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GLEN ALLAN RECREATION COMPLEX

**SHERWOOD PARK CURLING CLUB
 BOARD MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)**

January 29, 2023
 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. ONLINE

Name	Position
In attendance:	
Rodney Yaremchuk	President
Gerry Salm	President-Elect
Dee Matishak	Treasurer
Jody Zacharkiw	Secretary
Heather Nedohin	SPCC Manager
Mary Plester	Monday Seniors League Representative
Jen Forbes	Monday Night Doubles Representative
Ashley Kalk	Wednesday Ladies League Representative
Rita Clark	Thursday Ladies League Representative
Doug Kroetsch	Director at Large
Michael Semeniuk	Director at Large
Herb Herder	Director at Large
Irene Kroetsch	Director at Large
Godfrey Huybregts (4:07 pm)	Director at Large
Regrets:	
Donna Dosman	Past-President
Angela De Wolfe	Sunday Open League Representative
Guy Algot	Monday Mixed League Representative
Pauline Erickson	Tuesday Ladies League Representative
Pat Schryver	Tuesday Mens League Representative
Vern Schmidt	Thursday Men's League Representative
Blair Horn	Friday Night Mixed Representative
Rick Komick	Seniors Mixed League Representative
Mel Schaufele	SPCC - Finance
Lynn Penner	Director at Large



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1) Call to Order (President, Rodney Yaremchuk)

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

2) Approval of Agenda

Noted error: change of anniversary date - should read 20 years, not 10 years. With the change noted, motion to approve the agenda. Herb Herder moved. Gerry Salm seconded. Carried unanimously.

3) Approval of Board Meeting Minutes, November 6, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes from November 6, 2022 as presented. Doug Kroetsch moved. Gerry Salm seconded. Carried unanimously.

4) Financial Update (Treasurer, Dee Matishak)

Highlights include:

- increased interest in winter programs
- go support the lounge! Sales can always be improved for the benefit of both Passionate Hospitality Group (PHG) and the Club - the projected YTD is \$16,500 for clubhouse commissions, which is currently not at that number and we are hoping to see an increase in sales
- cleaning costs were lower than projected; PHG is doing cleaning as part of their contract
- donation money is at \$4,700
- teams in the club are doing well, so more recognition will be forthcoming and thus funds will need to be allocated to this category that were previously not budgeted for this year - banners are about \$100 each to make - installation will occur once yearly but banners can be created anytime
- extra funds will be used toward club championships because we are sending two teams this year
- most things otherwise close to projections
- bottom line: we are doing well and looking like we should remain within the approved budget



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Questions:

1. Are we going to have to cash in any investments?

Currently sitting at \$30,000. We are hoping not to dip into investments. This will be affected by bonspiels and events and we can get a more precise idea closer to the end of season. We are hoping for bonspiels to do well. Godfrey Huybregts shared an estimated projection of \$2,700 profit from the Strathcona Cup.

2. Are any GIC's maturing this quarter?

Board members needed to confirm the GIC's maturing dates after the meeting.

Note: After the meeting it was discovered that two of the three GIC's had matured already, and the 3rd GIC is due to mature in March 2023. The newly formed Finance Committee is planning to meet with a TD representative to reinvest.

3. Is spending complete in relation to the blade chiller and lounge improvements?

Yes. The blade chiller was about \$3,400 and no further plans are made for spending on it. One item to consider in lounge improvements is owing our own BBQ and if it would be allowable by the County. Otherwise there are no current plans for spending.

4. Has the RO invoice been paid?

Yes this is complete.

5. Will there be an impact to the staffing budget with the new ice team member?

No, this is a modification of staff and hours. The new ice team member is replacing someone who is leaving.

5) Creation of Finance Review Committee (Rodney Yaremchuk)

This committee will be chaired by the Treasurer. The Vice President would also be on this committee. Currently we are seeking any members who would be willing to volunteer to join. The intent is to focus on a macro financial view of the club in keeping within guidelines of strategic and capital plans. The commitment would be 2-3 meetings per year.



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Anyone interested is asked to please let Heather or a member of the executive know. Upon formation of this committee, further discussion will be had regarding the particulars of how to approach this at a high level.

6) 2023-24 Capital Project Considerations (Gerry Salm)

The Executive has been compiling a “wish list” for the club. Thought has been around what is needed and desired for the club in coming years. As such, the intent of sharing this information is for board members to consider the items, keeping in mind financial costs are an estimate and inflation of the economy for future projects should be considered. Board members are asked for their feedback on the proposed ideas, offer suggestions for prioritization, and present other ideas not yet considered.

Moving forward, the club can begin the process of deciding on which projects to proceed with and continue with succession planning. SPCC is particularly fortunate to be in a County building, not having to plan for costs associated with stand-alone buildings like a new roof or major plumbing and electrical repairs.

Discussion arose from the idea a board member shared; to envision grander long term projects in an effort to grow the club and its reputation. Executive will discuss the potential of creating a space to hold a meeting for brainstorming ideas which might pave the way for a visionary group to be formed.

7) Vacant Positions - 2023/24 SPCC Executive (Rodney Yaremchuk)

At this time the secretary position will remain status quo if no other interested parties come forward. Someone has shown interest in the Treasurer position and is likely to commit. We still require someone for the Vice President vacancy.

8) SPCC Demographic Trends (Gerry Salm)

In pondering about the club, its current demographic, and projected membership, a factor to consider is the significant aging of the club. Gerry presented two ideas for consideration:

- are we going to do anything as a club to make it safer for aging curlers?;
- are we doing enough and what do we need to be doing to attract young members?

Safety is always a challenge. Some clubs are making it mandatory for juniors to wear helmets. We anticipate seeing an increase in people wearing helmets on the ice. People are also starting to wear a padded hat available in stores; a great precaution that isn't bulky and heavy like a helmet.



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Discussion points:

- draw times need to be considered in the 30-50 age group
- tri county spiel will be a great way to reach new populations
- half day 3 hour bonspiels, etc. - hard to fit these kinds of slots though
- need to optimize Saturdays
- a challenge of people with families - babysitting costs, etc.

We need to continue thinking on these items and how we can create membership sustainability for the Club.

9) Managers Report (Manager, Heather Nedohin)

Presently the most impactful announcement is the change of hours for GARC. Effective Jan 2023, the front access desk will be open until 9pm instead of 10pm. In case of an emergency, the phone bounces to people who might be on call, and eventually will go to an operator. Thus, be aware that we would need to activate a 911 call in the event of an emergency. This mainly impacts the late draw curlers and we will get this out through communications.

Safesport was brought up in regard to board members. It is encouraged all members complete the online training for this.

10) 20 and 60 year Celebration Planning (Heather Nedohin)

Noted correction above to 20 year celebration. Things are progressing well. Items of note:

- currently reviewing the rental contract and will sign soon
- sales are going reasonably well
- will do a push for advertising
- need help with securing more items for raffle

11) League Representative Feedback

Ashley

- hoping for a few more teams for ladies spiel - under registration by 4 teams at present
- Team Kellie Sticksma went on to represent SPCC at the 2023 Scotties Women's Provincials
- raised \$700+ for the Saffron Organization



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Mary

- seniors curling is in need of spares for M/W/F mornings
- a senior is considered 50+ ; check the website and get your name on the list! \$10/game to spare

Rita

- kudos to PHG for a great Christmas event for the two Ladies' leagues
- raised money for the Strathcona Food Bank

Jen

- expressed sentiment from one team to the effect of why bother curling the rest of the season if you are on the B side, but only team from the A side gets represented (re: Championship Day and Mixed Doubles League)

Godfrey

- curious if there is a ruling around using straw brooms for delivery and they are not being taped up, as there was in incident with two separate skips during the Men's bonspiel recently

12) Next Meeting Date: April 23, 2023 at 3:30pm - Zoom meeting

13) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 pm.