competition Committee – did not meet

- 🏒 Kirk received a message from Curling Alberta, and the Provincial Men's/Women's event could be 2028, not 2027 as they want to alternate each year between North and South and it will be in the North in 2027

- 🏒 Kirk and Mike had a discussion with Curling Canada regarding the unsuccessful 2026 Scotties bid. The bid was strong. Lethbridge has become a more expensive location to host events compared to smaller arenas and communities. May need to look at a bid higher than the minimum bid. They will be meeting with the mayor early in the new year.

e. USport and CCAA Canadians

- 🏒 Meeting on December 18, 2024
- 🏒 Sponsorship packages have been sent out
- 🏒 Curling Alberta will deliver all of their pipe and drape

7. New Business

8. Old Business

a. *Review Strategic Plan – one outstanding item*

9. Next Meetings

- a. Board Meeting– Thursday, January 23, 2025
- b. Committees

10. Roundtable

11. Meeting Adjourned at 6:45PM



Minutes approved _____ [Date]

Mike Mulroy, President

Elaine Miller, Secretary