

FERGUS CURLING CLUB

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

- Called to order:** 7:01 PM.
- In Attendance:** Avon Giddings (Chair), Steve Graham (Treasurer), Greg Moulton, Bonnie Talbot, Marks Cripps, Carl Gray, Phil Chester, Krista Pederson, Debra Burt, Bob Hook, Gloria Bancroft.
- Regrets:** Kevin Curran, Phil Chester, Krista Pederson.
- Approval of Agenda:** Motion Carried. All in Favour.
- Approval of Minutes:** Motion Carried. All in Favour.

Treasurer's Report: See attached treasurer's "notes" submitted by Steve Graham which is self explanatory.

YTD Financial Report distributed.

It was noted that the cable had been left on for a late rental and was not cancelled. Waiting for one more payment from Tru-Sport next year. Steve included a sheet showing Cost Comparisons on two different debit machines. Also see notes from Bar Report. It was decided that we would not go forward with a debit machine until we had a final recommendation on a Point of Sale system for the Bar.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Motion Carried. All in Favour.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Gary Waterhouse had been asked to supply F.C.C. pins to be taken to Scotland. We have 44 now. It was decided to sell 35 at a cost of \$6 each. The Rotary Club pays for them.

Linda Waterhouse has sent letters to schools in the area re curling on Fridays. Only one school had not replied.

Avon attended the on-line O.C.A. Symposium and had some take-aways he felt were interesting. OCA will provide grant writing support if we need it.

- It was stated that buildings have to be accessible by 2022. There was some dispute about dates and the need. Will clarify for a later meeting. To install an elevator would cost approx. \$1000/year in insurance.
- V.Q.M. are offering us a "free" buying card" (similar) to Costco. We would receive rebates etc every month depending on what we purchase, No Fee, No Cost.
- Try to retain members by doing something for 2 and 3 year members. Clinics for Skips; treat club like bowling alleys-"come and try".

- Some clubs offer free curling for a year to their “Volunteer of the Year.”

Ice Heaters – We had 5 quotes to replace our space heaters in the ice area. They each had cracked heat exchangers. After some debate it was decided to go with Precision Air Solutions. The gentleman, when he was here, smelled gas, found source, fixed leak at the stove connection (at no charge to the Club). We do have to buy 4 sheets of plywood to protect the ice during removal and installation. Motion Carried. All in favour.

ELECTRONIC BUSINESS

Nothing to report

CORRESPONDENCE

Plant Sale – Linda Waterhouse will arrange this.

TRY CURLING

All good. Have around 6 people to volunteer. Thurs/Friday open for members but no snacks.

COMMUNITY SPIEL

See Report. Greg brought Flyer and handed out.

DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

- Adv./Sponsorship.** Phil reported on all ad sales. Total revenue for the year to date is \$12,400. Phil will work with Steve to arrange for invoicing.
- Rentals/Membership.** See Report which is self explanatory. We have had 25 new members for a total of 205 More Little Rocks will be forthcoming.
- Volunteering.** See Report. Sign-up book –work in progress. FCC ran the bar for the Elora Ball Tournament – volunteers were hard to get. Some discussion on whether it was worth our while to burn up volunteer hours for little return. Will review for next year.
- Bonspiels.** We had discussed opening up on-line registration for Bonspiels. We need to ask George Loney to turn it on. We can manage E-transfers to treasurer, Pay-Pal etc. Still looking for a convenor for the Giddy Bonspiel.
- Leagues.** See Report. Wednesday down to 4.5 teams. 2017 we had 6 teams. It was mentioned that it could possibly be age related and more members are moving to daytime curling rather than evening.
- Kitchen** See Report. Carl is trying to get feedback from the Health Unit but, so far, not having much success. Will keep trying. There are a number of volunteers interested. Date of course was originally planned for 20th October, but not confirmed yet.
- Bar** A detailed report was forwarded to each member. A discussion took place re increasing bar prices (included in report). Discontinuing various beverages. Only

having 3 ciders. Coolers reduce to 3, takes up too much storage space. All will be in place for start up.

House/Maintenance. 3 new doors installed, Problem with alarm system. Cannot lock front door from inside. All above is in hand and will be corrected.

Wall signs are coming soon. Not sure how we are going to hang them, i.e. tracking to use. 4 or 5 signs will be installed on the score board end.

Ice See Report. It was decided to train 2 more Ice Techs to help out when either Andy or Ken are away. The Club will cover the cost of their training. Both candidates will be notified. Motion Carried. All in favour.

KEY DATES & ACTIONS Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

It was mentioned that our meetings normally take between 2-3 hours each month. Was there a way to decrease the time? It was suggested that as we already receive all the reports prior to our meetings, we read them, mark down any questions arising from the reports and discuss those questions at the meeting and not go over the reports again. Will try to incorporate for our next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: November 4th, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourned 9:25 pm.