



Minutes of the

General Members Meeting

Held on Saturday April 6th, 2019

Present: Directors – 7
Members and guests – 82

1. **Call to order and opening remarks** – President Brian Brose called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. His opening remarks included the following:
 - a) **Welcome.** Thank you for showing your support and interest by attending. This is a tremendous turnout this year.
 - b) **Volunteers.** Many volunteers have again stepped up throughout the year. This includes helping in the kitchen and bar (within the club and at the community centre), running and assisting with leagues and bonspiels, various subcommittees, and overall general help. We all benefit from and appreciate your generosity of time and effort.
 - c) We are pleased to have a couple of **guests** – Councillor Ron Anderson and his wife Nancy. Ron is the municipality representative for our curling club.
 - d) **Thank you Lee** – for all your kitchen help and efforts this past year, and for tonight's large-crowd challenge. And **thank you all past and present** board members and club members, for your efforts and participation. Thank you all past and present (Al Lowe, Neil Taylor) **icemakers** for your excellent work and mentoring.
 - e) Joe Zimny has decided to leave the Board of Directors. Thank you for your efforts over the years, and particularly for OCA representation and website work.
 - f) The **Adult Learn to Curl (ALTC)** programme was a huge success. Thank you Louise Lance, Lisa Donovan, Susan Ruffo for your leadership on this. Also the many helpers who stepped up. It proved so successful that they followed up with a league of 6 teams in the second half!
 - g) Through Sandra Dunk's efforts, the **Yard Sale** will be held on Saturday April 27th. A members-only pre-sale will be on Friday the 26th at 7-8:30 pm. If you can donate or help out, contact Sandra.
 - h) Following the meeting, there will be a **dinner and presentation of trophies and awards**. (Trophy and Award presentations are recapped after these minutes.)

2. **Minutes of the General Meeting held on September 15th, 2018** - were previously sent by email to all members. There were no additions or corrections. Moved by Joe Zimny and seconded by Mac Patterson that the minutes be accepted as written. Carried.
3. **Business arising** from the minutes of September 15th. There were no outstanding items or questions regarding the minutes from the previous General Meeting.
4. **Financial Reports** – updated copies of the Balance Sheet, Budget Comparison, and Cash Flow Comparison were provided to meeting attendees. Don Godden stepped through the documents. Comments included:
 - a) The Capital Reserve has increased from \$40,000 to \$78,800. Bar revenue is up by almost 30%. A large portion of the increase was due to a new Beer Store rebate.
 - b) Membership revenue increased by close to \$9155.36, due to an increase in members, and more multi-league memberships. More members also saw the associated OCA dues increase by \$518.
 - c) Hydro increased by \$2220.
 - d) Last summer's renos came in at approximately \$15,500.

It was moved by Don Godden and seconded by Jerry Trudell that the financial reports be accepted. Carried.

5. **Directors' Reports**

- a) Craig Kerr spoke about the **Municipal Agreement**. Details follow these minutes., Thank you to **Leagues Convenors** for their excellent care and operations. **Volunteer Role** - We have a number of tasks that need to be looked after during the year. Traditionally many or most of these have been the responsibility of Board members. We have had a number of individual volunteers to look after different tasks without being board members - that is very helpful, and we encourage more of this. We will have a board member available to act as liaison with the board in those situations in the event a board decision is required. **Payment for Golf Tournament** – due May 15. Contact Ron Ruffo.
- b) Brian Hollingsworth – as a first full-year curler and Board member, I have been involved in numerous projects such as Applefest, garage sale, and painting the rink area. Currently am looking into purchase of a **countdown time clock**, funded by an anonymous club donor. Will co-ordinate Club's **upcoming Applefest** activities. The street booth is an important recruiting tool, and we are looking for people to set-up and to enthusiastically engage people about our club.
- c) Grace Anderson summarized this year's **membership enrolment**. Some notable facts: tremendous increase in multi-league sign-ups; the Adult Learn to Curl (ALTC) was a

roaring success – 33 people, of which 24 subsequently enrolled in the 2nd half's Rookie league. **Upcoming season dates** – at the March 4th Board meeting, it was decided to standardize first and second half season (draw) dates. There has been some push-back and this will be discussed later in the meeting.

- d) Joe Zimny reported on **Bonspiels** – 8 to 24 teams were entered in each of 10 bonspiels; total gross profit plus estimated bar profit brought in a total of around \$15,000; special mention re Steerspiel (24 teams, \$4300 profit), first-ever Rookie Spiel (5 club teams plus 3 outside-the-club teams (Quinte, Peterborough, team of international players who had never curled before and who entered our event via the OCA's website)). A very big thank-you to all convenors and their excellent organizing teams. We also recognize your demonstrated ambassadorship by entering in other area club bonspiels, in order to spread the word on our club events. The **club website** is primarily being maintained by Joe and Grace, with occasional fire-fighting provided by Stephen Pardy. Glad to report that first-year curler Alfonso Barrios has also volunteered to help out. Photos are now much easier to post. The **Facebook** followers is increasing – now close to 500. Lots of interesting and informative material being posted by Desiree and Jason Botting. Several club members who have been posting also, include: Craig Kerr, Alicia Vandine, Bryan Bruneau, and Mary Walker-Hope. Bottings have also started up a club **Instagram**.

6. **Bylaw Change for Tenure of Directors** – Craig Kerr reviewed proposed changes to Director tenure limits, which were emailed to all members prior to this meeting. Changes are aimed to provide a healthier turnover of Directors – ie. 3-year terms and a max of 2 consecutive terms. Moved by Craig Kerr and seconded by Carole Gilks that the Bylaw Changes be adopted. Motion was carried.

7. **Board of Director Elections** – Brian Brose conducted the election process.

- Guy Plamondon has completed his 2-year term and will not be standing for re-election.
- Alaina Davis, and Joe Zimny have decided not to complete their 2-year term.
- Brian Hollingsworth is completing the first year of his two-year term, and has agreed to stay on for the remaining 2 years of the revised 3-year term.
- Grace Anderson and Don Godden have completed their 2-year terms, and have agreed to stand for re-election for a revised 3-year term. (Both have stated that their tenure is year-to-year.)
- Brian Brose is completing the first year of a 2-year term, and has agreed to stay on as Past President in the remaining 2 years of a revised 3-year term.
- Craig Kerr has completed his 2-year term and has agreed to stand for election for the revised 3-year term.
- Unless the municipality advises otherwise, Ron Anderson will continue to represent the municipality on the Board.

The additional nominations made and accepted:

- Susan Ruffo nominated by Joe Zimny
- Brian Watt nominated by Brian Hollingsworth
- Jody Villeneuve nominated by Grace Anderson
- Judd Gilks nominated by Craig Kerr
- Steven Miller nominated by Brian Brose

Brian Brose asked three times if there were any further nominations. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Brian Brose and seconded by Diane Fraser that the 8 nominees (Don Godden, Grace Anderson, Craig Kerr, Susan Ruffo, Brian Watt, Jody Villeneuve, Judd Gilks, and Steven Miller) be elected to the Board of Directors for a 3-year term. Carried.

The new Board of Directors is now comprised of the 8 elected nominees, and the 2 directors who are continuing on with their unexpired terms (Brian Hollingsworth (2 years left), Brian Brose (2 years left)). The Board will meet in May, to elect officers and to determine areas of responsibility.

8. New Business

- a) **Yard Sale** – Sandra Dunk - people can drop off their goods during the week of the event. The member pre-sale is on the Friday. Volunteers are still needed and either please sign-up via the volunteer sheet, or get in touch with her.
- b) **Adult Learn to Curl (ALTC)** – Louise Lance thanked the Board for their support of our first ALTC. She offered that most of the new curlers were drawn in by word of mouth, and asked that all members get involved in attracting new curlers.
- c) **Monday afternoon Ladies League** – Mary Gibb related that 3 sections (draws) is the best way of running their league. Some members voiced disagreement. Brian Brose reiterated that the Board made the decision in March to roughly align the first and second half (ie. 2 draws of 11 weeks each) of the curling season around the calendar year-end. That seems to make the most sense for the majority of snowbirds and makes it easier when all leagues can be administered around a standard season and half-season memberships. Paul Armstrong suggested that the issue be resolved by the new Board.
- d) **Thank you** – founding member Jack Dingle presented gift certificates and a card of appreciation to Brian Brose. This was in recognition of Brian's long tenure and service on the Board of Directors, with many years as President. Jack stated that today's attendance at the meeting, is a good indication on the healthy Overall status of our club.

9. **Adjournment** – there being no additional business at 7:10 pm, it was moved by Guy Plamondon and seconded by Mac Patterson that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Municipal Agreement (Craig Kerr – remarks at April 6 2019 GM meeting)

Most members will know that the **BDCC building is owned by the Municipality** of Brighton. For a number of years the BDCC operated under an agreement with the Municipality that was written in light of a \$40,000 debt owed to the Municipality. That debt was retired some time ago and we have operated without an agreement for some time.

In late winter, Brian Brose and I met with the Municipal CAO and the Director of Parks and Recreation to develop an appropriate agreement as a partner of the Municipality that **defines the responsibilities of both parties**. Lisa Donovan was helpful in reviewing the draft and offering advice on some additional points to consider.

The BDCC brings substantial benefits to the Municipality in terms of providing a recreational resource, an attraction for people considering a move here, and a contribution to the tourism and economic sectors. In addition, we provide bar services to the Municipality at the Community Centre which makes community centre rentals more attractive.

The **agreement was approved** by the Board of Directors and ratified by Council recently. In broad terms, under this agreement:

- a) The **term of the agreement is five years** with provision for an extension of five years if mutually agreed.
- b) The Municipality will carry **overall insurance** while we maintain Commercial Liability and Officers and Directors Insurance.
- c) The Municipality will refund 50% of our **previous year heating and hydro costs**. The funds will be placed in the BDCC Capital Funds account.

The BDCC is responsible for **routine maintenance costs**. Any **major repair or capital work** in excess of \$10,000 is the responsibility of the Municipality while we contribute 25% up to the limit of our capital reserves. If we have no reserves, we have no further obligations. We are free to do capital work at our own expense, such as the renovations to the washroom/change rooms as long as we advise the Municipality.

2018/19 Season League Winners/Awards

Sunday Afternoon Juniors

- Nancy Sheppard Award for Most Promising Junior:
 - Georgia McCauley
 - Dante BattilanaBoth of these juniors excelled in reaching COSSA with the high school. They also had incredible feedback from club members.

Tuesday Evening Open

- League Championship playoffs resulted in a tie:
 - Sue Joly team of Diane Fraser, Joan Selwood, and Louise Lance
 - Greg Adams team of Katie Draper, Tracy Adams, and Stephen Bruneau

Wednesday Morning 2-Person

- Season Champions – Barry Kant and Jerry Trudell

Wednesday Evening Mixed

- First Half winners: Ray Bruneau, Jody Villeneuve, Sandra Mitchell, Steve Voight
- Second Half winners: David Jesse, Melanie Jesse, Craig Martell, Michael Kellestine

Thursday Morning Open

- Fall Draw winners were Team Burke - Skip - Bob Burke, Vice - Ian Brant, 2nd – Gail Todd, Lead - Daryl Blake
- The Spring Draw - winners were Team Keating - Skip - Gary Keating, Vice - Ian Brant, 2nd - Lee Penny, Lead Marty McDonald

Thursday Evening Open Competitive

- Regular Season winners: Team Brian Brose - Brian Brose, Steven Miller, Mike Hilsheimer, Sam Bell
- Playoffs Winners (A Side) & League Champions: Team Al Lowe - Al Lowe, Neil Taylor, Desiree Botting, Maurice Giroux
- Playoffs Winners (B Side): Team Bryan Bruneau - Bryan Bruneau, Stephen Bruneau, Jason Botting, Mike McCauley

Friday Evening Social Open

- Early Draw winners - Team Loshaw - Debbie Loshaw, Bob Loshaw, Allalie Stewart, Ian Stewart, Guy Gaumont
- Late Draw winners - Team Bruneau - Stephen Bruneau, Desiree Botting, Jason Botting, Mike McCauley

Awards

- A certificate of appreciation to Joe Zimny for his many contributions to the club.