

**Bemidji Curling Club**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 16, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 5:32 by President Pete Harrison. In attendance: Board Members Pete Harrison, Kirby Bahr, Terry Matson, Eric Johannsen, Mackenzie Ritchie, Lanny Cyr, GM Eric Fenson, and guests Myles McDanel and Chris Vacek. Absent: Eileen Campbell, Josh Bahr, and Steve Johnson.

Chris Vacek from RP Broadcasting

- RP Broadcasting would like to partner with the Bemidji Curling Club by trading advertising
- They have the Kids Club which could help get more kids in the club
- They can do interviews on the radio as well as guided advertising on different stations to connect with different demographics
- The club is considering starting a Marketing Committee to make sure the ads and interviews stay current and to come up with plans throughout the year on what to advertise

**Approve Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Kirby Bahr to approve the March 10, 2019 meeting minutes. Second made by Lanny Cyr. Motion carried 5/0/0.

**Approve Agenda**

Motion by Eric Johannsen to approve agenda. Second made by Kenzie Ritchie. Motion carried 5/0/0.

**Financial Report**

Eric Fenson presented the board with a transaction report, profit and loss sheet, and some other financial info

- The pro shop did well especially considering some of the products didn't arrive in time for the beginning of the season.
- The club made over \$52,000 from memberships and lost about \$2000 from discounts.
- There were about \$25,000 in unique expenses. About \$15,000 of that came from rock payments.

Motion by Terry Matson to approve the financial report. Second made by Lanny Cyr. Motions carried 5/0/0.

**GM and Ice Report**

- Eric Fenson would like to put locks on all the open lockers. Then, when someone wants to rent a locker, they will have to pay first. It will also help the club keep better track of locker usage. There were 10 unpaid lockers this past season.
- Eric also suggests raising set up and pitcher prices in the bar
- He would also like to see the kitchen used more often. Myles mentioned he has a couple of ideas for the kitchen but wants to polish them up a bit
- Eric will get a quote on replacing the lower arena wall
- He also wants to get the roof inspected
- The Roller Babes are renting the arena once a week from April 15<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>
- There will probably be 6-10 ice ads available next season, so the club will be looking to fill those. Lanny also mentioned that a thank you letter should be sent to each sponsor and brought up the idea of having a one-day bonspiel for the sponsors.
- Eric would also like to start a fundraiser for the rock payments again. The idea was to do it every year to help pay for the rocks. Tickets could also be sold at the bar.

- Eric is looking at having a Mixed Doubles Bonspiel sometime in December.
- The fire inspection is mostly taken care of
- The USCA and MCA dues have been paid

## **Committees**

Nothing

## **Old Business**

Events – Lanny would like to see events take place at the club during the offseason. Possible events include gun shows, craft shows, and expos.

Club Banner – Pete would like to have it done by next meeting.

By-Laws – The board covered the final third of the bylaws and will look to make official changes during the annual member meeting. A brief summary of what was changed will be available.

Motion by Kirby Bahr to approve the president and/or treasurer signatures needed to approve checks. Second made by Kenzie Ritchie. Motion carries 5/0/0.

Lockers – Covered in GM Report

Membership Database – A few discrepancies in members. Database had 199 members and the GM had 210. 48 members took the volunteer discount and at most 17 did not volunteer. That number could be less, but the volunteering was never recorded.

### BCC Employee Job Descriptions

- GM: Eric Fenson said there were about 16 new duties but doesn't really see any major issues.
- Bar Manager: Everyone seemed pleased with it. Kirby got input from the current bartenders to help come up with percent time for each section.
- Janitorial: Eileen Campbell not present
- Ice Maker: Unfinished
- The new job descriptions will be voted on next meeting

Nielson-Riese Ice Study – The meeting will be held April 22 at 6:00 pm at City Hall.

Volunteers – Covered in Membership Database

Suggestion Box – There was one suggestion saying a picture of the club pin on the sign might help sell more pins.

Host 2020 Championship Event – The paperwork has been filled out and Kirby is just waiting to hear back about hosting Mixed Doubles Nationals.

Elections – Congratulations to Lanny Cyr, Myles McDanel, and Amanda Kelly on being elected to the Board of Directors.

Delinquent Memberships – There were a few people who didn't pay, but there will be better enforcement next season.

Paul Bunyan Men's Spiel – Lost about \$400 before bar sales.

Painting Projects – Eileen is getting a group to paint the walls of the main stairway on Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>. Eric Fenson mentioned that the brick wall in the arena is also in need of painting.

### **New Business**

Ownership of Liquor Bottles – There are quite a few bottles claimed by the club that could be used at certain events.

Liquor Laws – The bartenders were wondering what time they should close the bar during bonspiels. Our license states that it should close at 1:00 am.

Babe City Rollers – They will be renting the arena once a week from April 15<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>. The club will make \$1250 from rent. They had been coming twice a week the last few years and paying \$2500, but their numbers are down.

MCA Spring Meeting May 18 – MCA will have their spring meeting May 18<sup>th</sup> in Blaine. Any board members who can make it are encouraged to attend.

Curling Vendor Conference – This will take place August 8-11. The club doesn't have any interest in attending.

Schenectady Curling Club Donation – The SCC is hoping to receive \$300-\$500 from clubs to help pay for a new plant. The Bemidji Curling Club will not be donating.

Pull Tabs Report – This will be covered in more depth at the next meeting.

USCA Nominations – The USCA is looking for nominations for Volunteer of the Year and Hall of Fame.

Annual Meeting – The club's annual meeting will be held May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm at the Bemidji Curling Club.

### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Terry Matson, second by Kirby Bahr at 8:15 PM. Motion carried 5/0/0. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 21, at 7:00pm at the BCC.