

MINUTES
Bemidji Curling Club Board of Directors
Meeting July 7, 2015, Bemidji Curling Club

1. Meeting called to order at 5:34pm.
2. Present: Teresa Trepanier, Pete Harrison, Brad Johnson, Jaime Quello, Hope Baird, Ice Maker Josh Bahr, Lanny Cyr at 6:05pm. Absent: Pete Fenson, Eric Fenson, Chase Jackson
3. Motion by Jaime Quello, 2nd by Brad Johnson to approve Minutes from May 12, 2015 meeting. Passed 4-0-0.
4. Motion by Jaime Quello, 2nd by Brad Johnson to Approve of Agenda with addition of item 7c – add Triathlon event as possible fundraiser for Lumberjack baseball team. Passed 4-0-0.
5. Financial & General Manager Report unavailable as Eric was not present.
6. Old Business:
 - a. New Curling Rocks/Contract tabled until August meeting or mandatory emergency meeting when information can be available from Pete and Eric Fenson. Need all board members in attendance for vote.
 - b. Speaker Rob. Rob Aitken provided information from his email conversation with Rick Patzke from USA Curling. Rob stated that the BCC Board can sign an agreement now but there is no guarantee that USCA will pay \$200/stone. He suggests that we receive payment for rocks first, then sign agreement.
 - i. Rick included purchase of six sets of stones at \$200/stone, totaling \$19,200 in recommended budget for USCA in 2015-16
 - ii. USCA budget advisory group did not express any concerns about this
 - iii. Formal action will not take place until the USCA Board meets on August 20
 - iv. Rick cannot sign agreement with BCC until USCA Board approves
 - v. BCC likely to see increase in shipping cost of new stones
7. New Business:
 - a. Susan Goudge Mixer for 2017 has been canceled.
 - b. Lifetime Member selection committee: need 1 woman to complete committee. Suggestions were Liz Johnson, Jan Reiersen and Linda LaFond. Teresa will talk to these women to see if any are interested, then the Board will make a recommendation.
 - c. Lumberjack Baseball Fundraiser Triathlon (curling, bowling, darts): Brad is looking for an available weekend. Brad will email Eric about available dates.
 - d. Ice Maker Report:
 - i. Need to set dates for Community Ed classes. Board agreed on October 19-21, 26-28 and November 2-4.
 - ii. Josh has signed up for Level 2 Ice Making class in Bismarck, ND. He has paid \$250 to register for class. Motion by Pete Harrison, 2nd by Jaime Quello to reimburse Josh for registration cost. Passed 4-0-0.
 - e. Discussion about using the club for garage sale like Beltrami Electric. Vendors would pay for booth space and supply their own table. Too late to set up anything this year before ice goes in. Spring would be a good time. Also looking into wedding, craft, etc. shows.
8. Next Meeting August 4th at 5:30pm unless an emergency meeting is called.
 - a. Emergency Meeting called for July 14th at 5:30
9. Motion to Adjourn by Brad Johnson, 2nd by Hope Baird. Passed 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:37.

Addendum to July 7, 2015 Minutes

Special Meeting July 14, 2015

- Present: Teresa Trepanier, Chase Jackson, Pete Harrison, Eric Fenson, Hope Baird, Jaime Quello, Brad Johnson, Ice Maker Josh Bahr. Absent: Lanny Cyr
- Board Members discussed the affordability and specifics of purchasing new rocks for the club
 - Pete Fenson had further communications with Rick from USCA
 - Although not officially approved by USCA budget advisory group for purchase of club's rocks, no one on USCA board expressed any concern of purchasing rocks for total price of \$19,200
 - Expected that sale will occur
 - BCC will receive payment from USCA when rocks are picked up by them
 - USCA will cover cost to pick up our rocks
 - BCC will not be without rocks during any time of 2015-2016 season
 - Board will contact USCA to pick up old rocks once new ones are received
 - \$200/rock from USCA is the best price the club will find
 - Other entities/individuals have expressed interest in purchasing our rocks but only would offer \$75-\$150/rock
 - While at Four Seasons' Blazin' Brooms bonspiel, other curlers asked about the possibility of having new rocks for the Bernick's
- Motion to purchase new rocks by Chase Jackson, 2nd by Jaime Quello. Passed 7-1-0.
 - Pete Fenson will contact USCA and order rocks ASAP
 - Board members felt that this would be the best opportunity to get new rocks under the best conditions
 - Interest free payments
 - Offer by WCF is almost over
 - Current rocks are 50 years old and would need to be replaced within, at most, 10 years anyway
 - Sale of current rocks at good price without having to deal with shipping costs
 - Shipping costs of new rocks continue to increase
 - Estimated that expenses have already increased \$13,000 within last two years
 - Will use money from sale of old rocks (\$19,200) to pay for shipping cost of new rocks and 1st payment
 - Shipping estimated at \$3,500 plus duties, taxes, etc.
 - Shipped direct from Scotland to Bemidji, MN
 - Board decided not to pursue handle ads on new stones
 - Some felt ads take away from appearance of rocks and curling experience
 - Do not want to create competition with raffle ticket sales and create extra financial burden on members
- Club will conduct special annual raffle to pay for new rocks after 1st year
 - Similar to Lumberjack wrestling and football raffles
 - Permit application has been sent to City, which will process with State of MN
 - Intend to start selling tickets as soon as September 2015
 - Cost of tickets and limit to be determined
 - Half of money generated (about \$10,000) to be raffled off and other half to be used to make annual payment (about \$7,000) for new stones. Remainder to club.
 - Discussion of possibly conducting drawing at Paul Bunyan bonspiel dinner
 - Opportunity to get more people to dinner
 - Could continue raffle after new rocks are paid for to generate money for other items needed for club