

Powell River Curling Club Annual General Meeting – November 14, 2021

Board Members in Attendance: Don Mitchinson (President), Norm Siren (vice President), Shirley Court (Treasurer), Marlene Hall (Building), Stephanie Tinker (Communications), and Lorna Downie (Secretary, Past President)

Total Voting Members in Attendance: 16 (9 in person, 7 by Zoom)

Call to Order: 7:09 PM

Presidents Opening Remarks:

Don welcomed everyone to our first in-person AGM in a long time.

He noted that last year had been a trying one for both Board members and curlers. With CoVid 19 shutdowns and chiller failure in January, the past year could have been disastrous.

On the ice tech side, we relied on Bryn for the first half. Then Rob stepped in to help with the weird second half where we tried to balance CoVid restrictions with a failing chiller. This year we got Chris back to help with startup – and along with Rob’s tutoring we now have a trained “ice tech crew” this year – welcome back to Chris and Bryn, and new techs Mike Dunn and Dwayne Uyede.

Just like last year’s comments I made at the AGM – I’m even more hopeful for a new season on the ice - without any more surprises.

Thanks to all our returning curlers and the many new members who signed up this year – and a special thanks to those that made it out to our AGM this year.

Adoption of the December 20,2020 PRCC AGM Minutes

No changes were reported.

Motion: Don Mitchinson to accept the Minutes from 2020 AGM. (Bryn seconded) **Carried.**

Reports:

President - Don Mitchinson: Year in Review

Thanks were sent to all the curlers who supported the Club through the 2020/21 season and especially those who donated their refunds. The donations along with the federal government subsidies were recognized as making the difference in the bottom line. Thanks also went to Shaun Garvey for keeping us informed and providing a solid safety plan, that allowed us to play with an adjusted format.

Don spoke of the failed chiller, only in its second year. He recognized that Accent stepped up to cover the replacement. Thanks went to Rob, Chris, and Bill for all the work they did to assist and get the new chiller up an running.

Roger Pagani, Club Manager

Summary

- As the leagues were abruptly stopped with games still to play due to the chiller, no “winners” were recognized for the 2020/21 season.
- Enrolment Fall 2021 showed 130 adults including 12 new and 17 returning over 2020 season.
- Break down by league: Day leagues, Tues 24 Thurs 20; Evening Monday 8 teams, Tuesday 6 teams, Wednesday 8 teams, Thursday 9 teams, Friday 16-20 individuals, Sat Stick 24 individuals.

Marlene Hall, Director Building & Maintenance

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

Shaun Garvey, Director Safety

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

Shirley Court, Treasurer

Annual Financials and notes for June 30, 2021 were submitted.

Shirley reviewed some of the key points of the Financials and answered questions. In summary, it was a challenging year however with donations from members, and subsidies the year ended with a positive balance.

Question Period

- Wayne M asked Project Management Fees. Don explained that these were for the Engineering Study from Polar Engineering to look at the Dehumidifier Cost/Benefits and was instrumental in securing our Co-Vid 19 Resilience Grant for \$300,000.
- Sharon S asked about a budget with raising membership rates. Our current budget is in place using a slightly changed rate structure (\$300/\$200/\$100 with discounts replaced by a gift card). We typically wont look at next years rates until this fiscal year is complete. Don did show budget for current year but explained it included some grant income and expenses that may not materialize.

Motion: Moved by Shirley Court, seconded by Stephanie Tinker that the unaudited Financial Statement for the year ending June 30, 2021 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

Nominations Committee Report & Elections of Officers 2021-2022

Board Members in their second year of their 2-year terms on the Board are:

1. Don Mitchinson - President,
 2. Norm Siren - Vice President,
 3. Shirley Court - Treasurer,
 4. Marlene Hall - Building and Maintenance,
 5. Lorna Downie - Secretary,
 6. Stephanie Tinker - Marketing and Communications
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7. Shaun Garvey has completed his second year of a 2-year term

Don indicated he would like to step down as President and finish his term in Past President role and as a Director-At-Large with focus on tech issues and grant writing.

Don nominated Shaun Garvey for role of President and Shaun has indicated his willingness to accept the nomination.

Don noted we are allowed up to 10 Board Members and called for any other nominations from the meeting, looking for people interested in working towards a transition Board next year. Joining now would be a great way to get introduced to the workings of the Club with no pressure.

Nominations: Willie Bennett stepped forward as willing to serve as Director at Large

Nominations were called three times, closed and those standing were acclaimed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Appendix A: Building Maintenance Report

AGM Building Report 2020 - 2021

This past year has been a fairly quiet year. The curling season is usually spent doing weekly maintenance and saving the big projects for the off season. We were fortunate to get another grant (thanks to our grant writer Don Mitchinson) and this past summer we were able to remove the old plywood wall along sheet 1 and the old plywood and corplast signage along the scoreboard wall. These 2 walls were framed/reframed and insulated before finishing them with refinished birch plywood and our advertiser signs.

As last season ended, we were hit with a plant breakdown. Fortunately, we were able to get everything fixed this past summer under warranty so once again are enjoying great ice.

The building is slowly being upgraded and everything being done according to code. We are always looking for members to step up to help with ongoing maintenance jobs as well as working on teams with our bigger renovation projects. If you have the time and inclination to help please let us know. I am also looking for someone to takeover as Director of Building Maintenance. If you think you can help out, please let us know.

Regards,
Marlene Hall, Building Maintenance Director

Appendix B: Director of Safety Report

As we prepared for this curling season, we were relieved to be able to go back to our usual four sheets of ice and minimized COVID-19 restrictions.

While we still have some policies and procedures in place from last year, including masks in common areas and hand sanitizing, we have, for the most part transitioned away from pandemic virus avoidance to seasonal flu avoidance.

We thank our members and guests for their continued compliance and support with virus mitigation efforts. In response to a WorkSafeBC series of workplace health and safety orders relating to emergency planning and response, we recently completed training of all staff and Board members in emergency and evacuation procedures.

The PRCC Emergency Plan will be posted in the foyer and online shortly and we encourage all members to familiarize themselves with the basic protocols should we face any sort of emergency on site.

Shaun Garvey
"The Safety Guy"
Director of Safety and Risk Management