

Wolfville Curling Club, Semi Annual Meeting

Thursday October 20, 2011, 7:30 PM Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of silence for Club members and former members who have passed away:
3. Agenda: Additions or Changes
4. Minutes for Approval: Annual Meeting Thursday May 19, 2011
(pre circulated with agenda)
5. Treasurers Report: Pat Murray: Interim Report, Current Year to Date
6. Committee Reports: House and Ice.....Kendall Merrett
Bar.....
Membership.....Murray Phillips
Match.....Peter Kennie
Publicity.....Jane Cayford
Social.....
7. Other Reports: Barbecues:
Commercial League
Little Rocks Program:
Nova Scotia Curling Association, Semi Annual Meeting:
Seniors:
Thursday Morning Ladies:
8. New Business:

Note: Upcoming Events: Friday Oct 21: Learn to Curl Clinic: 7 PM Start (Part 1)
Saturday Oct 22: Learn to Curl Clinic: 2 PM Start (Part 2)

Note: Notice from Match Committee: Signup sheets will be in the club starting October 20
There will be "drop in" curling Monday Oct 24, Wednesday
October 26, and Thursday October 27, 7:30PM.
Regular team curling starts Monday Oct 31 (tentative)

If you cannot make it to the club to sign up, please e mail
pkennie@eastlink.ca or phone 542-3025. Indicate the evenings
you would like to curl and your preferred position.

Further Note: Membership dues for this year were approved at the Spring AGM. They are as follows:
Regular Returning Members: \$270.00 (tax inc) (Payable before December 1. After that date the fee will be \$300.00)
New Curlers (new to this club): \$168.00 (tax inc)
Student Members: \$149.00 (tax inc)
Social Members: \$50.00 (tax inc)
Commercial League: \$382.00 (per team tax inc)

Reference Club Web Site Address: www.wolfvillecurlingclub.ca

Wolfville Curling Club
Annual General Meeting
Thursday May 19, 2011: 7:30 PM

Attending: President Tony Stirling, Social Director Audrey Dorey, Treasurer Pat Murray, Past President Ian Stewart, Match Chair Peter Kenzie, House Chair Darrell Anderson and Secretary Brian Porter

Also Attending: Kendall Merrett, John Dorman, Rob Stirling, Arnold Forsythe, Fred Kelley, Hubert Sullivan, David Morse, Howie Johnson, Bob Best and Mel Pinch

Call to Order and Moment of Silence

The President called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. According to our recollection, we have lost two more curlers who have passed away since our last meeting in October. They are; Dick Sutton and Ken Stiles. There may be others that we are not aware of.
A moment of silence was observed in their memory

Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda as pre circulated

Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY KENDALL MERRETT AND SECONDED BY AUDREY DOREY THAT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2010 MEETING BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED, motion carried

Year End Financial Report

Pat Murray circulated and reviewed copies of two reports for period ending April 30 2011: Balance Sheet and Statement of Income. Highlights were:

- Revenues: \$58,684.49 (last year \$55,003.00)
- Other Income: \$14,459.12 (last year \$22,214.00, included final Town Capital grant amount of \$10,000.00)
- Barbecues: \$3200.00
- Advertising Signage: \$4725.00
- Total All Expenses: \$65,774.36 (last year \$65,234.03)
- Net Income: \$7,369.25 (last year \$13,692.00)

- Bar Net Revenue: \$12,565.00 (last year \$9060.00)
- Membership Fee Revenue: \$30,198.00 (last year \$29,600.00)

- Cash Balances: \$13,443.61 (last year \$9,116.00)
- Long Term Debt: \$14,000.00 (last year \$20,000.00)

Business Arising From the Minutes: Notice of Motion re By-Law Article 2 Change

The Secretary reminded members that the executive is recommending that we change the setting of the annual dues to the spring AGM instead of the fall semiannual meeting. The advantage here would be for us to advertise and inform prospective members in September and October instead of late October when membership campaigns traditionally end and curling starts.

In order to do this we have to change Article 2 of the by- laws. The proper notice of motion was made at the spring meeting and a copy of the revised copy of Article 2 was pre circulated to members before this meeting as required.

IT WAS MOVED BY HUBERT SULLIVAN AND SECONDED BY IAN STEWART THAT ARTICLE 2 OF THE BY LAWS BE AMENDED TO READ:

- 1. THE ANNUAL DUES FOR ALL CLASSES OF MEMBERS FOR THE COMING CURLING SEASON SHALL BE FIXED AND DETERMINED IN ADVANCE AT THE SPRING ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CLUB. AT THE SAME TIME, COMMERCIAL LEAGUE FEES (per team entry) SHALL ALSO BE FIXED AND DETERMINED.**
- 2. A PERSON WHO PAYS DUES AS A SOCIAL MEMBER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ALL USES OF THE FACILITY, EXCEPT FOR CURLING.**
- 3. A LIFETIME HONORARY MEMBER IS EXEMPT FROM DUES PAYMENT BUT SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ALL PRIVLIDGES OF THE SOCIETY.**
- 4. ANNUAL DUES SHALL BE PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE THE 1st DAY OF DECEMBER IN ANY GIVEN YEAR.**
- 5. THE EXECUTIVE BY RESOLUTION MAY FIX OR DETERMINE A REASONABLE LATE PAYMENT PENALTY FOR ANNUAL DUES PAID ATER DECEMBER 1st.**
- 6. PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE CURLING AT THE CLUB WHO HAVE NOT PAID MEMBERSHIP DUES BY DECEMBER 31 SHALL BE CONTACTED BY THE TREASURER OR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN.**
- 7. AS DETERMINED BY THE TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, IF SATISFACTORY DUES PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE, PARTICIPANTS SHALL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO USE THE FACILITIES OF THE CLUB, OR HAVE ANY PLAYING PRIVLIGES. MEMBERSHIP AND PRIVLIDGES MAY BE REINSTATED AFTER APPLICATION, PAYMENT OF DUES, AND PENALTIES (if any)**
- 8. IF A CLUB MEMBER FROM THE PRECEDING CURLING SEASON WHO GIVES NOTICE OF RESIGNATION TO THE TREASURER OR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN BY DECEMBER 31st, THAT PERSON SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR THE DUES ASSESSED**

FOR THE CURRENT CURLING SEASON.

9. ANY MEMBER WHO FAILS TO RESIGN IN ANY YEAR SHALL BE LIABLE FOR DUES ASSESSED FOR THAT YEAR.

10. THE EXECUTIVE MAY FIX OR DETERMINE A REDUCED MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE REGULAR MEMBERS OF OTHER CLUBS IN THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA PROVIDING THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE NOVA SCOTIA CURLING ASSOCIATION.

There were no questions or further discussion on the motion.
The motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of Membership Dues

Tony informed members that the executive has discussed the issue of dues. Because the club continues to be "in the black" we want to keep the dues the same as last year. He reminded members that the past season saw an increase of 2% that was the result of the increase in the HST on July 1

IT WAS MOVED BY DARRELL ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY IAN STEWART THAT DUES AND FEES FOR THE 2011-12 CURLING SEASON BE AS FOLLOWS;

REGULAR RETURNING CURLERS, (men, women, seniors): \$270.00

NEW CURLERS: (new to this club): \$168.00

STUDENT MEMBERS: \$149.00

SOCIAL MEMBER: \$50.00

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE (per team): \$382.00)

FURTHERMORE, THAT ALL FEES INCLUDE HST

Motion Carried

Committee Reports: Bar

We do not have a detailed report from Bar Chair Ken Ochitwa. Bar activity got off to a very slow start but picked up in February and March because we had a lot of weekend events. Total sales were helped by the N.S Senior Men's Championship and Provincial Lions Club Championship events in March.

Because of the many late season activities, bar profits were \$12,565.00 (a substantial increase over last year's amount of \$9,060.00)

Committee Reports: House and Ice

During the spring plant shut down it was discovered that the only metal pipe still in the system is badly corroded. This is going to be replaced over the summer, but the system will have to be drained in order to do it. Two out of the four electric heaters in the shed are not working and need to be replaced before next season. There are now better heaters on the market that we could get. The Commercial League has \$800.00 in left over funds that they will contribute for this project.

Appreciation goes out to the Commercial League for their assistance with this.

Darrell reminded members that we are still planning to do some facility upgrades upstairs at the club. Included on the list of proposed improvements are: Replace old wood wall paneling, new flooring, new drop down ceiling, and kitchen counters. We are looking at a number of grant funding possibilities and will be following up on this before we commit to any project expenditure.

Darrell informed members that, after many years, he would be retiring from the executive. He thanked members for all their help and support over those years.

Committee Reports: Membership

Tony reported that Murray Phillips is not here this evening. Nevertheless, he has filed a written report which was pre circulated to members. Murray notes in his report that membership now is about 135 an increase of about 10 over the previous year. Murray further notes appreciation to Jane Harrington from the publicity committee who did an excellent job in getting news out to current as well as prospective members.

Committee Reports: Match

Peter Kennie referred members to his written report which was pre circulated to all members in advance of this meeting. He thanked Verne Meister and John Simpson for helping organize some of the draw schedules over this past successful season.

Committee Reports: Publicity

Tony thanked Jane Cayford for stepping forward to look after publicity this year. She is not able to be here tonight to give a report. Jane Harrington assisted Jane C. in looking after web site updates and getting info out to members by E mail. Cal McMillan took on the task of doing a monthly newsletter, the first time we have had one in many years. Many thanks go out to Cal and to members for getting info to him in time for "mid month" publications.

Committee Reports: Social

Tony referred members to the following report from Audrey Dorey, copies of which were circulated at this meeting:

“Our season started off with two learn to curl clinics and an Open House on October 22 and 23. Hot and cold appetizers were served. These events were very well attended.

On Nov 5 we had a wine tasting event and a dance with music by Men Will Be Boys. Guests enjoyed local wine and cheese downstairs before we proceeded upstairs for a night of dancing.

Our first pizza party was on November 19. We enjoyed pizza from Joes and 2 four end games of curling. We hosted a Super Saturday sponsored by the NSCA on December 5 with eight ladies teams competing for cash prizes. We served quiche, salads, and deserts. We catered to the KROCK Christmas party on December 11. Out Club Christmas party was held on Dec 18 with fun curling and treats. On Dec 23 we had a night of “skins” games with cash prizes. After Christmas break, our club was busy hosting provincial curling events including:

Jan 7 to 9: Men’s cash spiel with 12 teams competing for cash prizes. Snacks were provided after each draw.

Jan 21-23 CIS Atlantic Championships with Men’s and Ladies teams from Acadia, Dal, St Mary’s, St FX, and UPEI competing for the right to represent Atlantic Canada at the nationals in St John’s NF.

Feb 22-27: Provincial Senior Men’s Championships with 16 men’s teams competing for the right to represent Nova Scotia at the National Championships in Digby. We hosted a reception on Thursday evening and provided snacks after each draw.

Mar 4 to 6: Provincial Lions Bonspiel. Twenty-four teams competed. We prepared a dinner for 100 people on Saturday and breakfast for 50 people on both Saturday and Sunday mornings.

We held our annual Wolfville Ladies Fun spiel on Feb 5. Thirty two ladies thoroughly enjoyed curling, lunch, wine and cheese reception, prizes, games and dancing.

On March 12 we held our annual “Briar Bash”. This was a huge success once again and those in attendance enjoyed a lobster dinner.

The annual Curl for Cancer was held on March 19 and was chaired by Marilyn Campbell Profitt. This event was well attended and well organized.

We closed out our year with a skating party on April 4.

Our club closing was postponed but hopefully will be rescheduled at a later date.

Thank you to everyone who worked with me to make these events successful”

President’s Report:

Tony referred members to his report, copies of which were pre circulated to members before the meeting.

Members questioned Tony with respect to poor ice conditions during the month of November. Those problems were due to very unusual exceptional weather conditions. Day after day, and even at night, outside air temperatures were above 20C with high humidity. There was a lot of condensation causing dripping on the ice; the dehumidifier could not keep up. Installing another dehumidifier might be the long term solution but in the mean time we will adjust the air flow venting on the machine we have now.

Other Reports: Nova Scotia Curling Association:

Tony reported that he and Audrey attended the NSCA AGM April 30 at Mayflower CC. He provided a brief report on the proceedings noting that a lot of time was spent updating by laws. The annual Tankard will see an 8 team event now instead of 16. It will be a triple know out with a playoff round that follows. The qualifying events will still be held, with team entry fees set at \$500.00 per team.

With respect to our applications for Championship events; we have been granted the Ladies 1st Qualifier to be held in December and the Stick Championship to be held in February

Little Rocks: No Report, Seniors: No Report

Barbecues:

Ian Stewart provided a brief report. There will be summer barbecues again this year. We will be doing contract cooking only. About the same amount of activity is forecasted. Members should expect a phone call to come out and assist on the odd occasion.

Thursday Morning Ladies:

Pat provided a brief report. Just about every Thursday morning at least 2 and sometimes 3 sheets of ice were active.

Commercial League

Mel Pinch provided the following report:

“The year started with 14 teams, but before we got on the ice to start our season, our numbers grew to 16 teams. With an 18 week schedule, all curlers had a competitive year, and a lot of fun. For the first year that I know of, there was a tie in one of the top 4 team standings after regular season play. The first place team finished with a 14.8 average, the second and third placed teams finished with a 14.2 average. Going back to the winner of the game they curled each other broke the tie. Out play off weekend saw another tie in the B Division, for second place which was broken by points for and against, as the two teams tied their head to head game. Once again on Saturday night of our play off weekend, our pot luck supper feast and elections for the 2011-12 season were held. The 2010-11 executive were re elected, unopposed. On behalf of the Commercial League, I would like to thank the club for your help, and co operation, in making our 2010-11 season a success, to Darrell and John for helping me keep everyone happy at the bar and to Tony for the wonderful ice all year. In closing, I am proud to present the club, on behalf of the Curlers of the Commercial League, a cheque for \$800.00 to help replace the heaters in the ice shed”

Election of Officers and Directors: Report from the Nominating Committee.
(The Nominating Committee consisted of Tony Stirling, Murray Phillips and Ian Stewart)

Tony reported that we have nominations as follows:

President: Tony Stirling

Vice President: Cal McMillan

Past President: Ian Stewart
Secretary: Brian Porter
Treasurer: Pat Murray
House Chair: Kendall Merrett
Bar Chair: Ken Ochitwa
Publicity Chair: Jane Cayford
Match Chair: Peter Kennie
Membership Chair: Murray Phillips

He noted that we do not have a nomination for Social Chair so this position will be open for nominations from the floor at this meeting.

At this time Tony called three times for further nominations. There were none. The slate of names above submitted by the nominating committee were declared elected. The President further noted that two members of the executive will retire this year: Audrey Dorey and Darrell Anderson. On behalf of the entire membership he expressed appreciation for a job well done.

New Business:

Life Member: Tony informed members that at a recent executive meeting there was discussion and unanimous agreement to recommend to the general membership that Bill Thompson be appointed an honorary life member of this club. Bill has been a member for over 40 years and remains quite active. Furthermore he has contributed a lot to the club for a long time.

IT WAS MOVED BY AUDREY DOREY AND SECONDED BY HUBERT SULLIVAN THAT
BILL THOMPSON BE APPOINTED AS AN HONORARY LIFE MEMBER
Motion carried

Floor Mats: John Dorman suggested that at the start of next season that we buy and clean our own floor mats instead of renting them through a service. It currently costs us \$60.00 every two weeks right now. After some discussion it was agreed and the matter was referred to the new House Chair Kendall Merrett for action.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED