

(Not final until approved/signed by the Board)

**Bemidji Curling Club
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 5:31 by President Pete Harrison. In attendance, Board Members Mackenzie Ritchie, Lanny Cyr, Jon Chandler, Eric Fenson and Kirby Bahr. Absent are Hope Baird, Elaine Campbell and Jaime Quello.

Approve Agenda

The Agenda was approved as is. Motion made by Jon Chandler with a second by Mackenzie Ritchie. Motion carried 5/0.

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Jon Chandler to approve the November 7, 2018 meeting minutes. Second made by Lanny Cyr. Motion carried 5/0.

Approve Manager's Financial Reports

To date financial reports approved with a motion made by Kirby Bahr. Seconded by Lanny Cyr. Motion carried 5/0.

Guests: Rob Yuretech, (Club member and club web developer), and Dave Hengel speaking for Sanford Wellness Center Project.

New Business

1. Dave Hengel spoke in depth about the proposed Family Sports and Wellness Complex. Some of the information highlights are:
 - a. Task force members
 - b. Ten-Million Dollar donation from Sanford engaged project
 - c. Greater Bemidji role
 - d. Key activities over the past three months
 - e. Economic Impact
 - f. Partial funding options
 - g. Task Force recommendations include a "robust aquatic center"; Multi-purpose bubble that can support many turf sports, basketball, volleyball, soccer, tennis, baseball etc.; Two sheet ice complex.

2. A need for a pre-bonspiel document to help train volunteers to run the bar is needed. Lanny Cyr will put together a bullet point document and Bartender Terry Jackson will help train volunteers prior to the bonspiels or event. Some items discussed were:
 - a. Ice machine operation
 - b. Ice for cooling soft drink kegs
 - c. Changing kegs if needed
 - d. Inventory needed (Terry can order)

- e. Change
 - f. Tips to volunteers
 - g. Multiple volunteers needed?
3. After further discussion concerning the previous passing of two items, and after more input from Eric Fenson concerning these items, the following items were voted on again, and both did not pass. The following two items will not occur:
 - a. A 3% surcharge on credit card payments since there are few of these and the income to the club is negligible. Motion made by Kirby Bahr and second made by John Chandler. Motion carried 5/0.
 - b. A \$150 fee for the use of the kitchen curing bonspiels. Eric Fenson feels we may lose potential bonspiels and resulting income if this occurs. Eric has managed this area for a number of years. Motion made by Kirby Bahr and second made by Eric Fenson, Motion carried 4/1 with Lanny Cyr objecting.
 4. The September 23 fundraising event went well per Eric Fenson.

Old Business

5. Eric Fenson said Ice was now looking good again with “25 seconds and a 3-foot hook.”
6. A second lift for the blade on our ice scraper will be purchased as a backup for the upcoming U18 championships.
7. Kirby Bahr proposed purchasing a \$100 projection system for club use. This will help with future Power Point and various computer-generated presentations and real-time analysis of information by groups. Kirby will order and rebill the club. Motion made by Kirby to order the projector and second made by Lanny. Motion carried 5/0.
8. No report available from the Committees.
9. Sanford Health has donated \$5000 towards the U18 Nationals event.
10. Pete Harrison advised that a large billboard is now up between Wilton and Bemidji on Highway 2. This is an advertisement for curling and the U18 championships. Sponsors of the sign are Woolen Mills and Exhaust Pros. The club thanks these kind sponsors.
11. Next U18 meeting will be at the club on January 3rd. All guests are welcome.
12. Some discussion took place concerning a new keying system with cards and video for the club. Eric Fenson is doing follow up on costs and will report information to Board.
13. The bar manager is now working Monday through Thursday at a pay rate of \$10/hour with a maximum approved time by the board of 15-17 hours. Bonspiel workers will all be volunteers and will keep all bar tips.
14. The Grill by the front door of the club is still for sale. Anyone who would like to make an offer should advise any of the board members.
15. Bemidji State University will be starting an intramural team sport through the University programs system. They will meet at the club January – March, Monday’s at 8pm. These events will last about 2 hours. The University will pay the club \$750 for this time frame. There will be a need for a few instructors the first night so volunteers are needed. No set number of students is yet known.
16. The club will host the Senior Men’s State Championships in the 2018-2019 season. More information will be forthcoming. The State Club Championships will not be held in Bemidji this year.
17. Pete Harrison will visit with Terry Matson concerning a possible money-making raffle again

- this year. The board is for the raffle but there is a need to identify how the raffle will work.
18. Visit Bemidji, in conjunction with the University of Minnesota, is surveying various Bemidji events to gather more information on the events financial impact to Bemidji. Data is being collected from those who live over 50 miles from the events. A few visitors were polled at the recent Eagles Bonspiel. Pollers are expected to show up at some upcoming bonspiels.
 19. A brief discussion concerning a new dues structure was accompanied by a work-in-progress spreadsheet outlining various group fees and fees for league subs. More work will ensue on this subject, but good headway is being made.
 20. Some discussion took place concerning the wooden banners displayed in the club, and why other event champions are not given recognition on these banners. More discussion may occur in the future.
 21. Our first payment for the new rocks is for \$11,800 and will be paid by December 15th.
 22. Officiating courses are being held for those interested. E-mails and flyers have been put out and the first 8 people signing up will have their dues paid by the club. Contact any board member for more information.
 23. Need timing volunteers at the U18 championships. Please consider this for a worthwhile event.
 24. A new USCA banner is now up in the entrance to the club.

Correspondence

There was no other correspondence received by the board.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made Eric Fenson and seconded by John Chandler at 7:45 PM. Motion carried 5/0. Meeting adjourned.

January meeting to be held January 9th at 5:30PM at the Curling Club. Guests are always welcome.

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