



**SHERWOOD PARK CURLING CLUB
 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 Sunday, December 2, 2018
 3:30 PM, SPCC Meeting Room**

Name	Position
In attendance:	
Greg Empson (until 4:30 PM)	President
Doug Kroetsch	President-Elect
Ralph Maclean	Past-President
Lynette Carlson (until 4:10 PM)	Treasurer
Allison McKinnon	Secretary
Guy Algot	Bonspiel Coordinator
Don Steinbach	Director at Large
Robert Friedt	Senior Mixed Curling League Representative
Mary Plester	Monday Mixed Doubles Representative
Vern Schmidt	Tuesday Men's League Representative
Cathy Henbest	Wednesday Ladies League Representative
Lynn Penner	Thursday Ladies League Representative
Ron Michaud	Thursday Night Men's League Representative
Rodney Yaremchuk	Thursday Night Men's League Representative
Blair Horn	Friday Night Mixed Representative
Kelly Rudyk	Saturday Night League Representative
Terry Shea (until 4:00 PM)	Head Ice Technician
Mel Schaufele	SPCC Finance Administration
Regrets:	
Heather Nedohin	SPCC Manager
Corwin Chomay	Director at Large
Angela DeWolfe	Sunday Open League Representative
Sheila MacFadyen	Tuesday Ladies League Representative
Marilyn Lappin	Wednesday Ladies League Representative
Dianne Loesch Fika	Director at Large

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Past-President R. Maclean.

2. Approval of Agenda

The draft Agenda was approved as circulated, with the addition of 4.1 Ice Report, and, under New Business, 6. 1 Communications about Rock Changes and 6.2 Club Championship Playoffs.



3. Review of Board Meeting Minutes, November 4, 2018

The draft Minutes of the Board Meeting held on November 4, 2018 were approved.

4. Reports

4.1. Ice Report

T. Shea, Head Ice Technician, gave a verbal report to the Board. He commented on the good working relationship being developed with Strathcona County, and Delta Controls, in order to improve the physical infrastructure and variable conditions (ice and facility temperatures; humidity; water quality; frequency of ice usage; etc.) that affect the curling ice and curling facility operations. Improving and maintaining the best possible ice conditions is a “work in progress” and has proved to be challenging. Terry made positive comments about the hard-working, diligent ice crew who are learning a lot about the details of curling ice maintenance. He also noted the importance of keeping the SPCC membership happy by adjusting the ice conditions to be more consistent with players’ abilities.

Regarding the physical infrastructure and equipment, he commented that there will be a need to replace the brine pump at some time, at a cost of \$12,000 to \$15,000. The SPCC curling rocks were made from Blue Trefor granite, a type of granite that can be “beat up easily”. The strike bands on these rocks are getting worn out, and so the rocks will need to be polished sooner than later. A cost estimate for polishing the rocks is needed.

A question was raised as to whether the SPCC needs to plan and budget for replacement of the curling rocks. If so, then cost estimates are needed for the cost of replacing all SPCC curling rocks, and a timeline for replacing the rocks needs to be identified. This issue is to be brought forward to the next Board meeting.

Terry suggested that there is potential for starting a wheelchair curling league, which could be a benefit to the SPCC, if a time to schedule a wheelchair curling league could be found, in an already very busy schedule for ice usage.

Board members recognized and thanked Terry for the excellent work that he is doing for the SPCC as the Head Ice Technician.

4.2. Financial Report (L. Carlson, Treasurer)

L. Carlson (Treasurer) stated that a financial report as of November 30, 2018 is under development and will be circulated by M. Schaufele once it is complete. Revenues and expenses appear to be on track, as budgeted.

A question was raised about revenues and expenses for the two bonspiels held this season. For the Mixed Doubles Classic, an estimated \$464.00 was realized as profit, excluding ice

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costs. If ice costs are included, then the Mixed Doubles Classic resulted in a financial loss to the SPCC. Final figures for the U21/ U18 Bonspiel are not yet available.

For SPCC bonspiels, the policy direction is that these events are expected to be cost neutral for the SPCC.

4.2 SPCC Manager's Report (H. Nedohin, SPCC Manager; see Report)

H. Nedohin emailed her report to the Board on December 2, 2018. Hard copies of her report were tabled at the meeting as information.

Regarding the lease agreement with Strathcona County, R. Maclean reported that an interim lease agreement with Strathcona County, in effect until April 15, 2019, has been signed.

V. Schmidt commented on the problem of the microphone not working. Strathcona County is aware of this, and the problem needs to be fixed so that league announcements can be clearly heard by curlers in the locker area.

4.3 League Reports

- 4.3.1 Monday Mixed Doubles League – M. Plester reported that registration for league play after Christmas needs to be checked. This new, Mixed Doubles league is enjoyable for participants; it is “a lot of fun”.
- 4.3.2 Tuesday Ladies League – The league is running well; the Christmas party is on December 18th.
- 4.3.3 Tuesday Men's League – V. Schmidt reported that the league is “going good”, with favourable comments heard about ice conditions. Planning for the 2019 Men's Bonspiel, with 24 competing teams, is underway.
- 4.3.4 Wednesday Ladies League – No issues.
- 4.3.5 Thursday Ladies League – L. Penner reported that Dec 13th is the day of the Christmas party. League play after Christmas will start on the first Thursday in January, that is, January 3rd, 2019, as league members did not want to curl on December 20th.
- 4.3.6 Thursday Night Men's League – No issues. R. Michaud reported that he made adjustments to the bell system, as the bells were not working properly. He asked for a full listing of information on when the bells need to ring for all leagues, so that he can code/ recode the bell system to operate correctly for all leagues.
- 4.3.7 Friday Night Mixed League – No issues. The Christmas Party is on Dec 21st.
- 4.3.8 Saturday Night League – The number of teams in this league is down to 12 teams from 14 teams, which is a challenge to the schedule. Is there anything that needs to be done to support registration in this league, for the 2019-2020 season? Good comments about the ice have been heard from league curlers. There is a mix of competitive and fun teams in this league, which is an issue for some teams who have left the league or may do so. What is the direction for the

calibre of play expected for teams? This is an issue that may need to be discussed at the league level.

- 4.3.9 Senior Mixed Curling League – No issues. “Don’t worry, be happy, curl on.”
- 4.3.10 Sunday Open League – No report.

5. Old Business

5.1 SPCC Awards Policy – Milestone and Memorial Curling Stones

The draft policy on Milestone and Memorial Rock Handle Awards was tabled for the consideration of the Board. Following discussion, it was MOVED by C. Henbest, SECONDED by L. Penner, that the draft Policy on Milestone Rock Handles be approved, with the following amendment: “A maximum of one (1) Memorial Rock Handle may be awarded in any year”. The Motion was CARRIED.

Regarding the composition of the Selection Committee for the Rock Handle Awards, it was noted that recruitment of a volunteer from the membership at large should be advertised on the SPCC website. The information on the SPCC website about the revised policy on Rock Handle awards now needs to be updated, along with the nomination form.

5.2 Hosting of Special Events in 2018-2019

5.2.1 Alberta Men’s Northern Championships

Plans are well underway for this Curling Alberta event at the SPCC. Volunteers will be needed to sell 50/50 tickets. This volunteer opportunity needs to be advertised on the SPCC website in early January 2019.

5.2.2 U18 National Championships, April 2019

In the SPCC Manager’s report, H. Nedohin provided an update on plans for the U18 Canadian Championships. No response has been received to the three grant proposals submitted to support funding of this national event. Volunteer recruitment is underway, with volunteers being required to pay a fee of \$65.00, for which they will receive a SPCC U18 curling jacket. Some resistance to paying a fee of \$65.00 as a condition of being a volunteer at this event has been heard. The cost of hosting this event is intended to be cost neutral for the SPCC.

5.3 Volunteer Recruitment, Retention, and Recognition

Volunteer recruitment, not retention, was identified as the main issue, with a key example being recruitment of SPCC curlers as League representatives on the Board, and as officers in Executive positions. D. Kroetsch suggested that it would be useful to have SPCC members attend Board meetings, and “shadow” League representatives and Executive members, to learn about the workings of the Board and expectations for these positions. Targeted recruitment of individuals to specific positions is more effective than broad based recruitment notices to the entire membership, although the latter may help to create awareness of openings on the Board and other volunteer opportunities. With the change of the date of the Annual General Meeting to March 2019, there are a few months ahead in which to recruit new Board



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members. Current Board members need to advise the President/ President-Elect as to whether they plan to remain on the Board in 2019-2020.

5.4 Succession Planning for the SPCC Board

See the Minutes for item 5.3 Volunteer Recruitment, Retention and Recognition.

6. New Business

6.1 Communications about Rock Changes

G. Algot raised the question of whether it is possible to let the members know in advance that the rocks have been touched up, or that the ice has been flooded, or otherwise changed, so that curlers are aware of these changes before they go on the ice. It was agreed that information about changes made to the curling rocks, and to the curling ice, should be readily and consistently shared by the SPCC Manager, and/ or the Head Ice Technician, in advance of league play.

6.2 Club Championship Playoffs - Committee

The email from H. Nedohin to Board Members, on November 30, was reviewed by R. Maclean; the emails between B. Wagg and H. Nedohin about Club Championships were also tabled as information. In response to H. Nedohin's suggestion that a Club Championship Committee be created, the following Board Members agreed to serve on this Committee: L. Penner; R. Michaud; C. Henbest, and B. Horn. The Committee is tasked with addressing the issues raised in the emails from the SPCC Manager and B. Wagg, including options (e.g. names on a feature wall; names in the ice; names listed on temporary vinyl banner) to recognize Club Champions, and will report back to the next meeting of the Board with recommendations.

7. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the SPCC Board is scheduled for **Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 3:30 PM** in the SPCC Meeting Room.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison McKinnon
SPCC Secretary.