

Stonewall Curling Annual General Meeting Minutes

May 9th, 2024

<u>In Attendance</u>	<u>Regrets</u>
Fred Branscombe Lil Branscombe Stu Brown Jane Brown Laurie Deprez James Dunlop Matt Dunlop Thomas Dunlop Andrea Keeping Shane Merritt Lisa Wutzke	Nancy Drad Laurie Ellwood Emerson Klimpke Elsie Murray

1. Review of Agenda

Motion: to approve the agenda made by Laurie Deprez, seconded by Matt Dunlop.

Carried

2. Minutes from 2023 AGM

Motion: to approve the previous meeting's minutes made by Andrea Keeping, seconded by James Dunlop.

Carried

3. Business Arising

a. Facility improvement committee. Led by Lil Branscombe. Completed last summer.

b. Dale Lott – hired as icemaker.

c. Emerson Klimpke appointed as Marketing Director.

Info

4. President's Report. This ice was excellent this year. Bonspiels were successful and well-attended. Rink was popular for rentals. With all the improvements, looks better than in recent years. Special thanks to Lil on behalf of the Board and the membership. Because of her leadership, a lot was accomplished, and we are most appreciative.

Lil and Fred recently celebrated their 50th anniversary and are having an event at the Club on 13 July. In lieu of a gift card, Stu Brown proposed that we provide free rental that evening in appreciation for all their hard work and dedication to the Club this year.

Motion: Laurie Deprez motioned that in appreciation for Fred and Lil's volunteering that they have complimentary rental for their anniversary celebration. Thomas Dunlop seconded. **Carried**

This year we hosted Viterra. Although it was not a Curling Club event, it reflected positively on the Club and all the feedback was positive. Topped off a great year. Thanks to the Board and a special thanks to Jane for all of her hard work.

5. Treasurer's Report.

- a. See attached report. Special thanks to Ryan Smith for all of the consolidation that he did for Viterra during tax season. For the Club's yearly financials, comparing year-over-year, it is slightly off as the dates used to evaluate include profit and expenses from Viterra, which could not be completed separated. Final Viterra profit cheque should be presented to the Club by year-end, 31 May. Then Ryan can close the Viterra account.

There is \$4237 left from \$10K improvements, set aside for flooring. The Club is in a very strong financial position this year.

Viterra. Stu added for some line items, there are some fees that are likely attributable for Viterra (toiletries, interac fees, etc.). It was difficult to completely reconcile between the Club and Viterra. There may be a couple thousand dollars in expenses that would have been Viterra; however, it all ends in the same pot anyways.

The amount still to come is approximately \$44 609 from Viterra. Final profit for Viterra is \$63,550.08. Some income coming in due to rentals and GIC Maturing end May - approximately \$3K. Some of the Club improvements were for Viterra, banners, plaques, cleaning etc. A lot of stuff was carried out by volunteers at no cost.

Lil indicated that it's amazing how far this Club has come, due to a lot of work.

Motion: Jane Brown motioned to not appoint an auditor for the 2023/2024 financials, seconded by James Dunlop. **Carried**

- b. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Motion: Jane Brown moved to accept Financial Report. Seconded by Matt Dunlop.

Carried

- c. Fees. Board recommended fees for next year remain unchanged.

Motion: Matt Dunlop motioned to keep the fees same as last year. Seconded by Fred Branscombe.

Carried

- d. Budget. Recommended budget with profit projection of \$10,500. No discussion raised.

Motion: Thomas Dunlop moved to accept budget for upcoming curling season. Seconded by Jane Brown.

Carried

6. Election of Board of Directors for 2024/2025. All board members agreed to come back for next year in their same positions.

Lil proposed that the Facility Improvement rep be a Board member in order to have awareness and be able to brief the committee, someone that carries through the summertime.

Motion: Move to amend club bylaw to allow for creation of a Facility Improvement Director, as a voting member. Seconded by Laurie Deprez. Laurie nominates Lil Branscombe. Seconded by James.

Carried

Motion: James Dunlop motioned to accept slate of candidates. Seconded by Fred.

Carried

James indicated that we need to get someone in the Director intern position, youth position – possible Devon Smith could be contacted. Could be put out to the membership next fall.

7. New Business

- a. Facility Improvement Committee – Ideas for Club. We need to determine what to do with some of the excess funds this year. We are non-profit organization. With good years, making a bit of profit should be put back into the Club to make it better going forward.

Stu's recommendation is that we add an additional \$10k into facility improvement, which would be Curling Club profit from this year. Consensus was that this is reasonable. Perhaps \$60K from Viterra could be put in a one-year GIC then the Committee takes time to think through how to spend the money.

Laurie asked if we have asked the membership. Stu indicated that 2 emails were received from members with the following suggestions: the camera system should be updated; and second email was a request for a big tv in the ice area. Lisa indicated that someone asked for benches at the far end.

Jane indicated for facility improvements, that the cameras should be a priority. The quote was around \$7,500K a few years ago. Lisa indicated that streaming would be ideal to have as the future of curling. James suggested we start with the cameras. Keep \$50K, \$10K towards cameras out of Viterra (separate from \$10 for infrastructure).

Thomas suggested that a group come together in Sept. Present a survey and have membership input and then would give the Exec an idea.

TV downstairs needs to be replaced.

Flooring – no update, Town still waiting on 2 quotes. More to follow on if the money that is set aside will be needed. May or may not be funds from last year going towards the flooring. We will give them one more week to come back with quotes, and if not, we will go direct to the Ritz to coordinate installation.

Stu did ask Dale if he needs anything purchased in order to make the ice better.

- b. Booth Proposal. Greg still plans on coming back next season. Regarding the canteen, Stu had a meeting with stakeholders and Something Beautiful wanted parameters. He indicated Greg would have to be involved and some other items. Stu mentioned to the parties that would be discussed at the AGM and then they can, make a proposal. On this note, if a proposal is received, then we will have to look at it collectively. No proposal has been received thus far. Stu clarified the bar would not be part of any proposal. Initial parameter – was requested clarification bar / booth. Town indicated it was just booth and not the bar. Potentially, a combining of the two booths. The hockey side is open to it. Future unsure on this item, as nothing has been done. Already have catering plans for next year, which have been discussed with Greg. Greg has been informed of a potential proposal that may be coming. In the long-term Stu indicated that this would be ideal for us, but under our terms. Also, we wouldn't need as many booth volunteers, so more could be used for other events.

8. Upcoming Club Events. Listed as per agenda. The Club will host an MCT Bonspiel. Dale is good with the dates.

Lil will coord with pickle ball club for end season to ensure floor is cleaned.

Feedback was received of why we start leagues so early, but the executive agreed to make no changes to the start dates.

9. Adjournment. **Motion:** to adjourn meeting made by Fred Branscombe.

Meeting minutes digitally approved by:

Stu Brown
President