

Powell River Curling Club Annual General Meeting - October 18, 2019

Board Members in Attendance: Don Mitchinson, Norm Siren, Shirley Court, Chris Hearder, Marlene Hall, Sharon Shultz, and Lorna Downie (non-voting, Past President)

Absent: Nancy Kreisler, Julie Clarke

Total Voting Members in Attendance: 18

Call to Order: 7:35 PM

Presidents Opening Remarks:

General appreciation shown for all the great potluck dishes!

It's only been a year since we got our new plant installed and started. A lot has happened since then.

Our new ice tech Rob Sowerby got a full year under his belt and always had the ice in great condition. Rob was also responsible for finding a friend to make the custom benches in the locker room. I think they look great.

Rob's promised to stay for one more year and he's working on mentoring a replacement for next year, Bryn Endicott. We should welcome Bryn – he joined the club just last year.

Bryn's also looking to rejuvenate the Junior program that Sherry Pagani worked so hard it last year. I wanted to make sure everyone remembers those efforts –to thank her and Norm for their work on that program. Watch for updates – and the usual call for volunteers – should be a mid-November start for this year's Junior program, with a November 11 drop-in session.

Bryn was also part of the Leach team that won the Island Club Challenge and represented our club at the BC Club Challenge. They did well at the Challenge.

I'm sure everyone's seen the results of the capital improvements over the summer. With most of the money coming from our reserve fund and a few grants that started with Community Forest and the BC Government's Capital Gaming Grant. We also received grants from New Horizons for Seniors and Via Sport Fund. The website will be updated with all the grants we received.

NONE of it could have happened without the volunteer hours from Board members and the many volunteers that I saw here all summer and fall. It didn't seem to matter who got called, everyone responded with more time than you'd ever expect. I can't mention all the people who helped on the ice, with the lockers, prepping and painting, and moving heavy things around.

But I do want to acknowledge a few people that kept me going during the year.

Special thanks to Lorna for taking on Secretarial tasks, Marlene Hall for handling the contractor duties, Shirley Court for reviewing invoices and keeping track of the budget items, Chris Hearder for all the work and keeping the projects on budget through recruitment of volunteers and hands on labor.

A special recognition goes out to Don MacLeod who, if there was a Volunteer of the Year award, would certainly be recognized.

Adoption of the October 20, 2018 PRCC AGM Minutes

Nomination Committee Report should be dated 2018-2019 instead of 2071-2018

Motion: Moved by Sharon Shultz, seconded by Shirley Court to accept the Minutes from 2018 AGM with corrections. **Carried.**

Reports:

President - Don Mitchinson: Year in Review

On behalf of the Board, Shirley and Lorna recognized that our curling community lost 3 special folks this past few months; Margarite Keiser, Caroline Haggarty, and Cameron Reid. Our condolences go out to their families.

Thanks were given to Board members who came on during the year and handled special projects. Julie Clarke handled advertising and made our presence know in the wider community. Unfortunately, Julie has relocated and will not be continuing with the PRCC. Nancy Kreisler who spearheaded a great Volunteer appreciation event last fall, and who conceived and ran the successful “share the good fortune” garage sale which raised funds for the PR Foodbank. Nancy will continue to help out but is leaving the Board at this time. Thanks also go to Sharon Shultz for all her input on the constitution and leading the transition in compliance with the new BC Societies Act.

A special thank you goes out to all members who sat on the Board this year.

New lockers were installed and thanks to Rob for connecting with friends to build the benches.

Early registration incentive was well received with over 100 pre-season registrations received.

Special thanks to partner Maggie, for the logo which looks great on the new banners.

Name tags were also distributed and well received by all members. Those who did not receive theirs in the first batch (early registration) will be getting theirs very soon.

Red Racer Beer from Central City Brewery in Surrey has come on as a sponsor at the club. They have built in incentives for the sale of Red Racer beer the club. They’ve also sponsored the Men’s Night League, as well as a team (the Wobbly Pops) in the Tuesday Night Commercial League. Bring in your Red Racer receipts from friends and family to qualify for an end of year prize pack.

Marlene Hall recognized Don Mitchinson for “lots of work” in making the grants possible and understanding how our matching funds and various donors could be maximized.

Roger Pagani, Club Manager

LEAGUE UPDATE			
		Afternoon	Evening
Monday			Ladies - 7 teams
Tuesday		Seniors - 16 players	Super League - 7 teams
Wednesday			Jitney - 8 teams
Thursday		Ladies - 6 teams	Mens - 9 teams
Friday			Fun league - 6 week program - 21 players
Saturday		4:30PM - NEW Sticks N Stones League - 14 players* (needs two more players)	

Other Club News:

Need volunteers for the October 24, 1:30 exchange students' session.

Parallel Spiel will be held November 29 - December 1 - \$280 per team,
Early registration (Nov 15th cut-off) will be \$240,

Treasurer - Shirley Court

Shirley submitted a written report. Highlights included:

"The past year has been a very exciting and at times challenging time with so many projects being undertaken and completed."

Successful applications for grants totalling \$348,705 allowed for positive and necessary improvements to the club. The installation of the new refrigeration system was completed in fall 2018 with a overall cost of \$186,437. (Community Forest Reserve contribution in 2018 of \$150,000 made this possible)

A \$173705 Gaming Grant for Capital allowed paving of the parking areas increasing safety and visual appeal. This grant also allowed an accessible washroom, a stair lift, and new fire doors. All of these enhancing the safety and potential of the building.

Another grant of \$25,000 from the federal government under the New Horizons program provided a second accessible washroom, new flooring on the main floor, a commercial dishwasher and an accessible electric side entrance door.

Our contributions from reserve funds and many hours of volunteer work maximized the grants and made the projects possible

Operations:

Revenue - increased in both membership dues and assessment levy, school program fees, advertising and other revenue also increased showing \$7000 over budget. Bar sales were \$5000 over budget.

Expenses - most areas were on target to budget, bar expenses were well controlled.

"Total utilities were a bright spot at \$12771 approximately \$3000 under budget. Huge improvement from previous years". Expenses that exceeded budget were advertising as we made efforts to make our club more visible in the community. Legal expenses of \$900 were incurred as we needed an assessment for insurance purposes. And a new ice scraper was purchased for \$4500.

Several new improvements were made possible by the grants and expensed to Building and Maintenance with a total of \$146,318. Amortization expenses (which Shirley explained are not cash expenditure, but book value adjustments) were \$13,008 (primarily for the ice plant).

Motion: Moved by Marlene Hall, seconded by Don Mitchinson to waive the audit for the PRCC Financial Statement for the year ending June 30, 2019. **Carried**

Motion: Moved by Marlene Jolie, seconded by Brian Stanton that the unaudited Financial Statement for the year ending June 30, 2019 are approved as circulated. **Carried**

Question Period

An article in the Peak indicated a 3-year plan for property tax assessment waiver for the PRCC - does this mean we don't have to apply each year? Not necessarily; some jurisdictions have changed to a more comprehensive application process with reminders to reapply every 3 years. Shirley will be in contact with City Hall to ensure we follow the requirements for application.

Nominations Committee Report & Elections of Officers 2019-2020 - Don/Lorna

Thank yous were extended to outgoing Board members: Chris Hearder, Nancy Kreisler, and Julie Clarke. (note, Sherry Pagani was recognized as being elected at last year's AGM, however stepped down prior to the Board being formed)

The following Board members are heading into the second year of a 2-year term of office:

- Don Mitchinson - President
- Norm Siren - Vice President
- Shirley Court - Treasurer
- Sharon Shultz - Director at Large
- Marlene Hall - Director at Large
- (Lorna Downie will remain as Past President - non voting)

Don recommended that Marlene Hall fill the Building & Maintenance Director role, and she accepted the move.

Two members were recruited prior to the meeting to stand for election to the Board:

Don Button: (accepted in writing) for the position of Secretary, and

Shaun Garvey (present): for Director at Large – accepted nomination

Lorna called for nominations from the floor. No new nominations were forthcoming. The two new directors were acclaimed. Vacant positions may be filled during the year by appointment.

New Business:

Winner of the draw for two tickets to the Powell River Craft Beer Festival: Don Button

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm