

Lewiston Curling Club Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 18, 2019

Present: Erik Snyder, Tyler Smith, Diana Hlywa, Dan Serba, John Boris, Kayla Beauregard, Jeromey Cosby, Ron Watson, Neal Godby, Mary Keskine, Randy Pyle, Linda Licht, Glenn Alsobrooks,

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:02 pm.

Approval of Prior Minutes

Motion by Ron Watson/2nd by Neal Godby was made to approve minutes from the October 21, 2019 Board meeting and were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Diana Hlywa presented the Treasurer's Report indicating the curling stones were finished and paid for and the insurance was paid for on those stones. There is a total of \$65,700.84 in the checking/savings account right now. The two CD's have rolled over to 2020 and the 10k CD is valued at \$10,269.55 and the 12k is now valued at \$12,443.10. This leaves the total assets at \$88,413.49. Randy Pyle gave Diana a receipt for the light bulbs for \$60 for 4 packs of light bulbs. There have been a total of 8 league dues paid so far and more coming in today. Erik will send another email to everyone to pay for their league dues before the early payment deadline.

Ice Committee Report

Randy reported that the ice initially went in well and all was good until he transferred over to the other compressor. Randy came in to check on the ice and noticed that the ice was honeycombed and cracked all over from changing to the other compressor. The ice committee came in and was able to fix everything and now the ice looks good again. The ice committee will hopefully come in to marinate the ice and begin pebbling. Randy believes the curling stones will begin curling up to 8 feet but will eventually come down and curl at 4 feet. Randy is hopeful that the ice will be ready by next week Monday.

Randy also emailed the Board to purchase new hoses and so he bought new hoses. He bought six new hoses but they kinked. He took those hoses back and bought some other hoses but those hoses also kinked up. So the ice committee is back to using the old hoses for now until they decide what to do about the hoses.

Maintenance House Committee

Nobody has volunteered to take over for the Maintenance House Committee chairperson. Mary is planning on coming in to clean up the club next week.

Bonspiel Committee Report

Erik reported the Santa Spiel is scheduled for December 20-21, 2019 with 8 teams signed up and it is a double elimination tournament. The International Bonspiel is February 14-16, 2020

Games Committee Report

Erik reported the mini-season is almost full and he has had to ask if others wanted to move to a different night because Tuesday was too full. Erik noted that 64 people have signed up to curl this season with 8 of those members curling for the Senior night. That would mean 56 people signed up to curl for our regular season. Erik is planning on sending out an email to remind previous members to sign up. Erik has talked to Kayla about hosting a night for a brief curling lesson during the mini season. Erik also noted that it might be worth having the new curlers on one night so they can all learn together.

Rental Committee Report

Kayla reported that she is still looking for people to volunteer to help out with ice rentals. The first ice rental is December 22 at 2:00. There are seven ice rentals for the month of December at this time. It was reported that the calendar is not working on the website. Kayla was able to promote the LCC on the TreeTops website to hopefully get us more interest and ice rentals. Mary gave a list of sponsors and the 20% discount to those sponsors who decide to rent the ice. There is a rental on Monday, December 30 at 6:00 that will not allow the mini-season curlers to curl on that night (Sorry guys). Kayla also noted that she is in the process of making an outline of how to run an ice rental night with all the steps included to help guide anyone who has to run a rental or even for those who are helping out.

New Business Report

- a) Anything new on the new cameras?:

The ice is now in so there won't be any work to install new cameras this year.

- b) Learn-to-Curl Scheduling?

The Learn-to-Curl is set for December 7th from 11:00-3:00 and there is a need for volunteers to help with this event. Ron Watson and Linda Licht stated that they would be willing to help with Learn-to-Curl. Erik is planning on sending out an email to ask for more volunteers so people don't have to stay all day. Jeromey Cosby noted that he would be willing and able to help out with the December 14 ice rental.

c) Advertising: Newspaper Article/TV Spot:

Erik is planning on contacting 9&10 news to set up a time to advertise for the Learn-to-Curl event to help promote the LCC. Erik also wants to contact the Montmorency Tribune & Gaylord Herald Times to advertise for the Learn-to-Curl and gain interest in new curlers. Linda Licht stated that she had posted that the LCC curling season is accepting sign ups for the upcoming season and it has already received 9 likes. Neal Godby inquired for flyers for Learn-to-Curl so he could post them in local businesses. Jeromey Cosby asked if flyers were already created from last year and John Boris stated they were already done and available. The flyers will be sent out again for members to solicit.

d) New Maintenance House Committee Chair Needed:

Erik reported that there is still a need for this position to be filled but nobody has volunteered at this time. Randy noted that in the years past it was the responsibility of the team who was in charge of the house prep was also in charge of cleaning the LCC before they left the curling club.

BOARD OPEN FORUM

Linda suggested that the Santa Spiel would be either a fun spiel or a competitive spiel it was not possible to have the Santa Spiel be a competitive and fun bonspiel because they don't mix well. Linda believes that everyone should have the opportunity to sign up for the International Bonspiel and it should not depend on who wins the Santa Spiel.

Randy also brought up the idea that it was not fair for all members to have one of the International Bonspiel teams automatically in the bonspiel based on who wins the Santa Spiel. Randy stated that sometimes a skip has several members on there Santa Spiel team that may curl on another night and those members would not be able to qualify for the International Bonspiel because those members don't curl on the same night as the skip. Randy would also like to propose that the sign-up for the International Bonspiel be placed inside the curling club for 4 players from each night. If there is more room available after everyone on each night has a chance to sign up, then it would be open to anyone in the club to fill the available spaces for the International Bonspiel.

Erik stated that these ideas and proposals should be brought up at the next board meeting for the Bonspiel Committee to discuss these thoughts.

Mary brought up the idea of tabling this discussion until the next board meeting.

Linda noted that there were no Board Meeting minutes placed on the website since April and was wondering if they could be placed on the website again.

Dan Serba will be looking into sending the Board Meeting minutes to the website for all to be able to read. Dan is hopeful that we can copy a link to the LCC website and everyone can have access to the Board Meeting minutes.

Mary contacted 27 sponsors, 3 denied sponsoring, 3 exchanged services, and 14 have paid for their sponsor fees at this time. Mary also stated that she had looked into getting Tim Hortons to be another sponsor but Tim Hortons stated that they could only donate food and coffee to the LCC.

Tyler thought The Manor would be interested in donating a sponsorship. Tyler will contact his brother when he comes back in town this next week.

Randy talked to Glen Alsobrooks and they both asked the Board if there would be a problem starting the Senior curling season at the same time as the mini-season this year. The Senior season has always been a 12 week season but they would like to begin the season early this year.

Randy would like to propose that we limit our Lewiston International Bonspiel to 4 teams per club and thinks that we should not allow 9 teams from the Detroit Curling Club. Randy knows that the teams from the Detroit Curling Club do not like to come to Lewiston and play each other in our clubs bonspiel. Randy also knows of other curling clubs and teams that would like to enter our Int. Bonspiel but cannot because it is always full.

It was noted that Keith Berger was looking into and thinking about making changes to our policy when it comes to how many teams could come from each curling club.

Randy thought we had roughly 6 to 7 teams from other clubs who participate in our International Bonspiel.

Randy also thought our club was missing a few things. So Randy made a Red Solo cup holder with a holder for Sharpie Markers for people to write their name on their Red Solo cups to make it easier for all those curlers who need a beverage cup.

Randy also made tablet with a paper roll so people can take notes and leave notes for other members to correspond with those on other nights.

Randy made a 5 o'clock Somewhere clock and hung it in the bar downstairs.

Thanks Randy for all your new additions to our curling club!! It's greatly appreciated.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:00pm.

