



Board Meeting Minutes
Cavendish Farm Centre
August 23rd, 2023

Lethbridge Curling Club Mission/Vision







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

PRESENT:


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

ABSENT:


Lee Loveridge


1. Call to order at 5:39PM
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 – Amanda/Lynne – approved by consensus.
 - a. Kirk asked to add to Old Business
 -  9a. Board Nominations
 -  9b Dan Coyle Award
4. Approval of Minutes from July 19th, 2023 – Lynne/Mike - Approved by consensus.
5. **Manager's Report – Kirk Mearns**
 - a. Financials
 -  are what we expect for this time in the season.
 -  Membership is somewhat behind from this time last year, Kirk has sent out some reminder emails.
 -  Six people have signed up so far for learn to curl, and the radio and social media blitz to start next week.
 -  Proshop order has been placed for the season. Most brands have been cutting back on variety.




 Curling equipment market is becoming difficult with most companies offering a narrow brand of price point and options. Difficulty finding a decent shoe for anything less than \$160. Good quality shoes start at around \$200.


b. Food and Beverage

 New chef hired, to start August 28th, 2023.


 Still looking at hiring a front of house supervisor.


 Scheduled opening of the concession is September 5th, 2023, with weekend service starting either the second or third weekend of September.

 In joining a buying group, Kirk received a Restaurant Operations Survey.


 Kirk stated that over the next 12 months foodservice owners are projecting to increase their menu prices by an average of 5.9%.


c. FYI


 Currently only 4 boys and 5 girls teams registered for the Michael Izsak.

 After September 5th the office will be opening with regular hours again.

 We will be extending preseason practice ice hours the week of September 18th 7:00pm.

 Discussion around Mike Izsak (U20) returning it back to the previous format (no points, look at cash prizes, and making it a fun event again). May look at a format change in the future. i.e. do we do a junior cashspiel?

 Curling AB has asked us to do the Adult Mixed Doubles Provincials over Christmas (this would be a qualifying event for the Olympics). We are going to keep the U21 Mixed Doubles and the Provincial Mixed Doubles.

 **Moved by Dave, seconded by Lynne, that Lethbridge Curling Club host the Provincial Mixed Doubles during Christmas Break. Approved.**

 Of note, we will also be hosting the U21 Mixed Doubles at the end of April.

d. City of Lethbridge



regarding the naming of certain city facilities. Kirk will follow up with the city when more information available.

6. Treasurer's Report – Daniel Hennessey

- a. No report. Daniel will follow up with the auditors.

7. Committee Reports



Management Committee

- No report



Lease Committee

- No report



Competitions Committee

- Kirk will look for a chair for the Provincial Mixed Doubles to be held over the December break.



Community Liaison Committee

- Met briefly after the last meeting. Awaiting a response from Lethbridge Family Services. No parade float this year.



Governance and Policy Committee

- *Met on August 1st, 2023. All the terms of reference for the standing committees are up to date at present. There are a few policies that the subcommittee may suggest deleting from the manual. Safe certification process to commence once the new board is struck after the September AGM.*



Advanced Junior Curling Committee



Bid Committee

- No report.



Lounge Project Committee

- Met with Tracey again. Female locker room renovation was approved at the subcommittee level.
- **Moved by Lynne, seconded by Mike, seconded by that we accept the In Awe Interiors to do the women's renovations as presented to the board. Approved.**
- Met with Tracey again and went over the layout of the lounge. Round tables will have enough for your full team and if needed, the opponent team, to sit and visit.
- No change to the bar area from the previous schematic.
- One row of theatre seating.
- Board room furniture will be changed so that a classroom can be set up.




- **Moved by Amanda, seconded Daniel, that we approve the spending of up to \$125000 for Lethbridge Curling Club Capital Improvement Project. APPROVED.**

8. New Business

- a. Board Leadership Lethbridge October 14th, 2023. Elaine will distribute more information to the board and those who could attend can register.

9. Old Business

- a. Board Nominations


 Lee Loveridge has submitted his resignation from the board. With that resignation, there will be two positions open at the AGM. The board thanks Lee for his service.

 Board members suggested to look for suitable candidates for the two vacancies.

 Dale Coyle Award

 Kirk Mearns suggested that Rick Robinson be nominated for the award.

 **MOVED by Nick, seconded by Mike, that Rick Robinson be nominated for the Dale Coyle Award. APPROVED.**

 Lifetime Membership

 **Moved by Mike, seconded by Rick, that we nominated Gloria Moore for Lifetime Member. APPROVED.**

10. Next Meetings

- a. Board Meeting– Wednesday, September 20th, at 5:30pm
- b. Committees – TBD



11. Roundtable

12. Meeting Adjourned at 6:57PM by Dave.



13. Moved by Mike, seconded by Amanda, that we approve the amended meeting minutes. APPROVED.

Minutes approved September 5th, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elaine Miller".

Elaine Miller, President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Buck".

Rick Buck, Secretary