

Minutes of the 2024 Chinguacousy Curling Club Annual General Meeting

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Upper Lounge, Sandra Hames Curling Centre

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

All members having received notice of the Annual General Meeting and a quorum for the meeting present, the meeting was properly constituted.

The meeting was called to order by Pat Arbuthnot, Chair of the Chinguacousy Curling Club, presiding officer of the AGM.

Pat greeted those in attendance and thanked everyone for attending. He introduced Kari Porter, Recreation Coordinator for the City of Brampton. Kari shared information and answered questions posed by membership as follows.

The city is sending the rocks out to be reground in preparation for the season ahead.

A question was asked about the difference in the ice cost from Brampton Curling Club compared to the Chinguacousy Curling Club, as there was a significant cost difference for a bonspiel. Pat stated that he will address this later in the meeting.

A question was asked about the lack of availability of practice ice time, even though it had been scheduled. Kari responded that the city will look at this and review it for next year.

The 9pm Open Mixed league expressed their thanks to the city for acknowledging their concerns of the bar not being open some nights and offering compensation.

A question was asked about the Men's urinal still being out of order in the Locker Room. Kari responded that the city will look at this and expect to have it up and running for next season.

Members offered their thanks for the city's work to have the new cameras installed and working.

Thanks were also offered to Kari and the city for their efforts on our behalf.

Pat continued his remarks and addressed the floor.

A question was raised by Alana del Greco about why members did not receive the agenda/minutes/reports 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting so they could be reviewed. Pat responded with apologies that the minutes and agenda were not made available ahead of time but stated they were posted on the website. Alana motioned that it be ensured the minutes reflect that documents were not made available. Michelled Dafoe seconded the motion and it was carried.

Approval of Minutes

Pat recommended approval of Minutes from April 2023.

Approved by Xandra Busche, seconded by Dave Cann. Carried.

Pat raised his personal motion (not the board's motion) to discuss opting out of CurlOn. He stated the CurlOn membership is the board's biggest expense after the ice costs and expressed concern that our membership was receiving little in the way of benefits from this membership. That cost has increased significantly. He stated that costs have also increased for bonspiel entry and now CurlOn does not pay for patches, hotels, etc. and this hurts grass roots curlers. We only had one team enter any competitions this year and two last year. Pat recognizes there is a potential impact on our youth curlers and that we would not have access to coaching and training seminars if we leave. This motion was to hold a membership vote on future membership in CurlOn. John Earl seconded this motion.

Trudy Burnside and Mark Todd both spoke at length about the benefits of remaining members of CurlOn. Please refer to the attachments for more detailed notes.

Membership voted on Pat's motion and it was rejected.

CurlOn/TCA Representative

Jeanette Burnside nominated Fiona Crocker to be our representative and Fiona accepted. Fiona's election was confirmed by a show of hands. Fiona will attend CurlOn and TCA meetings on our behalf and will be invited to attend club board meetings.

Treasurer report

Clinton shared that the club is in solid financial shape. We have started investing in GIC's. Because of the lost ice time, there will be a carry over of some funds into next season to look after refunds. We are looking at having a balance of approximately \$60000.00. This information will be published in the Treasurer's report on the website.

Registrar's Report

Read by Pat Arbuthnot on behalf of Ed Mathewson. Website upgrades are being explored to address member concerns about the inability to enter scores. Ed is working on getting registration ready for next season.

Recruitment and Retention

Report read by Pat Arbuthnot on behalf of Fiona Anthes. There has been positive feedback on the success of the Adult Learn to Curl program and it has resulted in a number of new memberships. Concerns were raised about ensuring there are opportunities for new curlers to join league play.

League Liaison

Chris Nowak expressed thanks to the League Conveners for their time and efforts in meeting monthly this season, and working through the challenges of lost ice time, schedule changes and refunds, noting the improved communication benefited all members.

Chairman's report

Pat Arbuthnot expressed thanks to:

- Fiona Anthes and the Adult Learn to Curl instructors (Chris Nowak, Shelley Higgerty, Don Smith, Fritz Abalos
- Chris Nowak and 50th anniversary committee
- Ed Mathewson for getting website up and running
- Pearl Quan for time and efforts supporting the youth curlers
- Kathy Hay for organizing member clinics and all the other work she does
- Clinton Wolff for all his work as our treasurer
- Chris Nowak and league Conveners for all the extra work
- All members for their understanding and flexibility in dealing with lost ice time, schedule changes and pending refunds

Season highlights were the 50th Anniversary celebration and the Adult Learn to Curl program, and all involved in getting it up and running.

Our relationship with the city has been an excellent one this year with Kari Porter and Ryan Recendes.

We are looking forward to the same successful relationship next year.

In follow up to the question asked earlier about the discrepancy between Brampton and Chinguacousy ice costs for bonspiels, Pat reported that he had already addressed this with the city and they are investigating.

Pat will follow up in the fall.

Regarding website updates, Ed received a quote of \$7500.00/year to manage the scoring on the website. Pat has put out a call to the membership to determine whether there may be any members who may be able to assist with this.

Regarding refunds for lost ice time, the rationale for calculating refunds was explained and will be calculated for each individual member. It will be

approximately \$12.50 per game missed. More detailed information will follow to members by email.

Regarding fees for the 24/25 season, we will reduce our membership fee from \$90.00 to \$50.00 per member, which will cover our average costs. Our ice costs will go up from the city and members will pay \$305.00 per league. There will be no discount for additional leagues. Recognizing that our club has a substantial surplus in our account, the board will explore ways to get funds back to the membership in other ways. There were a number of suggestions raised by the membership from new member discounts, reduced bonspiel fees, etc.

New Business

Ian Wingrove shared that the Sunday morning league will be joining our club next year as an Open Mixed league similar to the Thursday at 5pm league, with individual sign up. They are looking to expand their membership.

Ian Newman made a motion asking the board to investigate the reality of bringing the website up to date. Pat repeated that the board is aware of concerns and will investigate solutions.

Maxine Tschanz asks for club wide efforts be made to focus on finding teams for new curlers to join. Don Smith asked that experienced curlers consider moving to back end positions. Michelle Dafoe asked for strategy sessions for back end positions. Juli Roslin asked for monthly clinics rather than two a year. We would like to investigate this more. It needs to be structured and organized by CurlOn or the board.

Mark Todd shared a message on behalf of Pearl Kwan about the growth of membership and the events used to recruit new players, expressing gratitude for the volunteers and for the support from the board.

Election of Board members

Pat Arbuthnot (Chair), Ed Mathewson (Registrar), Clinton Wolff (Treasurer), John Earl and Ray Husain are all in the midst of two year terms and will continue for next year.

Kathy Hay is stepping down. Fiona Anthes 2 year term is up and she chose not to put her name forward for re-election. Chris Nowak's term is up and she put her name forward for re-election. Chris Nowak, Mark Todd, Kerry Smart and Les Moir have been nominated to the board. The election of these positions was conducted by a show of hands.

Based on the election the following is the composition of the board for the 2024/2025 season:

- Pat Arbuthnot, Chair
- Ed Mathewson Registrar
- Clinton Wolffe Treasurer
- John Earl
- Ray Husain
- Chris Nowak
- Mark Todd
- Kerry Smart
- Les Moir

Closing Remarks

Pat wished everyone well for the summer.

Meeting adjourned.