

FERGUS CURLING CLUB

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING, 4th November 2018

- Called to order:** 7:01 PM.
- In Attendance:** Avon Giddings (Chair), Bonnie Talbot (Vice), Steve Graham (Treasurer), Greg Moulton, Marks Cripps, Carl Gray, Krista Pederson, Bob Hook, Kevin Curran, Gloria Bancroft.
- Regrets:** Phil Chester, Debra Burt
- Approval of Agenda:** Duly Moved and seconded to approve the Agenda. Carried
- Approval of Minutes:** Duly moved and seconded to approve the Minutes. Carried
- Treasurer's Report:** See attached treasurer's "notes" submitted by Steve Graham which is self-explanatory. Funds available \$72,786.69.

Invoice for doors has been paid. $\$6,826.00 + 887.38 \text{ HST} = \$7,713.38$, plus painting \$978.02

Invoice for new heaters has been paid. $\$4,854.00 + \text{HST} = \$5,485.02$

Invoice for lights has not been received. Plan to pay these expenses out of current season cash flow. Will leave the capital fund intact.

Have received \$4,221.26 in capital fees YTD. I recommend we transfer \$4,200 into our capital investment at TD Canada Trust.

To date, 112 members have paid via Pay Pal. A balance of \$32,538.64 has been transferred to the account as of November 2nd. This represents the net amount after Pay Pal fees. Funds available to the club are \$28,882.78 after HST extracted. Pay Pal fees to date are \$1,025.17.

Have received one bonspiel registration via Pay Pal and two via e-transfer to date. Expect more as people realize it is available.

Advertising: Invoiced \$12,400, Received \$7,200.

Duly moved and second to approve the Treasurers Report. Carried

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

We are participating in the Christmas Parade Dec 1. Little Rocks taking part. Lynda Waterhouse is coordinating

It was agreed that we would continue our association with the Chamber of Commerce for 2019 but would review

The Fergus Pipe Band may use our facilities to take part in a world-wide remembrance of the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1.

It was agreed that we would fund the Xmas decorations to a maximum of \$150.

Some discussion of allowing Andy Maine to participate in the Ontario Championships as a volunteer on the Ice making crew for experience and development in Elmira. Ice Director to confirm that Andy is interested and can spare the time.

ELECTRONIC BUSINESS

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Volunteering.

1. Over 900 volunteer hours recorded to the end of October. The hours recorded to this point last year were 663. Total hours recorded for all last season was 5663.
2. 137 people have identified their preferred volunteering roles on the registration form. I have sorted through information to be able to better target for specific volunteer requirements if needed.
3. The volunteering sign-up binder is in full swing. I have been coordinating needs with conveners prior to posting. The volunteer sign-up has been going well. The early events have been filled without need for any push to fill holes yet.

It was decided not to put the league/volunteer list behind the bar but that a volunteer sheet would be there for bonspiels and other special events. President to communicate this this month.

Membership

2018/19 Numbers (as of Nov. 4th)

| Men | Women | Social | Junior Adults | Juniors | Little Rocks | Total |
|-----------|---------|--------|---------------|---------|--------------|-----------|
| 112 (118) | 70 (82) | 3 | 2 (2) | 2 (4) | 16 (27) | 205 (236) |

Year over Year Comparison

| Year | Men | Women | Total |
|---------|-----|-------|--------------------------------|
| 2018/19 | 118 | 82 | 200 (includes January numbers) |
| 2017/18 | 103 | 73 | 176 |
| 2016/17 | 109 | 98 | 207 |

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| 2015/16 | 120 | 105 | 225 |
| 2014/15 | 129 | 88 | 217 |
| 2013/14 | 137 | 107 | 244 |

Bonspiels

- No current issues have been identified from any convener to date.
- FCC bonspiel poster was completed (thanks to Cheryl Marsland) and forwarded via email to eight local clubs for their information.
- At least half of the conveners have posters up and are marketing their events.
- Thanks to George Loney and Steve Graham, the online registration/payment and e-transfer options are now available for the conveners to utilize.
- A convener is still needed for the Giddy's bonspiel on Feb 13, 2019. Both senior men's leagues have been appealed to but no volunteers have stepped forward. I am seeking board input at this point as to who might be a suitable candidate to personally approach or whether it is advantageous to put out a mass email to our members. If no one is willing to take this event on in the next month, perhaps the bonspiel is put on hold for this season.

Ice

Ice Tech Training - Jim Carter and Barry March have been registered for this program. Barry in London on Nov. 2/2 and Jim in Wiaraton, Nov. 10/11. Our agreement is that the Club pays for the course and hotel but they are responsible for travel and meals.

Space Heaters - New heaters have been installed and after some delays due to thermostat problems seem to be working properly. Overall temperatures seem more moderate now.

Handles - We have had several rock handles break this season. Not totally sure what has caused this. Each handle was removed over the summer and reinstalled and seems to be the most likely element. At issue, beyond the basic cost of replacing the handles is the customized printing on each handle. FCC started selling handle 'rights in 2013 selling the printing and handle for \$100. Some profit was made initially because they were purchased in bulk, Last handle sold was in 2017 and we were charged over \$120 for it! Some options will be presented at our meeting.

Problem with handles breaking. The question was asked if something was put under the handles? Number of reasons, plastic maybe overstressed, excessive summer heat, handles not backed off, old handles, plastic brittle with age.

Another handle broke today (4th Nov) during Little Rocks.

It was suggested that a Memorial Wall be created using retired handles. Talk to people who have names on handles because of the cost of replacing them.

Ice Committee to be asked for specific recommendations

Leagues. No Issues. 1 team has been added for Mondays. No byes needed for Monday night's now.

- Kitchen** See Report. All good. There are rumours re Ministry of Health regulations. Carl will have a look at the on-line course to see how it goes. President to include Kitchen Chat in Monthly communication.
- Bar** Complaints regarding no food behind bar, i.e. chips etc. They are due to be delivered this week. Complaints re ice being stored in all freezers. Ice machine is on back order.
- House/Maintenance.** Lots of compliments about the new door/lights/ice. Working on getting the far-end cameras re-installed.
- Having trouble getting Fobs. Kevin will provide the current list of FOBS for review.

NEW BUSINESS

New directors to be appointed. We need 3 people to take on 4 roles. Avon and Bonnie will meet to figure out a plan.

Remind members of the process for nominating club members for Honorary Membership. To be included in Monthly communication.

Fundraising request- use policy that was put in place last year by Board. Avon will send out email with policy.

Curl-On Membership Cards – Poster and cards will be left in the Club for members to take/use at their own discretion.

Thank you notes – Treasurer has taken on the task of sending out a “Thank You” note after receiving a donation of \$25.

Date of Next Meeting: December 2nd, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.