

# Curl BC Board Meeting

## Meeting Schedule

Location: via Zoom online web conference

**Details:** 2 April 2020 - 3:30

**Attendees:** Peter Muir, Neil Campbell, Dale Gregory, George Horner, Marg McKenzie, Janice Mori, Teri Palynchuk, Keith Switzer, Scott Braley, Rebecca Connop Price

**Regrets:** Burga Anderson

Peter: Calls the meeting to order 3:33pm

## Agenda

### **Introduction & Previous Minutes**

**Peter:** I have circulated the minutes. We want to table the minutes until the next meeting so people have a chance to review them.

### **Approval of Agenda**

**Moved Teri and Keith. CARRIED.**

- **Changes to our operations due to COVID-19**

Scott: We are trying to maintain the status quo. It is deceptively a very busy time of year for us. With kids not being able to be at school there are some staff who are having to manage additional childcare and homeschooling. It will be a challenge. The core grant and the performance funding will be status quo. What we don't know yet is about Gaming. It doesn't sound like they know yet. With all the casinos closed its likely there will be some cut there. On the other hand we will likely be eligible for 75% of wage covered for the next 12 weeks.

It's really trying to make sure our clubs don't get hurt and that we are raring to go in the fall.

- **Nomination Committee and Candidates**

Peter: Thank you to Janice and George for stepping up to the plate for the nomination committee. Congratulations to Dale for being re-elected to the Region 11 Governor position. Two candidates are running for a board position in 3, 4, and 7. The deadline for the clubs in those regions to vote is tonight and the results of the election will be conveyed tomorrow. The person who is unsuccessful will be offered the opportunity to run for one of the two Governor at Large positions where we currently have 3 candidates.

- **Financials**

Keith: I don't have a huge amount to say here. The finance committee has confidence we will come in at or near budget, possibly even a small positive amount, but we could easily be slightly in the negative as well. For the new fiscal year, there is government funding available for the next 12 weeks to help defray salary costs.

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Scott: Preliminary financial results for this past fiscal year show the total revenue and expenses for the year are both close to \$1.7M.

The magnitude of the wage subsidy could be as high as \$75,000 or as low as \$45,000.

Keith: We have drafted some edits to BG 11 and EL 1, 2, 3 and 5. These have been reviewed by the finance committee and they are supportive of them moving forward. They have been passed to the governance committee.

Peter: We are going to start looking at them and make some minor changes. I have called for a meeting next week some time. They will be sent to the board in a package to the group.

Scott: The auditor is scheduled for April 20 and will do it remotely. Hopefully we will have the draft statements by mid-May.

- **Bylaws & Zone Alignment**

Peter: We will try to get things moving on Zone Alignment and bylaws. But we do not know if we will be ready to put anything forward at this AGM.

- **AGM**

Scott: I have sent Peter a revised schedule. The staff suggested we take out any idea of doing professional development. Peter and I will meet and discuss what is essential so we don't overwhelm people with Zoom meetings.

- **Curling Alberta**

Neil: Just to refresh everyone, the clubs in the Peace River area of BC saw themselves as more part of Alberta because of geography and history. Even if they wanted to be in Alberta they were physically in BC, and that was the problem. It took a lot of negotiations. What we agreed was win-win and that was joint membership and split the fees. The illogicality of it came up in Fort St John when they wanted to host the BC Winter Games, but they could not because they were not part of Curl BC. So I think the joint membership was a good result.

Scott: Just to mention that we will need to have a similar agreement in place with Yukon Curling Association regarding Atlin CC (in BC but member with Yukon). Do we need this brought to the board as well?

Peter: Continue doing what you are doing.

**Motion:** Be it resolved that Curl BC's Board approve the following clubs as facility members for the 2020-21 season at a rate of \$13 per curler subject to these clubs agreeing to fulfil the requirements of membership for both CBC and CA. Please note that this rate may increase in future years in agreement with CA.

- Bullhead Mountain CC (Hudson's Hope)
- Chetwynd CC
- Dawson Creek CC
- Fort Nelson CC (not currently a member)
- Fort St. John CC

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- Taylor CC
- Tumbler Ridge CC

**Moved by Neil and seconded by Peter. CARRIED.**

- Executive

Peter: We met this morning getting prepared for the executive review. We had a frank meeting. We brought up the aspect that it's been a challenging year for both the board and I think with the staff too. I know that 2-3 years ago we did a review of the board, and we thought it was a good time to do a full organization review. The executive thought that we could have a third party come in to do a review of how the board does, our risk registry and how we prepare going forward. The executive came out saying yes this makes sense. We felt like this was very positive going forward so we are prepared for the coming years.

- Competitions Committee

Teri: We reviewed and discussed the document prepared by the staff to streamline our events. They did a fantastic job. The women's event would not change; it's worked well. We are looking to mirror the men's event so they would both be 8-team round robin. I think it gives more credibility to that event – ensure that players are earning their way to that event. The U21 would be an 8-team round robin with three tour spots. For Mixed and Mixed Doubles, we are looking at having open provincials. Again this is based on numbers and the goal, of course, in those categories is to ensure we get our best teams. In Active for Life categories (Seniors, Masters) and U18 we are looking at regional events with direct entry allowed and no open events. And this is getting back to make sure we are getting representation from whole province. For Wheelchair and Stick there is really no change. The Club Challenge – we are looking at scaling down the number of events and having one Island playdown and one Kootenay playdown.

We are hosting a webinar April 15 where we are inviting people to. If something comes to light that necessitates a change, we will make a change.

We talked a little bit about cancelled and postponed events. Who knows moving forward what next season is going to look like. We hope that we can hold them, but we are still in a wait and see situation.

We still don't have host sites for all our events. We are hoping to get regional sites established at regional meetings.

- Open Forum

Peter: The membership fee will be the same for 2020-21.

Peter: Putting my operations hat on (Port Moody Curling Club), I have spent the last month with Curling Canada talking to their helpdesk about Curling I/O. They finally created reports that balanced to the penny. They weren't including refunds and rebates and now they are. That's some good news coming out of Curling Canada.

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Peter: A lot of the questions we are getting from clubs are if we open in September will we have to close in October? It is a question that we don't know the answer to.

Marg: As you know I went to Cranbrook. I just want to commend the Curl BC staff who were there, I couldn't believe how hard they worked. It was amazing. It was interesting talking to the athletes and finding out what they were thinking. In the Region 1 and 2, we have had several times in several different locations when people did not get their crests on time or did not get the right number of crests, that type of thing.

Scott: Problems with Purolator delivery have not helped this. Staff will continue to try to find a solution.

Neil: The City of Victoria asked if the curling club could be a site for homeless people who need to be separated. That has some implications legally and some implications for the start of the season. We wondered if other curling clubs wanted to discuss this option or open themselves up to being a site. It is an opportunity to show leadership. We are part of the community and can help out. They should know about the possible uses of the building.

Janice: Anybody that was on Facebook knows I have been pushing the Optimists raffle sales. With the clubs closing down early a lot of tickets came back unsold. We have about two days to sell the rest of them. We are just over 75% sold. Any tickets that are sold from now on will go to Curl BC's program.

Neil: We can now use Dawson Creek and Fort St John as hosting sites.

**Motion to adjourn meeting.**

**Teri.**