



Board Meeting Minutes

Cavendish Farm Centre

(held at Lethbridge Country Club as the renovations at the club are occurring)

June 25, 2024

Lethbridge Curling Club Mission/Vision

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

PRESENT:

Kirk Mearns, Rick Buck, Lynne Lee, Elaine Miller, Amanda Mackenzie, Dave Shannon, Daniel Hennessey, Mike Mulroy

ABSENT:

Bob Kurina, Nick Nicolacopoulos, Ryan Vaughn.

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
 - a. added 7f). Scotties Bid Committee. Approved by consensus.
4. Approval of Minutes from May 22,2024– Approved by consensus
5. **Manager's Report**
 - a. It is expensive to be open over the summer, approximately \$16000 in June and in July.
 - b. Concession will be closed in July and in August. Will reopen in September.
 - c. Sold the old furniture for approximately \$7500.
 - d. We added electrical outlets to the upstairs on the window side (future proofing).
 - e. Otherwise, the renovation is on schedule.
 - f. Kirk suggests that we have an Open House prior to the AGM. AGM is schedules September 25th. We should consider a soft launch of the newly renovated lounge prior to that date.
 - g. Kirk met with Todd from Lethbridge College. Unfortunately, they will not be putting together a curling program at this time. Kirk will keep us informed if there are any other next steps.



- h. Kirk asked the board if we should consider bidding for the 2025 Canadian Curling Club Championship (typically held in the late fall). Discussion around the timing of this bidding, as we have also put in a bid for the Scotties in February 2026. The Board suggested that we concentrate on the Scotties bid for February 2026 and we could consider a bid for the Canadian Clubs in the period immediately afterwards.



Moved by Amanda, seconded by Dave, that we move our bid for the Canadian Club Championship from 2025 to 2026. Approved.

- i. Mattea Pittman will not be returning as the Junior Coordinator. Kirk will contact the University of Lethbridge (Casey) if they have interest in taking over the program.
- j. Camera over sheet 10 to be fixed.
- k. Kirk will be working with Dustin at Internet Solutions to update the social media feed on our website, as it is not refreshing automatically.
- l. East Arena was closed in June. West Arena will be closed for all of July

6. Treasurer's Report

- a. Daniel is working with Nanette to get information to the auditors.

7. Committee Reports

- a. *Management Committee – in camera session. GM review.*



Moved by Amanda, seconded by Daniel, that we move in camera at 5:52pm. APPROVED.



Moved by Elaine, seconded Dave, that we move out of camera. APPROVED.



Moved Lynne, seconded by Daniel, that we accept the proposal that we made in camera. Approved.



Competitions Committee – No meeting



Community Liaison Committee – no meeting



Governance and Policy Committee – updated the policy manual

- o **Moved by Daniel, seconded by Lynne, that we approve the policy manual changes as presented – APPROVED.**



Usports Committee

- o Met today to discuss initial steps – looking at sponsorship. Finalizing the committee hope by the end of July.



Scotties Bid Committee


- o Bid should be able to be submitted first week of July.


8. New Business




a. 2024/2025 Season Schedule

 Kirk gave his presentation for the 2024/2025 season schedule.


 Kirk suggested that we start one week earlier (last week of September) and go a bit longer (end first week of April) as there are several events in the club that curtail the number of games that each individual league can play. In total, the club would be open for 28 weeks for curling.


 Michael Izsak Junior Bonspiel

- a.** This bonspiel was more successful when it was an open bonspiel.
- b.** September 20, 21, and 22 is the weekend that will not conflict with Beaumont Junior event.
- c.** Discussion around making it a open/youth bonspiel (U20 and college and university)
- d.** For scheduling September 20, 21, and 22 with a “drop dead” date of August 1st.
- e.** With that date, Kirk suggests September 20th for the Open house/possible soft launch.

 Opening Bonspiel

- a.** Discussion around the date – tentatively booked for October 4-6.
 - i.** Board discussed a possible “drop dead” date if we do not have enough teams for the bonspiel.
 - ii.** Discussion around the room about the importance of this bonspiel - it is one of only two bonspiels during the season that women can participate in.

 U18 (January 1-5). Kirk suggested that for ice maintenance that the club does not host the event this year. Agreed that we would not host this event. Competitions committee will keep this event on their radar for future events.

 Rookie League – discussion around the date and time of the league. Sunday could be a better day for Rookie League, will need to recruit more instructors. Suggestion would be that we try on Sunday. Kirk will let us know if he can get instructors for Sunday.



2024/2025 Season Rates



The general manager gave his presentation to the board and made some of the following suggestions for the board to consider:

- a. That we increase our membership fee to \$53, that with the increase in the Curling Alberta Fees, would give us a total membership fee of \$70.
- b. The board discussed at length an approx. 4% increase in the curling fees for this year. This increase would include the Curling Alberta Fees, as well as the slight curling club fee increase.
- c. With the increase, there would be an approximate 3% increase if you play in a second league.
- d. Analysis in the room is that the increase is under 5% for most players (members and non-members alike).
- e. We have not increased since 2019. Rates were held because of the effects of COVID.
- f. Last year we made the decision to hold the rates one last time.
- g. Last year we had a profit of \$25000. That was \$85000 from food and beverage profit, therefore we are technically losing money on the operations “cold” side.



Moved by Lynne, seconded by Amanda, that we approve the 2024/2025 seasons rates as presented. APPROVED

9. Old Business

- a. Review Strategic Plan



Tabled to July meeting

10. Next Meetings

- a. Board Meeting– July 24th, 2024 at 1700 – venue TBA.
- b. Committees




TBD



Community Liaison to consider assisting with the open house on September 20th.



 Mike suggested that any remaining work that the committees need to get done from the 2023/2024 be completed before the AGM.

11. Roundtable

12. Meeting Adjourned at 8:39PM

Minutes approved July 24 2024



Nick Nicolacopoulos, President



Rick Buck, Secretary