

Fergus Curling Club
Board of Directors Meeting
November 11, 2020

Chair: Calum McGeachie

Secretary: Deb Wilson

Attendance: Richard Booy, John Ferguson, Brian Gibbon, Steve Graham, Bob Grant, Bob Hook, Calum McGeachie, Neil Miller, Bonnie Talbot, Chris Taylor, Deb Wilson

Regrets: David Aoki, Dale Beirnes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from November 4, 2020 were accepted and carried.

Financial Report (Steve): An updated budget was presented. Accepted and carried. Consideration was given to the lower cost of ice making that was offered but it is still not viable to open. OCA was contacted for a response on Loan Deferral but deferrals are not being granted. Attempt to reach OCA regarding loan for dehumidifier payment deferral is ongoing. ACTION: John will respond to Ice Maker Andy with regard to his offer of cost reduction for services for this year. The offer is appreciated but it is not financially viable to open this year.

Next Steps for Closure:

Insurance: (Steve) Inspections will need to continue for Insurance purposes. Logs are to continue with regard to sanitation. ACTION: Steve and Brian will measure the rooms in the club.

Bar: The bar stock needs to be depleted of product with limited shelf life. ACTION: Calum to advise Dale.

Furnace Maintenance: ACTION: Brian will make the contact for service.

FOB Returns: ACTION: Deb will gather all FOB's from members not on the Board.

Bar System: ACTION: Calum will purchase a system for money collection at the bar.

Refunds to Registered Members: Develop a process to return funds to members who have paid. Chris recommended 1) refund of \$300.00 2) donation – all or part of the \$300.00 3) credit \$300.00 toward next year's fee. New members will receive a full refund with a note to donate if they wish. This process was agreed upon. ACTION: Chris, Bonnie and Steve will work on the refunds.

Trophy Name Plates for the 2019/2020 Season: ACTION: Neil will contact Wilkins with the list of recipients. ACTION: Bonnie will forward the list of names to Neil.

In Ice Decals: ACTION: Neil will collect the decals and offer them to the winning skips.

The Board of Directors will continue to meet on a regular basis to discuss the Club going forward.

Strategic Plan Committee: A new committee will begin meeting immediately to develop a plan going forward to achieve strategic goals for the FCC. This committee will consist of Calum, Richard, John, Bob G., Chris and Neil. ACTION: Members will bring ideas to the first meeting. A draft plan will be shared at the next Board meeting.

Hydro Billing: Richard contacted Hydro and there was an error detected. The club was charged using Global billing whereas Time of Use billing is more cost effective. A refund will be issued.

Fergus BIA Lighting Request: BIA is asking if they could use our hydro to install lights at the St. Patrick St. entrance for the Christmas season.

ACTION: Brian will investigate whether we have outside hydro access and advise Calum.

ACTION: Calum will contact BIA with the answer. If there is outside access, the BIA will be allowed to install lights for the holiday season if they are using LED energy saving lights.

Hack & Back:

ACTION: Calum will generate a notice for the Hack & Back on the Club's closure. Noting that one third of last year's members registered and the Director's reached out to the public and neighbouring clubs for members.

New Business:

General maintenance such as painting, cleaning the pipes in the rafters, etc. will take place during the season. ACTION: Calum will inform members of the upcoming jobs, new committees, etc. in search of volunteers.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.