Stonewall Curling Annual General Meeting Minutes

April 30th, 2026

In Attendance	Regrets
Board Members Stu Brown Lauren Brown Laurie Deprez Gina Doyle Nancy Drad James Dunlop Matt Dunlop Thomas Dunlop Kirstyn Ingram Andrea Keeping Emerson Klimpke Lisa Wutzke	
General Membership Jane Brown Joanne Delaronde Janine Deprez Pruneau David Green Desneiges Pruneau	

1. Review of Agenda

Motion: to approve the agenda made by Stu Brown seconded by James Dunlop.

Carried

2. Minutes from 2025 AGM

   a. **Motion:** to approve the previous meeting's minutes made by Andrea Keeping, seconded by Matt Dunlop. **Carried**

   b. Business Arising:

      i. Lauren Brown appointed as Director Intern.

      ii. Gina and Laurie Deprez swapped nights as League Reps.

3. President's Report. Generally, it was very a good season, not too many things made it to him because it was such a good year. Thank you to the whole Board that provide support and made things easy. A number of highlights from the past year follows. New flooring upstairs, positive feedback. New camera live streaming system. Set-up Dale's office with tv / chair for long bonspiel weekends. We hosted the Stick Provincials, which was successful and positive reviews from Provincial Association. Judy and Bill Kitching qualified for Stick Nationals and Ralph Nesper qualified for Men's Stick Nationals. Excellent bonspiel season and they were all well-attended. Especially of note this year, we tried to put money back into the Ladies and Men's Bonspiels. Individually thank you to Gina and Matt for the great events. We have a new 5-year lease with the Town. It is currently a draft; however, it is agreed upon, just needs to be signed. We have certainty for the next 5 years. Weeks ago, Stu attended Business of Curling Symposium – really good exercise on talking to other clubs on challenges and successes. Good ideas shared from Curl MB and Curl Canada. Will share with the Board closer to next season. Thank you to James Dunlop for taking on the assistant Ice Maker duties so that Dale could be away a few times. It was a lot of time and effort. Our new Treasurer, Kirstyn, has done a great job and very thankful that she came aboard acknowledging that this is her peak time at work as well.

4. Treasurer's Report. League revenues – all doing well this year. Increases this year due to strong registration throughout the leagues, offset by Ladies' Wednesday league. Volunteer fees remaining increased, fewer people volunteering, but was used to offset kitchen help. Overall registration revenue up. Bonspiels successful again, all strong numbers for bar/booth. Bar is up a bit this year, Tues/Thurs most successful bar evening. Banquet wind-up brought in $1400 from the bar. Booth revenue is down and expenses corresponded with decreased revenue. Building costs were fairly stable. Lower maintenance overall. More Interac costs due to payment methods. Strong cash balances, more interest. On balance sheet, strong position for the Club. Liabilities normal for this time of year. $17,500 accrued rent – timing difference of Club year-end and lease year-end. Consistent with previous years.

a. **Motion:** Kirstyn Ingram motioned to not appoint an auditor for the 2025/2026 financials seconded by Nancy Drad. **Carried**

b. **Motion:** Laurie Deprez motioned to accept Treasurer's Report, seconded by Gina Doyle. **Carried**

c. Board proposal of curling fees for the 2026/2027 season. This was discussed at the last Board meeting. 2 things were considered. First, we haven't increased League fees in approximately 10 years. Based on the Financials, we don't necessarily need to; however, with the new lease agreement, the lease is increasing $4,500 per year. We, as a Board, thought it was a good time / reason to make a small bump in fees so that

we can stay ahead of the curve to at least cover a good part of the new lease. We recommend all adult leagues Mon-Thurs evening league by $20 per member, and proportionally for other leagues. Some will be up $5 and $10.

d. Discussion: There was discussion on spares and 5th/6th. The 5th/6th registration is a bit more once the Curl MB/Curl canada fee is paid because you are affiliated with the Club. If you are a member of the Club, you don't have to pay the spare fee and can curl in all other leagues. A question was raised, when you are a member of 2 leagues, clarifying if there is a reduced fee? Nancy indicated that the registration is 20% less on the second league.

e. **Motion:** Nancy Drad motioned for next season fees to be increased to the following new curling fees: Senior's league for half season – $90. Senior's full season – $160. Regular adult league – $280. 5th or 6th player – $65. Associate Member – $125. Junior Learn-to Curl full season – $125. Junior Learn-to-Curl half season – $70 plus GST. Interclub – $140. Spares – $65. Seconded by Matt Dunlop. **Carried**

f. Board Recommendation for 2026/2027 Budget. For the financials presented, budget is based on assuming the fees would be increased for next year. Our fiscal year ends May 31st, so there will be some minor changes after the AGM. Last couple of years we have budgeted for a $7,500 profit, but we do try to be a bit conservative in estimates. Due to the extra $4,500 increase in lease, we decided to budget for a bit less profit of only $5K. No major changes except under building operations.

g. Discussion: A question was raised comparing last year's budget of why the wind-up was so cheap. Stu indicated that previous years probably went under the booth – it's hard to separate the line items. The awards were less than previous years, but the dinner was more expensive. The actual food costs and labour are not reflected in the amount and are under booth. This year we had around 100 and it was pretty close to 50 free and 50 purchased. Actual cost probably around 2K.

h. **Motion:** Thomas Dunlop motioned to accept the budget for next year, Seconded by Gina. **Carried**

5. Election of Board of Directors for 2026/2027.

a. The agenda presented the current Executive. The following vacant positions require nominations:

i. Building Operations Director – vacant. No nominees, will remain vacant.

ii. League Reps – Thursday Open League. No nominees, will remain vacant.

iii. Nominations are closed for this year. Stu asked if there were anyone that would like to sit on the Board as a Member-at-Large. Stu indicated that the Board works collaboratively and that it is good to have new faces and ideas. Those that are interested, can let Stu know separately.

iv. **Motion:** Nancy Drad motioned to accept Executive and League reps as presented in the agenda and that the Executive and Board have the ability to appoint people to vacant positions. Seconded by Matt Dunlop. **Carried**

6. New Business.

a. Possible new league offerings and re-alignment. Stu indicated that our Club is in a strong position member and financials wise, compared to where we were 10-12 years ago when the Club was in bad financial shape. The one thing that came out at the Business of Curling – they showed the demographic breakdown of Curl MB membership. 45% are 55+. This tells us over the next 2/5/15 years – we need to make sure that we are offering what people want, because it's not the same when there were waiting lists. We need to grow our membership and use as much of the ice and time as we have. Need to make sure that things are full, people are having fun and want to come back. We need to be proactive. Some of the city clubs thrive from different leagues – fun, social, doubles, etc. Shorter periods getting people in and involved. As part of all of that – we need to maximize what we have. There is a survey that was sent out to try and get some feedback from membership on what is really working and what needs to be done better. Desneiges Pruneau suggested creating a Mixed Doubles league, it was indicated that it may attract a younger crowd. Andrea suggested more fun / social evenings. Thomas indicated that Selkirk had a good model with a Saturday night fun league, 1 x Saturday/month – attracts new curlers. Balmoral also did this. Monday Stick drop-in was discussed, with suggestion that a league be created. Because it's a drop-in league, there is a gap between those out to throw rocks and those that are competitive and want to play a game. Right now, there are 4 draws. Original intent was for 2 draws for league and 2 draws for drop-in. Reality is Stick Curling is one of

the fastest growing demographics and we want to give people opportunities. We are planning to have a registration for a Stick League, will then depend on numbers. We will advertise in August. For every new league, we have to find new people to run the league. We would have to check with Dale and his availability if there is a second day. There would be an increased cost, but would likely be offset from the league costs. There are a lot of weekends where there is nothing on Friday after 8 and nothing on Saturdays and Sundays.

b. Items from the Floor.

Joanne indicated that there were about 11 for the Deneen Challenge for Clubs in Wpg and Southern MB. Our Club hosted one game – it is not meant as a money-maker. The Club supported the drinks / food. The team expects to do it again next year. Stu has the invite. It was indicated that they are ambassadors for the Club, and probably recruited some new teams for bonspiels.

7. **Motion:** Nancy Drad motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting minutes digitally approved by:

Stu Brown
President