



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

25 MAY, 2022

Zoom conference call.

Participants Identified:

Keith Bennett – President	Mike Holland
Cathy Paget – Vice President	Steve Paget
Jolena Rafuse – Treasurer	John Chisholm
Les Macey – Secretary	Josef Zwanziger
Stephen Melanson - Communications	Stewart Slauenwhite
Lynne Strang – Day Curling Director	Diane Green
Mike Strang – Junior Program Director	Bob Green
Paul Landry – Bar Director	Nick Barr
Samantha Wentzell – General Manager	Michael Holland
Peter Boudreau – Past President	Norma Reid

The meeting was called to order by President Keith Bennett at 7:05 PM.

Keith welcomed all attendees to this AGM. A moment of silence was held in recognition of all members who had died in this past year.

Approval of Agenda –The topic of the Club’s curling rocks was added to the Agenda. The agenda was APPROVED as circulated and amended.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 10 August, 2021, were presented for approval. No corrections. Moved by Lynne Strang, seconded by Stewart Slauenwhite, that these Minutes be approved as distributed. APPROVED.

Business Arising:

Keith reviewed the experience with the Club website over the past season, reporting that it had not functioned well. He apologized for having selected this service last year. Curling Club Manager will be the basis of this coming season's Lakeshore web site. In response to a question from Dianne Green, Keith reported that this change will cost the Club approximately \$500.

Keith advised that for the upcoming season, the Club hopes to improve on the promotion of Introduction to Curling events.

Keith advised that a farewell event on Brian Rafuse's retirement had not been held last season, but that he hoped one could be organized during the upcoming season.

Keith advised that Scott from The Curling Store would set up at the Club this season to sell curling equipment.

Reports:

General Manager's Report: distributed.

Questions concerning scheduling were deferred to New Business.

President's Report:

The malfunctioning heater has been replaced.

The Stadium entrance at the Curling / Fitness Centre end of the building will once again be used as an entrance.

Keith congratulated the Board members, particularly the Treasurer, Jolena Rafuse, for their efforts over this past year.

Questions:

Bob Green asked for more transparent reporting of the activities of the Sponsorship Director. Keith responded that more details would be available if members had questions.

John Chisholm asked who had paid for the heater replacement. Keith advised that HRM had.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Jolena Rafuse, reviewed the income statement provided for the period May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022, highlighting the role that COVID related grants had played in helping the Net Income bottom line. She also pointed out major individual expenditures related to the Bar renovations and web site changes. Bar renovations amounted to approximately \$3500. This was for supplies mainly, as labour was mostly remunerated "in kind". An audit, deferred by the pandemic, has been approved for next year. In answer to a question from Diane Green, Jolena broke out the elements which come under the heading of "General and Administrative" expenses. Approximately \$4,000 was paid to the NSCA. The Treasurer pointed out that the Club's bank balance is currently about \$125,000, a healthy position. This year's net loss will be reflected in the bank balance going forward. Further to the topic of an audit, Mike Holland pointed out that a less costly option would be what is known as a "Finance Review". Keith pointed out that a full audit must be done at least every five years. Nick Barr expressed that this

Income Statement was too broad, and needs more detail to provide more specific information. The Treasurer advised that these details will be provided to members asking. Bob Green asked if the Bar renovation expenditures should have gone to the membership, seeking approval. This led to a discussion about whether or not the process for approval of such expenditures should be included in the Club By-Laws. Keith suggested that this idea could be considered at a future AGM following provision of the requisite notice of a By-Law change.

Motion to Accept the Reports: Moved by John Chisholm, seconded by Mike Holland. PASSED.

New Business:

Lease Agreement: Keith reported that the Club had reached a tentative lease agreement with HRM. The main points were that this will be a ten year agreement with an additional 5 year option. There will be no increase in rent for the next four years. After that rent increases may be made every two years. It is confirmed that the Club owns the ice equipment including the curling rocks. The Club agrees to take on curling training on behalf of HRM. A \$100 subsidy will be provided for this undertaking by HRM. Keith expressed his opinion that this agreement will improve the stability of the Club.

Scheduling: Nick Barr raised the topic of league scheduling and problems associated, including some teams playing each other multiple times while not playing others at all over the curling season. He also pointed out a lack of clarity as to how playoff match up and standings were arrived at. Keith replied that there would be no reason for this to happen over the coming season with better software support becoming available to the General Manager. Josef Zwanziger volunteered to work with Samantha using scheduling software he will provide.

Membership Dues: A schedule of dues for the 22-23 season was presented which provides for no increase in the upcoming season. The Day Curler Seniors discount has been removed which had reduced Club income by \$15,000 previously. Lynne Strang asked if this change had to go to the membership for approval. Keith replied that this was a decision which can be made by the Board. Mike Strang added that clubs elsewhere did not offer this discount.

Budget 2022-23: The proposed budget was exhibited on-screen. Keith asked if there were any questions. Jolena explained that empty slots were due to the ending of COVID related subsidies. It is unknown at this time whether or not any further subsidies would be available. Following a question from Nick Barr about projected membership and income from dues there was discussion to explain how the figures were arrived at, and the assumptions made.

Motion: Treasurer, Jolena Rafuse moved, seconded by Steve Paget, that the 2022-23 budget be adopted as presented. Vote on the motion: PASSED. 3 Opposed.

Curling Rocks: Keith reported on the condition of the Club's curling rocks. They are too light to undergo reconditioning, so the Club must buy new rocks. The cost will be approximately \$70,000. A fundraising campaign is to be started. HRM may provide a \$6,000 rent relief. There are grants available. Our current rocks can be sold at a price of \$3,500 per sheet. Advice received was to first replace the rocks on 4 sheets and subsequently buy rocks for the 2 outer sheets. Les Macey asked about the need to replace the Junior rocks. Keith advised that this would cost about \$4,500 per sheet. Sponsorships for this could be sought. Bob Green introduced a Motion

to place a timeline on the Club to complete this purchase by 1 September 2023. In discussion, the General Manager advised that an order for new rocks will take 6-10 months to fill. Josef Zwanziger proposed an Amendment to the Motion which would table it for a year, pending the results of fund raising and Grant acquisition. Samantha Wentzell, General Manager, advised that she would be posting a chart in the Fall to track fund raising, and update it monthly. Vote on the Amendment to the Motion: PASSED. Bob Green subsequently rescinded his original motion. Keith suggested that it be brought forward at the next AGM, if progress is not apparent.

Elections to the Board:

- Director Special Events: John Chisholm was proposed and was willing to serve. No further nominations. John Chisholm acclaimed to the position of Director Special Events.
- President: Cathy Paget was proposed and was willing to serve. No further nominations. Cathy Paget was acclaimed President.
- Vice President: Josef Zwanziger was proposed and was willing to serve. No further nominations. Josef Zwanziger was acclaimed Vice President.

Other New Business:

Availability of the Sackville Kinsmen Club facility: Bob Green advised that there will be a need to reserve early.

John Chisholm asked if there would be a danger of missing out on events if the Club does not have correct rocks. Mike Strang advised that these events normally use provincial rocks, not those of the Club.

Nick Barr suggested that the late evening draw games be shortened to 6 ends. He may propose this in the future.

Motion to adjourn, moved by Lynne Strang. Meeting ADJOURNED at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Les Macey – Secretary,

Lakeshore Curling Club