

(Not final until approved/signed by the Board)

**Bemidji Curling Club
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 6:01 by President Pete Harrison. In attendance, Board Members Mackenzie Ritchie, Hope Baird, Lanny Cyr, Eric Fenson and Kirby Bahr. Absent are, Eileen Campbell and Jaime Quello. New Board Members Steve Johnson, Dave Chandler and Eric Johannsen. Also, Board appointed member Terry Matson who will fulfill the last year of Jon Chandler's chair, who resigned.

Approve Agenda

The Agenda was approved as is. Motion made by Hope Baird with a second by Eric Fenson. Motion carried 4/0.

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Hope Baird to approve the April 10, 2018 meeting minutes. Second made by Kirby Bahr. Motion carried 4/0.

Approve Manager's Financial Reports

To date financial reports approved with a motion made by Hope Baird. Seconded by Mackenzie Ritchie. Motion carried 4/0.

Guests: Sarah Lehman and Dale Goodyear

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Old Business

Guest Sarah Lehman spoke concerning 8-10 Sanford Members who were hoping they could be put on a novice league or blended in with teams having some experience. The Board pointed out a few opportunities and also promised to work on more opportunities for novice curlers.

The Board wishes to congratulate the USCA Jr. high performance athletes, Riley Fenson and Leah Yavarow! Something to be very proud of for sure!!!

Eric Fenson gave his General Manager reports. Eric is supportive of some early ice and early events aimed at novices, sponsors, and other potential events to help build membership. He noted that all blades for ice equipment are out for sharpening. He also noted the fact that putting ice in took around 200-man hours whereas taking ice out only took about 30.

6:22 Lanny Cyr arrives.

Steve Johnson, the chair of the Membership Committee, said the committee had met and a main concern/topic was that membership payments should be in earlier. Steve and the Committee will work up a proposed plan for the next Board Meeting. Members of this committee are Steve, Pete Harrison, Doug Fuller and Eileen Campbell. New members would be welcomed!

The committee also suggested a \$25 bonus to the GM for every new member he enlists. The Board questioned if this bonus be extended to all members?

Terry Matson suggested a possible open curling fee per-hour, in order that the general interested public has opportunity and accessibility.

Kirby Bahr, chair for the financial committee, will set up a meeting with Committee member Terry Matson and GM, Eric Fenson to discuss the new accounting system that will be managed in-house in the new fiscal year beginning July 1.

No Board members were able to travel to Blaine MN for the annual MCA meeting. One takeaway noted is the Bemidji Curling Club may host the 2021-22 Men and women's club championships.

A new key system is very likely to be installed prior to the next curling season. More on that in the near future. GM Eric will follow up.

Lanny will continue to pursue a buyer for the old kitchen flat top that is being stored locally. No cost for storing to the club.

Bemidji will host the State Senior Championships in January 2019! A chair for this event will be needed.

Lanny Cyr, chair for the Events Committee, spoke about potential events. Board members added some ideas also. Some items discussed:

- An event for our sponsors.
- Novice Bonspiels including two novice and two more experienced curlers.
- Open house with possible hot dogs served.
- Use of Community Ed Calendar to announce free events.
- Gun show may be back.
- Possible art-in-park type show with quality vendors.
- Inside yard sale
- Put in ice early to accommodate potential new member events.
- Auctions?

Lanny will work towards solidifying some of these ideas.

Terry Matson advised the Board there is a vehicle that would allow the club to accept donations of all kinds. As is, the club itself is unable to do so. More on that subject as needed. This would be accomplished through the Northwest Minnesota Foundation, which is a 501 C3 Organization which means donations are tax deductible.

Bartenders are needed at the Roller Babes events. The RB group gets the admissions and the club gets the proceeds from the bar.

Eric working on some ice camera repairs.

The old BCC by-laws are available for all Board Members to read and review. We need to update these

since the old ones were from 1992 and much of these no longer apply.
The Board would like to host some “new” Bonspiels for 2019. Possible ideas discussed.

Eric looking into a liquor license that would include wine.

New Business:

Members present: Pete Harrison, Terry Matson, Kirby Bahr, Lanny Cyr, Mackenzie Ritchie, Eric Johannsen, Steve Johnson, Dave Chandler

Members absent: Eileen Campbell

New board members: Dave Chandler, Steve Johnson, Eric Johannsen, and Terry Matson

Executive board elected:

President: Pete Harrison

Vice President: Terry Matson

Treasurer: Kirby Bahr

Secretary: Eric Johannsen

Annual Junior Curling Report – Terry Matson

- Terry talked about the history of junior curling in Bemidji and the different fundraising practices that they have used including raffling off a tv, annual fish fry, and most recently Winterfest. Terry went to explain why Winterfest was canceled this past winter and his hopes to bring it back next winter. There is a possibility that Hockey Day Minnesota, which will be held in Bemidji, is interested in having some curling at the event. However, there have been conflicting reports. UPDATE on Winterfest/Hockey Day. I have talked to 3 different members of the Hockey Day board, same situation, some want curling, some say it will not work. I am waiting for a call from the ones that want us (Rob Aitkin and Sara Kieshel) to meet with them and discuss how this might fit. The reasons I was told it might not fit are:
 - There is so much going on all ready (including on the lake), not sure how they fit us in.
 - There will probably be no hotel rooms available if we have out of town curlers
 - There will be NO parking on the lake allowed at all and limited at the site!
 - There will be shuttles to the site, maybe onto the lake.
 - We may have issues selling advertising as they are in process of selling some high price advertising for that day.
 - At this point they have not committed to guarantee us any minimum profit.
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- Junior curling had \$7,056.29 in total inflows including U-18 revenue, up from last year. \$4,743.65 in total outflows, down from last year, and an ending balance of \$9,166.93 (this balance already includes the \$4,500 from U-18) which is above their \$5000 goal in order to have one year's expenses available.
- Some discussion developed about junior curling's contributions to the club and their reimbursement program that helps pay for certain expenses for junior curlers. Guest Dale Goodyear also spoke about his experience with the junior program and the benefits it offers to the junior curlers.

Motion by Lanny Cyr, second by Eric Johannsen, to give \$4500 (See above) to junior curling for their involvement in the U-18 Nationals. Motion passes 6/1/0

Curling Supplies Shop

- Eric Fenson brought up the idea of setting up a shop in the club for basic curling equipment, excluding shoes. There have been many requests for this from members, and Eric is willing to run the shop himself. One idea is to consign equipment from Dakota Curling Supplies.

LPTV Pledge Drive

- The club will be participating in a pledge drive on Lakeland Public TV in June. Kenzie Ritchie expressed interest in being part of the pledge drive. 3-5 people will be needed in total. The drive will be held either June 2nd or 3rd in the evening.

Membership Dues

- Steve Johnson talked about the possibility of moving the membership due date up to the beginning of the curling season. A specific date has not been discussed, but the idea is that members will have to pay before playing.

Motion by Steve Johnson, second by Dave Chandler, to move the membership due date to an earlier date. Motion passes 7/0/0

Correspondence

There was no other correspondence received by the board.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Johnson and seconded by Terry Matson at 8:25 PM. Motion carried 7/0/0. Meeting adjourned.

June meeting to be held June 12 at 5:30PM at the Curling Club. Guests are always welcome.