

**Fergus Curling Club
Board of Directors Meeting
August 25, 2019**

Chair: Bonnie Talbot

Note Taker: Mark Cripps

Attendance: Avon Giddings, Steve Graham, Carl Gray, Bob Hook, Calum McGeachie, Kiril Rashev, Bonnie Talbot,

Regrets: Deb Wilson, Brian Gibbon

Absent: Deb Burt

Meeting was called to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Agenda reviewed and accepted

June 23, 2019 Minutes were approved and accepted.

Treasurer's Report (Steve):

Steve verbally gave an overview of the budget and will be forwarding a budget document to the board in the next few days for review.

Ladies Change Room (Bonnie/Avon):

Costs of repairs to outside wall will have to be shouldered by FCC. A hand-dug trench will be required with new a weeping tile and a sealant applied to the exposed wall. A short-term fix will be to repaint the interior wall where the water damage is visible.

Andy's Letter of Employment (Bonnie/Mark):

The conditions of Andy's employment were reviewed for the upcoming season. The primary point of discussion was Andy's request for full playing privileges without paying for a membership that had been recently approved by the sub-committee that drafted his letter of employment.

Carpet Update (Mark):

The carpet at the glass end of the ice was inspected to determine if it requires replacement. The carpet had been previously glued down but was lifted to allow inspection of the brine piping

located in the subfloor. It was agreed that an installation professional should provide an option as to whether it could be adequately re-laid or if new broadloom is needed.

Gap under Sheet 4 (Mark):

There is 3" gap between the sheets of insulation and the bottom of the concrete at the glass end of sheet 4. The gap is about 4-5' wide and gradually diminishes to where it ends at its furthest point about 16' from the start. A spray foam contractor inspected the issue. They were very reluctant to take on the job as they would be unable to completely fill the space and would leave an air pocket at the far end. Adding concrete to the gap would create cooling issues with the ice. The issue was deferred to consider other options.

Lions Home Show/Fish Fry (Bonnie):

The club has been invited again to host the fish fry at this event and receive a gratis booth (\$500 value) for the Home Show. The Lions have agreed to guarantee us a minimum profit of \$1000 and as the event has the potential to raise about \$1200 in revenue, it was decided to accept the invite again this year.

Point of Service system for the bar (Bonnie):

Discussion was deferred on this system until an update was received from Debra Burt.

Open House (Bonnie):

Dates for the Open House/Registration are Thursday Sept 19 (7 – 9 pm) and Saturday Sept 21 (1 – 4 pm). Carl will be coordinating snacks for the event.

Try-it Nights (Bonnie):

Dates for this event are October 8 and 9 (7 – 9 pm). Member Warm-Up nights are October 10 and 11 (7 – 9 pm). League play commences on October 15.

Sponsorship Programs/Marketing ideas (Calum):

A number of initiatives are being pursued to encourage greater sponsorship for the club. This include letters sent to post sponsors with pre-prepared invoices being hand delivered as well, website banners for rock sponsors, small sponsor plates around bonspiel score board to be repositioned, Chamber of Commerce info screens to display club info, advertisements on the Grand, lawn signs, Wellington Advertiser ads for the open house and try-it nights, BIA and Sportsplex info signs and a greater presence on social media. Dixon's Home Hardware will be approached to have them re-involved as a sponsor for the upcoming spiel.

New Business (Bonnie):

A games convener is needed to fill a vacancy on the board in addition to a Thursday night convener. A membership email blast will be sent out for volunteers.

Next meeting: Sunday September 15 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 pm

