

Powell River Curling Club Annual General Meeting - December 20, 2020

Board Members in Attendance: Don Mitchinson, Norm Siren, Shirley Court, Marlene Hal (by Zoom), Sharon Shultz (by Zoom), Shaun Garvey (by Zoom) and Lorna Downie (non-voting, Past President)

Total Voting Members in Attendance: 29

Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Presidents Opening Remarks:

Many thanks were shared for the volunteers for getting the season off to a great start including those who worked on the ice, and all those who helped with renovations through the summer.

Special thanks to Rob Sowerby and Chris Hearder for plumbing work prep and partitions installed despite my efforts to help. Also noted Leah Babcock for organizing the painting of the lobby and hallways – how quickly we forgot the lovely hue of salmon pastel that used to be there.

Outgoing Board members were noted – Don Button (secretary) and Sharon Schultz (Director and Society Act Adviser)

Special note to new Board Member, Shaun Garvey who wrote our safety plan with was recognized by local health authorities as one of the best they had seen and which is also now being used by Curl BC as a template for other clubs.

Other Board members instrumental in getting us through the renovations and Co-Vid start-up were Marlene Hall (renos and cleanup with her helper Ted), Shirley Court (writing a lot of cheques and finding cheque stubs I “lost”) and Norm Siren – for being the VP and chairman of debrief sessions.

Last year was fun and even with the unusual start to 2020/21 season, I’m looking forward to a new season on the ice.

Adoption of the October 8, 2019 PRCC AGM Minutes

No changes were reported.

Motion: to accept the Minutes from 2019 AGM. **Carried.**

ORDINARY RESOLUTION - Borrowing for CEBA \$20,000 Program

Motion: moved by Shirley Court, seconded by Don Mitchinson.

Whereas,

we are a non-profit curling club with more than \$20,000 in payroll and are experiencing an increase in operating expenses for Co-Vid safety preparedness, and a decrease in income from reduced membership, advertising and bar revenue streams,

Be it resolved that,

the Powell River Curling Club will apply for an additional \$20,000 in CEBA funding and use these emergency contingency funds to pay our 2020/21 non-deferable operating costs, and ensure continued operation.

The CEBA loans will be repaid in full by December 31, 2021, with up to \$10,000 as a forgiven amount returned to the operating account.

Discussion and amendment made to repayment date

Carried unanimously.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION - Change to the Constitution. To amend the constitution and purposes of the Society.

Motion: moved by Marlene Hall, seconded by Doug Clark. Discussion. **Carried unanimously.**

Replace current language:

(CONSTITUTION OF THE POWELL RIVER CURLING CLUB)

The Purposes of the Society are:

- a) To operate a curling club in the Powell River area and to ensure curling is kept alive in the community;
- b) To promote, govern and improve curling in Powell River and the surrounding area;
- c) To promote the game of curling as recreational sport in the community;
- d) To operate any type of amusement service or entertainment, whether of an educational, recreational, social or otherwise nature;
- e) To own, build, mortgage, let, sublet, lease and manage real or personal property owned by the Society or in which it has an interest; and
- f) To engage in such fundraising activities as may be required to support the Society.

With the following

(CONSTITUTION OF THE POWELL RIVER CURLING CLUB)

The Purposes of the Society are:

- a) To operate a curling club in the City of Powell River in the Province of British Columbia;
- b) To promote the sport of curling as a lifetime recreational activity in the community;
- c) To provide various recreational, educational, social and/or other activities deemed to be beneficial to the curling club and community.

Reports:

President - Don Mitchinson: Year in Review

Don acknowledged Bryn as the new ice technician and thanked him for his work to date. Don reviewed several of the grant applications and once again recognized BC Community Gaming for their past Capital Gaming grants used to renovate the Club and annual Community Gaming Grants for our curling programs. He also noted the support from a recent Community Forest Funds grant of \$53,000 which allowed us to apply for government grant applications for matching funds.

Roger Pagani, Club Manager

Written report submitted in separate attachment noting summary of last year's results and updates from this year's league numbers.

In Summary:

- 2019-20 Registered league curlers 138 includes 2 juniors, 18 new curlers
- 2020-21 Registered league curlers 133 includes 5 juniors, 17 new or returning curlers

Marlene Hall, Director Building & Maintenance

Written report submitted ([Appendix A](#)).

Special acknowledgement went to Rob Sowerby for curling rock storage room

Shaun Garvey, Director Safety

Written report submitted ([Appendix B](#)). Wished to point out that the written report was prepared at the beginning of December prior to the latest BCHO which resulted in the closure of the Club. Shaun fielded questions about the New Year and answered that the Directors are closely watching everything and await further Orders on January 8.

Shirley Court, Treasurer

Annual Financials and notes for June 30, 2020 were submitted.

Shirley reviewed some of the key points of the Financials and answered questions. Amortization expenses (which Shirley explained are not cash expenditure, but book value adjustments) were \$16,115 along with expenditures for remaining renovation costs and CoVid-19 safety equipment and supplies created a deficit of \$6204 for the year ending June 2020. Shirley stressed that the Clubs cash situation was strong.

Shirley opened the floor to questions. A few concerns were raised as to our current situation and what will happen in January if we must close for the year. Although these were not pertinent to 2019/20 financials Shirley explained that we would just have to wait to see what will happen highlighting that because of government assistance such as CEBA loan, and wage subsidy in CEWS program the Club was able to handle the temporary closure without undue financial stress.

Motion: Moved by Don Mitchinson, seconded by Shaun Garvey to waive the audit for the PRCC Financial Statement for the year ending June 30, 2020. **Carried**

Motion: Moved by Lorna Downie, seconded by Cynthia McLean that the unaudited Financial Statement for the year ending June 30, 2020 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

Nominations Committee Report & Elections of Officers 2020-2021

Thank yous were extended to our going Board Members Sharon Shultz and Don Button.

Finishing their second year of a 2-year term of office are: Don Mitchinson - President, Norm Siren - Vice President, Shirley Court - Treasurer, and Marlene Hall - Building and Maintenance Director. All have indicated that they are willing to stand for the new Board 2 year terms).

Shaun Garvey is heading into the second year of a 2-year term.

Lorna Downie is willing to take on the Secretary position. Recruited prior to and confirmed at the meeting,

Stephanie Tinker is willing to take on Marketing and Communications duties.

Don called for any other nominations from the meeting and no other names came forth.

Nominations were closed and those standing were acclaimed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Appendix A: Building Maintenance Report

The Powell River Curling Club facility is slowly being upgraded and also brought up to code in areas we have been able to address. Since the end of the 2019 – 2020 curling season in March, the following renovations have been completed:

- The four main bathrooms (both men's and ladies) on each floor have been renovated and brought up to code with new and improved plumbing, new fixtures, new stall enclosures and dividers, new flooring and paint. The 2 accessible bathrooms have been repainted so all four bathrooms are now more in uniform with the main floor look.
- The entire main floor including the office has also been repainted to project a more modern and uniform look.
- New downspouts were installed on the outside of the building on the Kennedy Court side to reduce the weathering and rotting of the cedar siding.
- Outside drains have been augured out and some work still needs to be done.
- The cooling compound is being given a security update to prevent it from being breached and will include signage of "Danger No Trespassing".
- The club has received a grant of \$53,000 from the Powell River Community Forest which will be used as funds in hand to apply for grants which will include the replacement of our aging dehumidifier – most of you curling on sheet 2 will have heard this piece of equipment struggling to perform.

Overall, the building is slowly being rejuvenated and upgraded. With the exception of replacing the siding which is starting to degenerate, most of the necessary major repairs have been finished on the inside even though a lot cosmetic work still needs to be done upstairs. Volunteers have been greatly appreciated this past summer and the majority of the work could not have been done without them.

Marlene Hall
Building Maintenance Director

Appendix B: Director of Safety Report

Last curling season was business-as-usual from all perspectives, including safety. However, as we prepared for the 2020-2021 season, the landscape had significantly changed.

What would have typically been a relatively slow summer for the planning of curling activities for the coming year became a much more daunting task. All curling clubs were dealing with developing and implementing new safety policies and procedures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

A critical step in understanding how any changes might impact our members was communication. To that end, we surveyed our members for their opinions with respect to a number of alternatives that could allow us to operate into 2021, including reducing our complement of sheets from four to three, providing additional space between sheets to facilitate physical distancing, a fundamental preventative measure.

Once we had survey results back, we commenced with the process of putting into action not just the wishes of our membership, mindful of what provincial health authorities would allow in an ever-changing climate, but a series of best practices to ensure the safety of all our curlers and, by extension, the general public.

These included traffic flow protocols within the common areas and ice surface, purchase and installation of hand sanitizers, personal effects cubbies, and touchless water dispenser and Lounge reorganization.

Every step of the way, we have been met with wonderful support, vigilance and the flexibility that would be necessary as health orders invariably dictated we adapt, all the while keeping the ultimate goal in sight – staying open and avoiding virus cases.

Throw in a couple of WorkSafeBC inspections for good measure, and it has been a challenging year thus far on the safety front.

Thanks to our staff and members for their continuing diligence and compliance. Together we will get through this year doing the thing we love!

Shaun Garvey
“The Safety Guy”
Director of Safety and Risk Management