

Curl BC Board Meeting Minutes

10:30 am, Jan. 12, 2024

Via Zoom

Board Members: Brenda M'Clellan, Earlene Graham, Neil Campbell, Brenda Sims, Terry Phillips, Morgan Lypka, Lyle Sieg

Staff: Scott Braley, Lindsay Shannon, Kim Dennis, Sherri Taylor, Bruce Renwick

Guest: Tom Mayenknecht

1. Call to Order -10:31
2. Approval of the agenda – **Brenda M'Clellan, Brenda Sims**
3. Approval of the Board meeting minutes from Sept. 23, 2023 –**Terry Phillips, Earlene Graham**
4. Receipt of the Executive/Finance Committee minutes from Jan. 8, 2024 – **Brenda M'Clellan**
5. Recording of electronic votes since the last Board meeting – **Brenda M'Clellan**
 - a. Sept. 30, 2023
MOTION: “To approve Boundary District Curling Club, located in Midway, BC, rejoining Curl BC as a member facility”. Moved by Brenda Sims and seconded by Brenda M'Clellan. Carried unanimously
 - b. Oct. 24, 2023
MOTION: “To approve Clinton Curling Club of Zone 2 as a new member facility of Curl BC.” Moved by Brenda M'Clellan and seconded by Neil Campbell. Carried unanimously.
6. Curl BC Facilities Development Campaign – **Tom Mayenknecht, Emblematica**
 - a. Existing projects
 - b. Prospecting for new opportunities
 - c. Resource/data/coalition building required
 - d. Background materials for reference on shared drive

Tom provided an update on how the progress is going. Encouraging language coming from the Kamloops committee thanking the involvement and support of Curl BC. Curl BC and curling is being included in conversations with multiple municipalities, private business and indigenous groups. Support through philanthropic ventures would be extremely beneficial.

Changing the inaccurate narrative of curling being a dying sport is imperative. Positive stories must be shared as well as current data.

Goal is to have 1 or 2 board members express their interest in joining the working group.

Lyle and Earlene have offered to join the working group.

7. Pillar 1: Member Services – updates from **staff** as required
 - a. Membership – Kim Dennis provided update
 - i. 3 clubs are closed –
 1. Wells RC – water damage last year has still not been fixed
 2. Enderby CC – the City recently closed down the club due to a plant failure which the City will repair
 3. Nelson - just received \$100,000 capital gaming grant and should be back in operation next season.
 - ii. Oliver CC is working on their accessibility
 - iii. Total curlers numbers are already within 200 members of last season's total so we should expect a significant increase in the total number of curlers after the 2nd registrations due Feb. 29th are received.
 - iv. Waiting for reports from Lumby, Lillooet who just opened and Salmo who asked for an extension.
 - v. Challenge identified with poor data still being submitted by a few clubs.

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- b. Education - Lots of courses have been held this season with coaching, officiating and ice tech. Back to pre-Covid numbers
 - c. Communications - Great work being done by Bryan Chan with assistance from Amanda Wong on a part-time basis. Bryan helping to move our organization forward. Scott to share a radio recording he did with CFX in connection with the Esquimalt event.
8. Pillar 2: Curler Development – updates from **staff** as required
- a. Try-Learn-Play – Barb Zbeetnoff has helped enhance these events for adaptive groups. Will is working with ISPARC to set up some events in the second half of the season.
 - b. Competitions – New Event Manager, Sherri Taylor, reported on what she is able to bring to competitions and how she will focus on putting athletes first. Enhancing communication with athletes has been a key factor.
 - c. High Performance – Team Brown and Grandy are rising up the ranks of the CTRS. There is a possibility of having 2 BC teams at the Scotties depending on who wins the BCs. Victoria CC has 1 sheet of ice covered by PlaySight. This can be used to enhance High Performance training and development.
9. Pillar 3: Partnerships & Capacity
- a. Finance & Audit Committee – **Brenda M’Clellan**
 - i. Interim Financial Statements for the 9-month period ending Dec. 31st, 2023 – No concerns with interim statement. Final numbers will include competition expenses which are just starting. Currently projecting a small loss which is driven by a few items such as change of staffing.
 - ii. Plan for the 2024-25 budget – Executive has agreed that it would be better to have the budget presented at the April meeting after the current fiscal year has been completed.
 - b. Governance Committee – **Brenda Sims**
 - i. Approval of the Transgender & Non-Binary policy – Committee has been working on this policy based on the information provided by Curling Canada. It has been modified to be consistent with the format of Curl BC’s other policies. **MOTION:** To adopt the policy BG-6: Transgender & Non-Binary participation. Moved by Earlene and seconded by Lyle. Carried.
 - ii. Scott requested a further review of EL-4 – potential revisions to honorariums for key personnel such as Ice Techs.
 - c. Nominations Committee – **Brenda Sims**
 - i. Updated Board recruitment package – **Earlene Graham** has streamlined and updated the package for potential applicants.
 - ii. Recruitment of candidates for the 2024 elections - Deadline is coming quickly for nominations. Recommendation that all board members sit on this committee to assist with reaching all areas of the province. Committee should meet in 2 weeks with any names they may have. Looking for people with legal, financial, philanthropic, government, marketing, HR and project management backgrounds.

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1. Terms
 - a. Three 3-year
 - b. One 2-year
 - c. One 1-year
 2. Regional needs
 - a. Vancouver Island
 - b. Kootenays
 - c. North
 3. Gender requirements
 - a. Minimum 1 more woman
 - b. Minimum 3 more men
 4. Deadline – April 30th
- d. Recognition & Awards – **Terry Phillips** – the committee has been working to update the awards and bring them in alignment with other organizations.
- i. **MOTION:** To approve removal of the rule disallowing family members from making nominations for Curl BC awards. Moved by Terry Phillips and seconded by Lyle Sieg. Carried
 - ii. **MOTION:** To approve combining all current Curl BC team awards into one overall team award. The committee will have the discretion to award more than one team award if warranted. Moved by Terry Phillips and seconded by Brenda M’Clellan. Carried
- e. Curling Canada update – **Brenda M’Clellan**
- i. The new CC Governance Advisory Council (GAC) Terms of Reference were recently presented to and discussed with the MA Presidents.
 - ii. Many of the MA Presidents are not directly involved with operational matters so BC has recommended having Executive Directors present to provide counsel.
 - iii. The proposed Safe Sport Governance Code was also discussed.
 - iv. Nolan Thiessen is the new CEO of Curling Canada. He will be meeting with the Curl BC Executive Committee on Jan. 15th.
10. Date for next Board meeting: April 29th appears to work for everyone.
11. Motion to adjourn: Carried unanimously at 12:59 pm.