

The Fergus Curling Club
Minutes of 182nd Annual General Meeting

April 6, 2017

Chair: Les Hunter, President

Secretary: Lynda Waterhouse

The 182nd annual meeting of the Fergus Curling Club was held in the clubroom with 103 members present.

President, Les Hunter called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was observed to honor the memory of deceased members.

1. Minutes of the 181st Annual Meeting: Motion to accept minutes as distributed: Rick Marshall.
Second: Betty Aprile. Carried.
2. Financial Report: Graham Parsons - The financial statement was presented as a "draft" with final report to be made available shortly. The final report will also be reviewed by George Loney and Gary Waterhouse and distributed at that time. A motion to accept the report, Marilyn Curry. Second: Philip Chester. Carried.
3. Appoint Financial Reviewers for the 2017-2018 Season: Gary Waterhouse and George Loney agreed to stand. Motion to accept: Betty Aprile. Second: Marilyn Curry. Carried.
4. Committee Reports: Directors presented their reports and provided copies to the Secretary. A brief summary of those reports follows:

Property/Ice - Murray Gold - Murray was not present so no report was received.

Property/Maintenance – Brian Gibbon - Other than the install of the garage door beside Ice 4 this past year has been one of maintaining the building in a status quo situation. Minor repairs have been made. Over the summer renovations to the ladies locker room will take place to remove carpet and mold, due to flooding of the area. The carpet will be replaced by ceramic tile and work done will be by volunteers to keep costs down. Looking for volunteers to complete this project. A request for heat in the washroom will also be looked at.

Games – Greg Moulton – Greg thanked the convenors who ran all the leagues in the club this past year.

Membership – Krista Pedersen – 226 Adult curlers; 32 Jrs. & Little Rocks = 258 Members.

Ratio: 53% male/47% female. 50% under aged 60; 50% over.

Kitchen – Dorothy Curran – Thank you to all those who convened events requiring the use of the kitchen.

Bar – Les Hunter – Not too many issues regarding the bar this year. A variety of beverages were added and the draught beer remains very popular. A review of the bar will be conducted over the summer to ensure that we maintain reasonable pricing and ensure both quality and variety.

Sponsorships – Craig Steen – A successful year. Membership is reminded to let the sponsors know that we see their ads which appear in our ice and walls of the ice surface area. Thank them for their support.

Bonspiels – Avon Giddings – Overall a successful year for bonspiels. Many thanks to all the convenors who worked so hard on ensuring a great event. We are looking for someone to convene the Sweetheart Bonspiel in February.

Rentals – Bonnie Talbot – A busy year between club bonspiels, private bonspiels and rentals. There are a few bookings for the summer months. If you know of anyone looking to rent a space, please suggest the Fergus Curling Club.

Little Rocks/Elementary School Curling – Lynda Waterhouse 18 Little rockers this past season. Terrific group of kids and very supportive parents. Many thanks to Neil Miller, the Bantam Girls, and members who assisted them on the ice every Sunday afternoon. School curling, thanks to Paul Rombeek and his many volunteers proved to be a success once again.

Pro Shop - Gary Waterhouse – Gross sales were terrific. Looking forward to his annual Open House Sale to lower the inventory and introduce new products from Goldline and Balance Plus. Many thanks to the league convenors who made sales when he could not be in the club. He will continue to offer the membership the best prices for the best equipment.

Curling 101 – Chris Taylor – 30 participants at the start of the program. 19 of those became club members. The progress they made over the 5 week period was amazing. Many thanks to all the volunteers who assisted me with the Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening sessions. You are valuable to the success of the program. Special thanks to Rachel Luther who supplied all the 101's with grippers for the program. The opening bonspiel for new curlers saw 11 of the participants paired up with experience curlers for a fun day.

OCA report - Shannon Curran – Travelers, Niagara Falls C.C.; Best Western Women's Challenge, Prince Edward C.C., Stirling C.C.; were a few of the tournaments Fergus C.C. participated in. Juniors, Team Teaghan Laitar, did us proud as well at the Norwich District C.C. under 18 Qualifier. Team Madden played in the Acton C.C. for the U18. Curtis Green, Mitchell Green, Stephen Farrelly and Lucas Miller represented FCC at the OCA's new, U15 challenge.

Our young people also did us proud as they represented their respective High Schools in CWOSSA play going onto the OFSAA in North Bay. Teaghan Laitar and Kaylie Bratton, represented Centre Wellington District High School and Hanna and Kayla Gordon from the Fergus Club represented GCVI in their regionals as well. The boys team of Owen Bratton and Curtis Green represented Fergus and won the District 10-B side with great results.

Volunteer Hours – Dora Hook – Reported “logged hours” from 167 members were 3,631. Members are asked to ensure they report their volunteer hours to Dora so that it can be up to date.

5. Nominations for Board Positions: Craig Steen - Motion to accept the nominations for:

Bonnie Talbot, Philip Chester and Kyle Powell. Second: Betty Aprile. Carried.

No further nominations were put forth.

6. Nominations for OCA Representatives: Motion to retain Les Hunter and Shannon Curran as our OCA representatives for 2017-2018 was made by Krista Pedersen. Second: Rick Marshall. Carried.

7. Club Chaplain - Les Hunter made the motion to appoint Janet Tolton as club chaplain for the 2017-2018 season. Janet accepted the nomination. Second: Marilyn Curry. Carried.

8. New Business: Questions from the floor regarding the issue of the ice and its conditions. What plans have been made, by the board to address the problem. In the absence of Murray Gold, Les Hunter took the questions and made a brief report on plans for improvements, building issues etc. which would be taking place over the summer months.

9. Adjournment: Motioned by Rick Marshall, Second: Betty Aprile.

A brief meeting of the new board members took place following the meeting.