

STONEWALL CURLING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015

Called to Order: 7:03 p.m.

Present: 21 members

1) Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Fred Branscombe, 2nd by Lawrie Hogg:

“That the Agenda be adopted as presented”.

Carried

(a) Business Arising from Minutes

We did not host a Quarry Days booth. We ran out of manpower with the Million Dollar Hole in One which took a lot of work from the executive.

Quotes were given for the installation of the ice if the Goose Shoot were held. Curling would not start until the end of October and we would lose the revenue from two junior bonspiels booked in October. The membership voted last year for the executive to make the decision on whether to host the Goose Shoot and the board decided not to go forward with it. The Manitoba Lotteries reporting was time consuming and the report had to be approved prior to a new licence application being prepared. The progressive 50/50 tickets were ready for Quarry Days but we only sold about four or five tickets at the Million Dollar Hole in One booth.

Moved by: Carol Smith, 2nd by Vern Appleyard:

“That the Minutes be adopted as read”.

Carried

2) Elections

Nancy feels if we do not fill the executive positions, the meeting will adjourn. Positions currently vacant are Second Vice, Secretary and Membership.

Iris Oleksuk and Lil Branscombe put their names forward to jointly take care of Membership.

President:	Nancy Drad
Vice President:	Ken De Smet
2 nd Vice President:	VACANT
Treasurer:	Deb Jensen
Secretary:	VACANT
Volunteers:	Judy Kitching
Marketing:	Brenda Fulsher / Darrel Argan
Rentals:	Darrel Argan
Building Operations:	Darrel Argan
Fundraising:	Fred Branscombe

Membership:	Iris Oleksuk / Lil Branscombe
<u>League Reps:</u>	
Monday Ladies:	Brenda Woods
Tuesday Mens:	Stu Brown
Wednesday Ladies:	Laurie Deprez
Thursday Mixed:	Gina Doyle
Seniors:	Charlie Barnhart
Stick League:	Joyce Wrychowny

Moved by Vern Appleyard, 2nd by Brenda Woods:

“That nominations cease and that the membership accept the slate of officers as presented and empower the executive to appoint a Secretary and Second Vice”.

Carried

3) **President’s Report**

At this time I wish to recognize and thank Ryan Smith for his many years of service as treasurer for the Stonewall Curling Club. Being treasurer of the club is like having a second job. If you are like me I am sure that you seldom visited the club where you didn’t see Ryan popping or out fulfilling his duties. On behalf of the all the members Ryan I thank you for your many hours of dedication. Your expertise and knowledge of the club will be missed at our executive meetings.

Carol Smith joined the executive first as the Thursday Night Mixed League Rep and for the past two years she has assumed the duties of the secretary along with membership. I would like to thank you for your years of service to Stonewall Curling Club and I want you to know that I will miss your wordsmithing abilities. Carol seems to have a way with words that gets my point across it a polite manner. Thank you Carol.

Brenda Fulsher is not here tonight but two years ago she took on the challenge of becoming the Marketing person for our club. She devised a system that worked and I wish to thank her for sending out the letters to sponsors and for following up with them to ensure that their cheque was received and their posters were created. I know that she had help from Ryan and Darrel when it came time to displaying the posters along the wall. Thanks to Brenda.

This is the time of the meeting where I feel that it is important for the membership to recognize the executive of the Stonewall Curling Club. They work hard throughout the entire year. Judy Kitching goes above and beyond the call of duty on a continual basis. She always says to me Nancy, I am a worker bee. You create the ideas and I will do the work. Judy, your continual dedication to the betterment of this curling club does not go unnoticed. We see you at every event that is held in this building. You wear many hats and for that I thank you.

Darrel Argan thought that having two roles on the executive wasn’t quite enough work because now he plans to take on a third position. Darrel works so hard with Curl Manitoba making sure that the junior berth bonspiels are played in Stonewall. On those bonspiel weekends I am convinced that he might even sleep here because he is always here. He also is in charge of building maintenance making sure that everything is operating as it should. Now next year he will take over the Marketing position too. Thank you Darrel for all that you do for Stonewall Curling Club.

Fred Branscombe has sat on the executive these past two years as the Fundraising Chairperson. He works tirelessly planning events that raise the necessary funds. He cooks a mean steak and somehow gets lobsters here from the East Coast. He is always thinking and planning and talking about ways the Club can raise funds. He works tirelessly selling 300 Club tickets and is now planning a Ukrainian night for the end of April. Thank you Fred.

Ken De Smet is our vice president and is a calming presence at our executive meetings. This year he helped with negotiations with our ice maker. I am hoping that after one more year I can convince him to take over the reigns.

We have league reps for every night of the curling week. Charlie Barnhart, Brenda Woods, Stu Brown, Laurie Deprez and Gina Doyle all sit at our meetings and provide excellent insight. They make the schedules, plan the bonspiels and help out wherever they can. On behalf of the membership I thank you for the time and effort that you put into your respective leagues and for the time you put in at special events.

To the senior members of our club I wish to thank you for your donation this year of \$4500. Each year the seniors have lunch and I believe 50/50 draws and with their proceeds they provide all the coffee for Stonewall Curling Club plus at the end of their season they make a nice donation. Thank you so much.

I would also like to make mention of Joyce Wrychowny and thank her for taking the bull by the horns so to speak and setting up a Stick League. This was her idea and I think she surprised herself with the success. I know that she would like to have someone else take over this duty next year because I think that Joyce found curling four times a week a little time consuming. Thank you so much Joyce.

To our staff, John, Jan, Darcy and Greg. I thank all four of them for making Stonewall Curling Club stand out amongst other clubs. We have the best food around and we enjoy it in a facility that is always spick and span clean thanks to Jan and Darcy. We all get to curl on what I believe to be the best curling ice in Manitoba.

You all know how I love the saying it takes a whole village to raise a child. It takes a whole community to run a Curling Club. The more the merrier. Please consider lending a helping hand at our many fundraising events. We don't fundraise because we want to. We fundraise because we have to.

This year we hosted many successful bonspiels. Yes mistakes were made along the way but that is to be expected. We are after all just ordinary people. Many of us have full time jobs outside of the curling club. We learn from our mistakes and move forward and try something new. We have a great rapport with the Town of Stonewall. And to quote our Mayor Lockie McLean coming within 5-10 thousand dollars of a six figure budget is commendable. They understand that times are tough and that we have to work hard to get more members and they strongly support curling in Stonewall.

This completes my second year as President. Again, I have received no formal complaints from anyone throughout the season regarding the operation of our club. To me no news is good news. Tonight we are hosting our annual general meeting for the second year in a row in April.

This is before our year end so a budget will not be presented for next year. The executive that you elect will have that task. If at any time during the curling season you have concerns or questions my number is on the board downstairs and I receive all emails sent to the club address.

My message to all of you is this, find a friend who wants to curl next season, buy a ticket to one of our fundraising events. Show up at the Million Dollar Hole In One during Quarry Days. Get your team to donate a prize to that event. Show your support for this club and please, take time to thank an executive member, pass on a kind word to one of our staff members. Kindness is catching and those few words will warm someone's heart.

Without them you would not have this facility.

4) Treasurer's Report

Ryan advised that for the most part the year is done but there are some more events before the club's year end of May 31st including the rental of our bar during the Canadian Western Shield female hockey tournament in April. The 2014 year end ended up with a loss of \$6,358.20. As for the 2015 year, the curling fees total did increase all from the stick league revenue. Joyce ran 16 people on average each week. Rentals this year were down as we don't have the Showcase every second year. Bonspiels, the stick league drop in fees, the donation of \$1,500 by Family Foods to sponsor the MJCT in October (thanks to Judy for securing the donation!) all helped our bottom line. Thirty-two teams were in our junior spiel. We had a new rental New Year's Eve and that helped our bar and booth. Greg stocked up on inventory for the Ukrainian night already.

As for building operations, we have not yet received the 2014 adjustment from the Town.

Equipment operating – there were no major purchases needed either on the ice surface or the kitchen. The camera on sheet 4 needs to be replaced.

Office and business expenses include membership fees to CurlManitoba, interac fees, with the majority of the expense going to Elizabeth Kroeker's bookkeeping.

The signage and naming rights amount is made up of the scoreboard signs (\$1,000 each) and the \$2,500 from the Sunova naming rights (\$25,000 over 10 years).

Brenda Fulsher is very close to budget. The fundraising total (besides our major fundraising efforts) included 50/50 draws at spiels and the progressive 50/50 draw. We did not meet our budget; we sold 212 out of 300 tickets for the 300 Club resulting in a \$8,800 shortfall for the fundraising target.

The investment income is from money that sits in our savings account from the 300 Club.

Volunteer fee cheques have not been cashed yet. Miscellaneous revenue includes cash short/over.

Part of our lease agreement with the Town is to pay \$1,250/quarter to the Town for capital reserve. Ryan is hopeful that we will get to a shortfall of \$2,500 or breakeven by our year end date of May 31st.

Moved by: Ryan Smith, 2nd by Vern Appleyard:

“That the 2014 financial statement and year-to-date numbers for 2015 are approved”.

Carried

(a) Motion to NOT appoint an auditor

Moved by: Ryan Smith, 2nd by Lawrie Hogg:

“That the Stonewall Curling Club does not appoint an auditor for the 2014-2015 year”.

Carried
1 opposed

(b) Motion to set curling fees

Proposed fees include:

Proposed Fee:	\$235.00
GST on fee:	11.75
Curl MB fee:	4.00
Progressive 50/50	<u>20.00</u>
Total:	\$270.75

Plus volunteer fee to increase to \$80.00.

Moved by: Brenda Woods, 2nd by David Green:

“Motion to accept the curling fees as proposed”.

Carried

5) Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by Arlene Farebrother.