

MINUTES OF THE GARRISON CURLING CLUB EXECUTIVE MEETING
HELD AT THE GGCC AT 1700 HOURS ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2016

Present:

Chairperson: Wayne Williams, President
Sue Faris, Secretary
Margaret Williams, Junior Coordinator, OCA rep
Ron Kramer, Senior League Coordinator
Malcolm Edwards, Open League Coordinator
Carole Beaudin-Hayes, Ladies League Coordinator
Andre Lemieux, Mixed League Coordinator
Lisa Freeman, Mixed League Coordinator
James Breen, Office Manager
Pat Beauchamp, Vice President
Bill McCormick, Special Olympics
Frank Cleyson, PSP Manager

Absent: Anna Paziuk, Ladies League Coordinator
John Stuckart, Men's League Coordinator
James Breen, Office Manager

1. President's Opening Remarks – Wayne welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Minutes: The previous minutes were reviewed and accepted. It was asked if the City Championships will be held this year. None of the other clubs were interested in participating. There will be a Continental Cup spiel for all 5 clubs.
3. Budget: Frank gave an update on the budget. Although we broke even at the end of last year, we were reimbursed \$4000.00 because the curling club was being billed for utilities during the summer months. This gives us a cushion. The plan is to start a reserve fund if possible.
4. Membership: There are 84 members signed up so far. Last year we had 162 members. The fees were increased by 5%, as all costs, including wages, are increasing. If the fees are increased incrementally, it is easier for members to handle.

5. League reports:

Ladies- The expectation is to have 8 teams again this year. There will be a meeting before the season starts to decide if the format will change to 4 weeks of playoffs. It was questioned whether the club would be open for Ladies curling on Monday Jan 2/17, but this is a statutory holiday. Perhaps it will be possible to open the club for curling with volunteers. Wayne to look into.

Men's – Nothing to report.

Open league – Nothing to report.

Seniors – Last year the Seniors had 33 members who curled Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Monday and Thursday were the most well attended days, with usually 3 rinks going. This year Matt is going to do a major ice maintenance on Monday mornings, so no curling will be possible on Monday mornings. This takes the Seniors down to 2 days per week. It was agreed that in order to improve the ice this year and attract new curlers, the maintenance must be done, but the Seniors have been signing up for this season not realizing that Monday is not an option. Ron felt that we might lose Senior curlers. If there is sufficient interest, perhaps Friday morning might be added to the Tues/Thursday mornings. Wayne will do an email blast and post something on the website to update members with the change.

Juniors –Margaret reported that Junior curling will start Oct 16. Many of the senior Juniors are not returning, so it will be a development year. An email blast will be sent to last years juniors, with a “Bring a friend” Sunday afternoon to be held. Garrison will host the Gore Mutual Schoolboys Zone 4 school boys/girls Dec 16-18 (only anticipate one day will be required).

Mixed – No changes are expected this year.

Special Olympics – Bill reported that there are 5 new curlers already this year. Training for the Tankard will be on Tues/Thurs, and if the club has rentals, the Sunday curling can be cancelled at short notice if necessary. A New banner will be going up to celebrate last springs victory in Newfoundland. There will be Family curling days ay Christmas and in the spring, and a fundraiser spiel as well.

6. OCA rep: Margaret reported that she will be attending the OCA regional meeting in Carleton Place on Sept 25. There are 3 posters up on the Website for different competitions. The broom controversy was discussed, and the ruling of the World Curling Federation was explained. Brooms must be made from the same fabric, heads can't be changed during competition, brooms can't be changed between curlers, and you can seep in any direction you like, but you can't put debris in front of the rock. It is anticipated that Curl Canada and Ontario Curling Association will issue their own directives based on the WCF ruling, but as this was made for competitive not club curling, no immediate changes are expected at the club level.
7. GKC: Malcolm reported they had their first meeting. They are going to hold a spiel at each of the 3 smaller clubs, with the first one to be held in Napanee on Oct 29, with a Halloween theme. This is an Open spiel, with each club sending 3 teams and the host 4. The Continental Cup will rotate between the 2 big clubs. There is a new Junior coordinator, Janet Fowlow. There will be 3 public outreach events, Febfest, K-Roc and Family day (to be held at various clubs). The website will be updated. Margaret asked if the Juniors will get \$1500.00 this year as well? Malcolm to find out. It was also suggested that the GKC should partner with the Ottawa Valley Curling Association, who hold many workshops.

8. Old Business: Nothing to report

9. New Business:

Lisa volunteered to be the Rules Chair

The club will send 2 volunteers to an OVCA “Train the trainer” course for hosting new curler clinics. The clinics this year will be for new curlers only, so they aren't intimidated by the more experienced curlers. It was suggested a “Learn to curl” 6 week league might be helpful as well. There should be ice available at another time for experienced curlers to practice before the season begins.

Bill reported on the ice maintenance progress. Sept 20 the lines and logos will be painted on, and ice should be ready for Oct 4 clinics. Carole asked if we could paint red and yellow boxes to put the rocks in when not in play. Bill is going to set up a training session for ice volunteers on Oct 15. Matt will run the course. In the afternoon he will teach a select few how to run the Ice King, which is tricky. Matt will be the full time ice maker, and will start at 10:00 so he can prep the ice before the early draws. The volunteers will do the ice between draws. Andy will be the part time ice maker.

The website was redone in the spring. Please submit ideas for content.

Pat discussed pub renovations. He has spoken to the Base Commander, and there is a 2 – 5 year plan. The roof and windows will be replaced, so it is an opportunity to repaint, decorate etc. Zach Reid will represent the golf, and Pat the curling sides. Ideas are welcome.

Frank noted that the fryer will be put behind the bar, so hot snacks will be available. Sean has taken over Harvest Catering from Charlie and will be there for bonspiels if requested. There is a new beer sponsor for the bar which will benefit the curling club.

Frank asked if the 24 hour curling challenge in support of Soldier On will be run this year. Wayne to investigate.

Pat will look into a Swing and Sweep once curling starts- depends on weather and numbers.

Wayne discussed a head strike policy. Because there are no certified curling helmets, you can't force people to wear them, but juniors and seniors should wear them. OCA policy recommends that if someone falls and hits their head on the ice, they are removed from the ice and an ambulance called. Rentals can be an issue. Frank is to check and see what the club's liability is for rentals- is a waiver necessary, or is it in the rental agreement already?

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1856 hours.

Recommended / Not Recommended

Wayne Williams

President Garrison Curling Club

Recommended / Not Recommended:

James Breen
CIV
GG&CC Office Manager

Recommended / Not Recommended:

F. Cleysen
CIV
PSP Manager

Approved / Not Approved

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