



Board Meeting Minutes
Cavendish Farm Centre
February 22nd, 2024

Lethbridge Curling Club Mission/Vision

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

PRESENT

Rick Buck, Kirk Mearns, Elaine Miller, Daniel Hennessey, Dave Shannon, Mike Mulroy, Ryan Vaughn, Bob Kurina, Lynne Lee

ABSENT:

Nick Nicolacopoulos, Amanda Mackenzie

1. Call to order at 5:29PM
2. We acknowledge that we are gathered on the lands of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains and pay respect to the Blackfoot people past, present, and future while recognizing and respecting their cultural heritage, beliefs, and relationship to the land. Lethbridge is also home to the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III.
3. Approval of Agenda- Approved by consensus.
4. Approval of Minutes from January 18th, 2024 - Approved by consensus.
5. **Manager's Report – Kirk Mearns**
 - a. Total income is \$70000 over when compared to last year. Total gross profit of \$46000. Total expenses are up at \$42000.
 - b. Total income is down from previous year (-\$39000) due to Casino and COVID funds not on this year's books.
 - c. Payroll is higher – half of this increase is in the lounge. This issue has been addressed with the supervisor and there will be an improvement in scheduling.
 - d. Kitchen margins are +3%; lounge margins are still down overall by 9% but we are back to over 60% monthly.
 - e. Financially Kirk feels the season is in good shape.
 - f. FYI





Shirtsleeve Bonspiel and JC Bonspiel results will be next month. All indications are that they both did very well.




Currently 15 teams are registered for the last chance bonspiel. Last year there were 24 teams. Kirk will follow up with some of last year's teams this week.



 U15 Triples are going ahead on Sunday, March 3rd. Six teams are registered.

 Nick and Kirk met with the city of Feb 13th (their request) The purpose of this meeting was to discuss our summer hours. We will also give them an updated renovation schedule.

 Curling Alberta fees are increasing by \$4 for 2024/2025. This increase is 21% over the previous year fees.

6. Treasurer's Report – Daniel Hennessey

- a. Nanette and Daniel discussed paper inventory – look at expensing this out in the future, as itemizing the paper inventory would be labour intensive.
- b. Club is in a strong position financially.


7. Committee Reports


Management Committee


- The committee met on two occasions.
- January 30th to discuss the lack of response of our grant application.
- It is becoming more evident that the news that the renovations are going ahead is circulating within the curling club membership.
- The second meeting is that we will not have any more information about whether we will get grant money until March 2024.
- Discussion around the table occurred proceeding with the renovations with club funds if the grant money does not come to fruition.
- The board had previously approved a \$125000 budget for the renovation.
- **Moved by Ryan, seconded by Dave, that the Lethbridge Curling Club Board of Directors increase the budgeted spending limit, for the renovation project, previously approved, to \$250000. APPROVED.**
- Email from Curling Canada (Danny Lamoureux) about the possibility of hosting the National University/College.
- **Moved by Daniel, seconded by Lynne, that we pursue hosting the National Canadian University/College Championships in February 2025. APPROVED.**
- November 2025 Canadian Club Championship – we have a pending bid.




- Discussion around hosting several other events in 2025 and 2026. It would be ambitious however going to the City of Lethbridge with a list of packaged events may facilitate the request for funds.
- **Moved by Daniel, seconded by Lynne, that Lethbridge Curling Club Board of Directors direct our management committee to pursue hosting Curling Alberta Men's and Women's Provincial Championships in January 2026 and the Curling Canada Scotts Tournament of Hearts in January/February 2026. APPROVED.**


 *Lease Committee – no meeting.*

 *Competitions Committee – no meeting.*

 *Community Liaison Committee –*


- Met, discussed organizing Curling Day in Canada and arranging volunteers. Several board members in attendance can assist on February 24th.

 *Governance and Policy Committee – no meeting*

 *Advanced Junior Curling Committee – no meeting*

8. New Business

- a. Sound Dampening Letter from Ed Granger

 Discussion around sound dampening occurred. The board has decided to not pursue sound dampening at the present time.

9. Old Business

10. Next Meetings

- a. Board Meeting– March 21st, 2023.
- b. Committees – TBD

11. Roundtable

12. Meeting Adjourned at 6:59PM

Minutes approved – March 21st, 2024



Nick Nicolacopoulos, President



Rick Buck, Secretary