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**GLEN ALLAN RECREATION COMPLEX**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Sunday, October 22, 2017  
 4:00 PM, SPCC Meeting Room

**1. Call to Order**

President Ralph Maclean called the meeting to order at 4:06 P.M.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>In attendance:</b>	
Ralph Maclean	President
Greg Empson	Vice-President
Cheryl Miles	Treasurer
Allison McKinnon	Secretary
Heather Nedohin	SPCC Manager
Karla Satchwell	Sunday Open League Representative
Jeanette Torgerson	Tuesday Ladies League Representative
Vern Schmidt	Tuesday Men's League Representative
Blair Horn	Friday Night Mixed Representative
Robert Friedt	Senior Mixed Curling League Representative
Cliff Bezaire	Saturday Night League Representative
Dianne Loesch Fika	Director at Large
Don Steinbach	Director at Large
Rodney Yaremchuk	Director at Large
Guy Algot	Bonspiel Coordinator
Lesley Stafiniak	Web & Signage Master
Doug Kroetsch	Member
<b>Regrets:</b>	
Barry Wagg	Past-President
Corwin Chomay	Director at Large
Faye Steinbach	Director at Large
Rhonda Gibson	Thursday Ladies League Representative
Ron Michaud	Thursday Night Men's League Representative
<b>No League Representatives:</b>	
	Monday Night Mixed League Representative
	Wednesday Ladies League Representative

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The draft Agenda circulated in advance of the meeting was approved as circulated.

### **3. Review of Board Meeting Minutes, April 19, 2017**

The draft Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 were approved as circulated.

### **4. Reports**

#### 4.1 Financial Report

A draft SPCC Financial Report/ Income and Expense Statement as of the end of September 2017 was circulated by email on October 4, 2017 by M. Schaufele, and received as information. C. Miles, Treasurer, presented this Financial Report and responded to questions. More revenue than was estimated in the 2017-2018 budget has been received from league registration fees. The Senior Mixed Curling League has been invoiced for ice rental costs. The SPCC is in a positive financial position.

#### 4.2 Ice Technician's Report

H. Nedohin presented the Head Ice Technician's report, and forwarded an electronic version of this report to the Board during the meeting. More information was requested on what the Ice Technician plans to do to improve and maintain the ice quality this season. In response, H. Nedohin stated that the Ice Technician and staff will be completing a written daily report on ice quality and conditions. Mike Brodeur, Head Ice Technician, will be onsite on Thursday evenings to assess ice conditions for this evening draw, and receive feedback from curlers. The ice was flooded over the Thanksgiving weekend; no ice floods are planned until the December break.

Additional ice maintenance staff have been hired to assist with ice installation and ongoing ice maintenance services during the season, and to grow the number of experienced ice technicians for the SPCC.

Questions were raised on the status of plans to purchase a reverse osmosis water system. What is happening? R. Maclean stated that the Board had approved purchase of a reverse osmosis water system, contingent on getting a grant for funding. Writing of the grant proposal to Strathcona County is yet to be done. If grant funding is not obtained, then the SPCC will purchase the reverse osmosis water system for the 2018-2019 season.

Discussion ensued on the quality of ice conditions, with observations that there are significant differences in ice conditions between early and late draws. League Representatives need to let the SPCC Manager know about any concerns about ice conditions, so that she can follow-up with the ice maintenance staff.

#### 4.3 Manager's Report

A detailed report by the SPCC Manager was circulated in advance of the meeting by H. Nedohin, who then presented the report at the meeting (See Manager's Report).

Regarding the "Paint Night" planned for December, a discussion was held on which charity may benefit from revenues raised from the Paint Night. By a show of hands, the United Way was chosen as the charity to benefit.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SPCC is in 2020. Would hosting an international curling event be a way to celebrate this milestone in SPCC history? Discussion was held on the benefits, and drawbacks, of

hosting special curling events at the Sherwood Park Curling Club. If SPCC leagues are full, and the ice is being heavily used, what is the purpose of hosting additional special curling events? Without support from the SPCC membership, and special event committees, the work of planning and hosting a national or international event falls to a few people, which is not a viable option.

It was observed that the profile of the SPCC has been raised in the region, nationally and internationally, by hosting international curling events (such as the Grand Slam of Curling and the Service Experts Mixed Doubles) in recent years. Promotion of the sport of curling, both recreational and elite, in our community and beyond has been a source of revenue and pride for SPCC members. As a result, the SPCC continues to attract more curlers, while other clubs are challenged to maintain their membership.

C. Bezaire asked if there are still opportunities for creating new leagues, to bring in more curlers. R. Maclean responded that the addition of new leagues would increase demands and requirements for ice maintenance, which is already a challenge. H. Nedohin emphasized the need to balance use of the ice by leagues, school groups, learn to curl programs, and for practice hours, with ice maintenance time.

Given commitments for ice usage this season, are there more efficient ways to maintain the ice? D. Kroetsch inquired if there are opportunities for volunteers to help with the ice maintenance. Could this volunteer opportunity be announced on the SPCC website?

V. Schmidt requested that the Board discuss the new food and beverage services provided by the Belvedere Golf and Country Club (BGCC). Some members have experienced slow service when they walk up to the bar, while table service has been slow on some occasions. At least one line up service at the bar is needed so that curlers can access walk-up service, rather than have table service only. It was suggested that a sign be posted at the bar to let patrons know that walk up service is available. Water and glasses need to be on the counter in an accessible position, not behind the bar. The timing of last call is an issue, as is the time when lounge patrons are expected to vacate GARC. It was agreed that last call be at Midnight, not 1130 or 1145, with the lounge doors locked at 01:00 AM, consistent with the closure of GARC at 01:00 AM. Opening and closing hours for the lounge, and the time of last call for food and beverage services, need to be posted so that patrons are informed.

The new food menu was briefly discussed, with good comments on ½ price wings on offer after 8:00 PM, and negative comments on the nachos as they are priced higher with fewer nachos served in an order. Prices for food and beverage services are up overall; for example, the price of a jug of beer has gone up to \$18.75. Has a gratuity been added into the cost of food and beverage services, or not? H. Nedohin will be meeting with the BGCC Food and Services Manager, Amber Anderson, and will bring the questions and feedback from the Board to this meeting.

D. Fika reported that the “Cool Curl Game” has been wrecked by unsupervised kids, and asked what needs to be done to prevent further damage. Should the game be locked up and kept at the bar, as was done in prior years?

New lighting, provided by Strathcona County, has been installed over the curling sheets in the summer months. Lighting is now equal across all areas of the curling sheets. It was requested that reports on lighting be shared for the information of curlers.

#### 4.4 League Reports

4.4.1 Friday Night Mixed League: B. Horn reported that the league has 30 teams, two short of full. The league has had a positive start; some juniors are playing in the league. He asked if there is a format to finalize league rosters. H. Nedohin advised to let the SPCC office staff know.

4.4.2 Tuesday Men's League: V. Schmidt commented on the quality of the curling ice. Do the curling rocks need to be touched up, as well as the ice maintained? How can we have more consistent playing conditions, across the day, and across the week? What are the sources of variability in the ice conditions? It was noted that the Head Ice Technician needs to ensure consistency in ice maintenance practices and ice quality. H. Nedohin noted that there are various opinions on what is considered to be the "good" curling ice, and asked, "What is our standard for ice quality?" V. Schmidt suggested that more maintenance, and fewer floods, of the ice would help to improve the ice conditions. It was noted that the curling ice was flooded over the Thanksgiving weekend, and will not be flooded again until the December break.

4.4.3 Tuesday Ladies: J. Torgerson reported that league curlers are learning how to enter scores online, and everything is going well.

4.4.4 Sunday Open League: No report.

4.4.5 Saturday Night League: C. Bezaire reported that there have been some issues with the bell. The League is going strong. Curlers are happy.

4.4.6 Senior Mixed Curling League: R. Friedt reported that there are over 30 new Senior curlers in the league, with registration full for the Monday, Wednesday and Friday draws. The league is going good so far. Opinions vary among curlers as to ice conditions, as is to be expected, as do the abilities of curlers in the League. H. Nedohin said that she is willing to provide instruction to any SPCC curlers, if this would be helpful, and encouraged curlers to practice.

#### 5. Old Business:

##### 5.1 Lease Negotiations:

R. MacLean reported that Strathcona County (Legal and Legislative Services) is reviewing all draft contracts with the County, and will have a draft lease to SPCC next month (November). A 3% increase in the cost of agreement, per year, is expected for the next 5 years.

#### 6. New Business

##### 6.1. Plans for the 2018 Men's Bonspiel

G. Algot reported that information on the 2018 Men's Bonspiel is on the SPCC website. The bonspiel is scheduled for January 20-21, 2018.

##### 6.2. Plans for the 2018 Ladies' Bonspiel

No information was reported on plans for the 2018 Ladies Bonspiel. R. Maclean emphasized that volunteers are essential to ensure that bonspiels are viable. If volunteers are not available to plan and support the bonspiels, then these bonspiels will not continue.

### 6.3 SPCC Strategic Business Plan 2017-2020 (for information)

A Strategic Business Plan for the Sherwood Park Curling Club was developed in recent months, approved by the Executive, and presented at this meeting by R. Maclean as information (see attached). This is a three-year Plan, 2017-2020, which will be updated on an annual basis, as needed. R. Maclean thanked A. McKinnon, Secretary, for taking a lead in drafting the Strategic Business Plan for the SPCC. The SPCC Strategic Business Plan is to be posted on the SPCC website so that it is available for the information of SPCC members.

### 6.4 Other: 2018 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Sherwood Park Curling Club is scheduled for **Sunday, January 7, 2018**. A slate of Officers, and Board Members, needs to be developed. Nominations for the position of President-Elect, a 3-year commitment, are needed. Members interested in this position were encouraged to contact R. Maclean, President, and G. Empson, Vice-President.

### 6.5 Other: Key dates for the 2017-2018 Season

The last day of league curling for the 2017-2018 season is **March 4, 2018**. Playoffs will be held March 5-17, with Championship Day scheduled for March 17. The ice will be out by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Edmonton and Area Curling Club Championships are to be held at the Granite Curling Club from April 8-14, 2018.

### 6.6 Other: Curling Club Manager (CCM) Information System

G. Algot reported problems with the CCM software, as it is not programmed to show teams with zero points. The software also does not accurately report the standings of teams. The win/loss report does not show ties. Leagues need to verify the points and ranking of teams until these software problems are fixed.

## 7. **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the SPCC Board is scheduled for **Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 3:30 PM** in the SPCC Meeting Room.

## 8. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Allison McKinnon  
SPCC Secretary.