

**Bemidji Curling Club  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 5:34 by President Pete Harrison. In attendance: Board Members Pete Harrison, Kirby Bahr, Steve Johnson, Eileen Campbell, Terry Matson, Lanny Cyr, Eric Johannsen, Mackenzie Ritchie, and GM Eric Fenson. Absent was: Dave Chandler.

Board is looking for a replacement for board member Dave Chandler. Dean Robertson is a possibility

**Approve Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Kirby Bahr to approve the July 10, 2018 meeting minutes. Second made by Eric Johannsen. Motion carried 4/0/0.

**Approve Agenda**

Motion by Steve Johnson to approve agenda with a second by Eileen Campbell. Motion carried 4/0/0.

**Financial Report**

- Still in the process of moving accounting in-house
- Eric Fenson believes the in-house accounting will be a lot of work and would need multiple people
- Several board members have volunteered their time if needed
- Quarterlies can be done in-house, but the year end will have to be done by an outside source
- Kirby Bahr and Pete Harrison will get signed on at 1<sup>st</sup> National to allow them to sign off on checks made by the club

5:52 Terry Matson arrives

**GM and Ice Report**

- Key system will be installed before the season starts. Waiting on them to finish the system for the new school. Installment will be under \$1000. Plan on having key cards available for members for a yearly fee around \$25
- BCR will be finishing up this month

6:06 Lanny Cyr arrives

- Motion to approve profit/loss report will be pushed back until the final version arrives
- Possibility of getting rid of fax line to save on monthly telephone bill
- USCA dues increasing. Probably going to be \$1-2 per member

6:12 Mackenzie Ritchie arrives

## City Ice Meeting

- Terry Matson attended and said it was mostly a data collection meeting.
- Eric Fenson said he could provide more information if needed
- City will have to make a decision on the hockey rink section by next spring

5 Guard Rock Rule – Going to let each league decide whether to use 4 or 5 guard rule

## Committees

### Junior Curling

- Payback numbers are going to be the same as last year
- They are pretty serious about an indoor and outdoor bonspiel. Possibly January 26<sup>th</sup>
- Need to move scoreboards that are used for outdoor sheets to a different storage by the end of the year

### Membership

- New dues timeline and registration
- They would like the board to go over the possible changes they came up with
  - Change early bird discount to \$50 before Oct. 15 and \$25 before Dec. 1
  - Volunteer worker discount of \$25 with a minimum of 4 hours of volunteer in cleaning/painting, bartending/kitchen, board member/league chair
  - Recruit new member discount of \$25

The following are changes to the membership form

- League and team you plan to play on this year
- Leagues you might be interested in playing or substituting on
- Potential leagues you might be interested in: Mixed doubles, women's league, four end/dinner league, novice league, other
- A place to indicate if you would be interested in volunteering to get a discount in order to create a list of people to call
- A spot to fill in the name(s) of new member recruited

Motion by Lanny Cyr to approve new registration date to October 15 with the option for two separate payments, Second by Eileen Campbell. Motion carries 7/0/0.

Motion by Kirby Bahr to increase membership dues by 3% rounding up to the nearest \$5, second by Terry Matson. Motion carries 7/0/0.

## Old Business

State Seniors – Will take place Jan. 11-13. Steve Pemble is hoping to have a plan in about six weeks and is going to need volunteers

### Events

- Learn to Curl Friday Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> with the singular entry bonspiel held the following day, all free. Going to try to get businesses to get people to come and put something on YPN.
- Get bonspiel schedule posters made and distributed to other clubs and local businesses.

Visit Bemidji could reimburse the club for poster costs.

BCR Bartenders 8/18 – Kenzie Ritchie will bartend

2019 New Bonspiels – Winterfest In and Out Bonspiel

Pledge Drive – Got 10 calls and 6 pledges

Community Education – Starts Oct. 15 and end Nov. 1. Mark Variano will be the instructor and all the money generated will go to the club.

League Chairs – membership committee will contact to encourage chairs to get ahold of teams and to inform them of the new due date and the 5-guard rock rule

Raffle and Pull Tabs

- Steve, Eileen, and Terry met with Spanky
- Money from pull tabs will need to go to juniors and seniors
- 1 or 2 people will need to attend a two-day meeting in Roseville. Eileen Campbell is for sure one of those people.
- Going to need about \$2000 to start. Licensing fees will cost about \$800 a year
- Spanky will set up the machines and recommended having two boxes

Motion by Kirby Bahr to get pull tabs in the club and pay Eileen and second person's travel expenses and Eileen's dues. Motion carries 7/0/0.

Newsletter – Kirby would like all the articles by August 18<sup>th</sup>. Then he would have it done by the following Tuesday and then ship them out at the latest by the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Bar manager

- Steve and Kirby met with Richard Gorski
- Richard is excited and passionate about the position and the club
- He would like a couple days to clean the bar area
- He also has ideas about selling t-shirts and other possible money-making ideas.
- He is ok with \$10/hr and 17hr/week
- Bonspiels are tips only and he will have first chance at the bonspiels.
- He would be willing to take on managing inventory and order more appropriately
- He is also willing to sell pull tabs
- He will start Nov. 1 and go until the first weekend of April
- Terry Jackson said he will help if needed

Motion by Mackenzie Ritchie to hire Richard, second by Terry Matson. Motion carries 7/0/0

Club banner and table cover – Waiting on design from Rob Yuretich

National flags – Mike Liapis can get both America and Canadian flags for free and properly dispose of the old flags.

Championship banners – Eric Fenson will take care of this

To Do List – Terry Matson will contact Ben Stow to get ahold of Eric Fenson about sound system

Club by-laws – Still reviewing and waiting for other reviews

Lockers – Dan Haluptzok can take care of the locker sign-up sheet

Club Flyer – Rob Yuretich will update the flyer with new dates and events

Thank you to Peterson Sheet Metal for printing the flyers.

### **New Business**

Community Appreciation Day – Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30. Eric Johannsen will be at the booth for the club.

Can- Am Cup Tour – Nominations are due in November and they only take a certain number of people.

LPTV Pledge Drive – Either 9/1 or 9/3

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Eileen Campbell, second by Steve Johnson at 8:24 PM. Motion carried 7/0/0. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting to be held September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at BCC.