

**Bemidji Curling Club  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 5:35 by President Pete Harrison. In attendance: Board Members Pete Harrison, Kirby Bahr, Steve Johnson, Terry Matson, Eric Johannsen, and Mackenzie Ritchie. Absent was: Dave Chandler, Eileen Campbell, Lanny Cyr, and GM Eric Fenson.

Board is still looking for a replacement for board member Dave Chandler. Dean Robertson declined the offer but will be an active volunteer for this season.

**Approve Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Kirby Bahr to approve the August 14, 2018 meeting minutes. Second made by Steve Johnson. Motion carried 5/0/0.

**Approve Agenda**

Motion by Steve Johnson to approve agenda with the addition of a change to the 5-rock rule with a second by Mackenzie Ritchie. Motion carried 5/0/0.

**Financial Report**

- The club's accounting is on a cash basis, not accrual, so the financial statements and the year-end taxes don't have to account for any unpaid heating bill problems and any other things like it. The monthly financials need to show what we have not paid for in the last year. Kirby suggests putting some money into an accrual fund each month to avoid having this problem in future years. Interim financials will be more accurate for items such as the heating bill and depreciation.
- Kirby and Terry met with the club's accountant Brenda and the taxes should be done by the next meeting. She also can provide the accounting software for \$100 per year. Terry informed the board that she does quite a bit of work for the club and thinks she should continue to be the club's accountant for a while yet while Kirby and Terry get more familiar with the process.
- A year-end and year-to-date P/L will be available next meeting along with a balance sheet. An up to date check register should also be ready by next meeting.

Motion to temporarily rescind bringing accounting in house made by Kirby Bahr. Second made by Terry Matson. Motion carries 5/0/0.

**GM and Ice Report**

- Eric Fenson was unable to attend the meeting but did provide information in an email beforehand.
- The bonspiel schedule is done and confirmed
- A furnace is being replaced in the arena
- The new key system should be done in the next week or so
- Eric has been in contact with NLFX about the sound system and camera. Hopefully they

will be able to get over this week while the lift is available

- The new state and national banners are painted and will be hung next week
- Eric is currently in the middle of selling all the ice ads. The ads will be painted Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
- He also met with Richard, the new bar manager, and said he plans to get in and tidy up soon.

Motion to approve the GM Report by Terry Matson. Second by Kirby Bahr. Motion carries 5/0/0.

## **Committees**

### Membership

They would like to get in touch with league chairs and talk to them about the new dues and 5-guard rock rule. They would also like to contact novices who haven't come back.

### Junior Curling

- The In and Out Bonspiel date has been moved to the first weekend in February.
- The city will flood the area when they start the hockey rink.
- The city also wants to be able to teach classes after the bonspiel on the outdoor rink and Terry says they hoped to use the junior rocks for that.
- Sanford Health is interested in sponsoring the event and is thinking about expanding it in future years.

## **Old Business**

State Seniors – Steve Pemble has formed a committee and they will hold a meeting by the end of the month.

Events – The board is looking for a report on learn-to-curl next month

### New Dues/Registration

- Steve Johnson provided the board with a new version of the membership application. On it included changes that he wanted feedback on.
- Discounts: Recruitment discount of \$25 for each recruit. Volunteer discount of \$25 with a minimum of four hours. Spouse/women's discount of \$25.
- The form also indicates what kind volunteer work members would be interested in along with leagues that they are in or would like to join or see in the future.
- The tax rate table needs to be updated.
- Steve and the rest of the membership committee will try to get this out next week.

Community Education – It is listed in the book and community ed will provide the club with a list of participants later.

League Chairs – membership committee will contact soon

#### Pull Tabs

- Eileen would like \$100 per day for the two-day trip
- The city approved of the club having pull tabs
- Could look at getting new sites later
- Steve will talk with Richard to see if he can go on the trip as well

Motion by Steve Johnson to provide Eileen \$100/day plus money for gas and food, and \$35 to purchase a gambling manager manual. Second by Terry Matson. Motion carries 5/0/0.

Newsletter – Kirby is hoping to get them out by Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Bar manager – Richard will be coming to clean up soon.

Club banner – Banner has been printed and Pete would like to have it on display and usable by members.

National flags – Mike Liapis ordered them and should be in next week.

To Do List – Get dining room cleaned and painted soon. Kirby will look for volunteers

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

Lockers – nothing

Club Flyer – Flyers have been printed and will be downstairs outside the manager's office. The board will also place some around town. Thanks again to Peterson Sheet Metal for printing the flyers.

Community Appreciation Day – Saw around 50 people during the event and handed out about 35 flyers. Most of the interest came from juniors and parents of juniors.

#### **New Business**

##### Thursday/All Club Playdown

- Terry would like the Thursday playdown to resume after not happening last year.
- If nothing else, he would like one or two of the top teams from each league play down and this could possibly include every league, not just Thursday leagues.
- Steve would like to see the end of the year party come back as well.

5-rock guard rule – The board has decided to use the rule in every league, replacing the earlier decision to let each league decide.

Motion to use 5-rock guard rule in all leagues by Makenzie Ritchie. Second by Terry Matson. Motion carries 5/0/0

#### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Terry Matson, second by Steve Johnson at 7:40 PM. Motion carried 5/0/0. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting to be held October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.at BCC.