Annual General Meeting
Minutes
June 23, 2026

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1. Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order by Mike Strang, Chair, at 1900 hours with a quorum present. MLA Paul Wozney was introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

2. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was held to acknowledge members who have passed and those who have lost loved ones over the past year.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

A motion to approve the previous minutes was made by Stewart Slaunwhite, seconded by Steve Paget. Unanimously approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

The financial report was presented by Grant Warner, Treasurer. (attachment)

Discussion included:

- There is a surplus over last year.
- Contributing to the surplus was an increase in membership from the Dartmouth Curling Club, funds from the Olympic Trials and a minimal increase in operating costs.
- The following will impact the 2026-27 budget:
    - anticipated reduction in government funding
    - increase in Nova Scotia Curling Association fees
    - decrease in membership if the Dartmouth Curling Club reopens

    - an increase in labour costs with new multi year contracts signed by Graham Conrad and Curt Stevens
    - a marginal increase in bar costs however, costs will remain lower than most local clubs
    - capital expenditures including the addition of a water source for the bar, new ice equipment and upgrades to the ice shed floor; other expenditures will be driven by the Strategic Plan as it develops
    - anticipated increase in operating costs (6-7%)
    - recommended increase in membership dues (8%)
    - recommended increase in rental costs (10%)
- Casual labour will be added to the payroll in the coming year.
- Fewer outside spiels will be scheduled and will not be the focus of the coming year.
- Volunteers were recognized for their ongoing commitment to the success of club events.
- It was queried if HRM can assist in funding the costs to upgrade the ice shed floor given that it is only used by the Club for seven months each year. It is currently included in the lease and may be included in the next lease discussions.
- HRM has developed a multi million-dollar redevelopment plan for the Sackville Sports Stadium. This includes the Club space. Member of the Board stressed the positive working relationship that currently exists with HRM and the desire to maintain this partnership.
- There is $225,000 in the Capital Fund that will be used for equipment purchases and upgrades as well as an emergency fund. It is planned that funds will be added each year and conservative investment opportunities will be researched.
- It was suggested that the water lines should be flushed.
- Curt Stevens meets regularly with the facility manager and will mention the site should be fully cleaned prior to the start of the curling season, including removal of the soccer balls from the rafters.

A motion to approve the financial summary as presented was made by Steve Paget, seconded by Eugene Chown. Unanimously approved.

5. Strategic Planning Committee Update

Eugene Chown, Co-Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, presented a summary of the Committee's work to date.

- The Board of Directors recently approved a Strategic Planning Committee to provide future direction to the Club.
- Committee members are Eugene Chown (Co-Chair), Lloyd Morrison (Co-Chair), Mary O'Donnell, Greg MacMullin, Scott Lytle and Kim Peterson.
- The Committee met four times to date.

- A good strategic plan is based on a solid foundation and governance model and so the Committee determined that the first step in the process was to review and update the current Bylaws.
- A first draft of the revised Bylaws will be forwarded to the Board of Directors in the coming weeks. This will be followed by a legal and then distribution to the membership in early Fall 2026 with a request for feedback.
- Subsequent to approval of the Bylaws, a draft Strategic Plan will be developed, forwarded to the Board of Directors and then circulated to members.
- The Committee aims to develop a five-year rolling strategic plan that builds on the HRM partnership and planned recapitalization project.
- Prior to a special meeting called for the membership to review and vote on the Bylaws, there will be a number of engagement sessions and opportunities to provide input and ask questions.

6. Open Discussion

- The Dartmouth Curling Club AGM will be held on June 24th. It is anticipated that an announcement will be made as to the opening of the Club for the 2026-27 season.
- Paul Wozney, MLA spoke to the challenges of the club in creating improvement opportunities in a site that is rented. Mr. Wozney offered support as a government liaison and invited members to reach out to him. Mr. Wozney acknowledged the role of the Club in the community from youth to senior involvement.
- A review of the Tuesday night league was requested. It was felt that there is a discrepancy in skill level among the teams and some feel it should be a more competitive league. It was also requested that the junior teams be able to participate in the league as well as all teams that represent the club at other venues.
- It was suggested that a league be designated as a competitive league and perhaps multiple divisions to accommodate all members.
- It was suggested that Club develop more opportunity to advance the junior players. This will align with the Strategic Planning work to address sustainability of the Club.
- The current process is that returning players have the first opportunity to join the league.
- The Strategic Plan will address the need to build the foundation for junior players.
- A review of the league will be planned.
- Cathy Myketyn volunteered to coordinate the junior development through a formalized plan through the stages and improved communication among the groups. This position will not be a member of the Board of Directors.
- It was queried if there is an opportunity to hire paid staff to manage some of the programs.
- It was queried if the Monday night leagues can alternate times as the men’s league is losing teams as they are only scheduled for the late draw.
- The website requires updating.

- A thoughtful and complete review of the leagues is required to ensure the needs of all groups is considered.
- It was suggested that members be surveyed to identify what groups want out of their Club.
- It was suggested that the Board of Directors have representation from all groups to ensure their voices are heard.
- Curt Stevens noted the enjoyment he feels in his work and again thanked the volunteers who step up each time he calls upon them.
- Greg MacMullin reminded the Board of the short timelines ahead to develop and submit a wish list for the club to the Facility Manager for consideration into redevelopment plan.

7. Elections

By acclamation, the following were named to the Board of Directors:

- President – Scott Lytle
- Vice President – Eugene Chown
- Treasurer – Grant Warner
- Secretary – Kim Peterson
- Social Events Director – Cathy Paget
- Day League Director – Lynne Strang
- Junior Director Coordinators – Cathy Myketyn and Mike Strang
- Sponsorship Director – William Place
- Facilities Director – Nolon Landry
- Social Media Director – Hayley Gerogiannis

Marianne Winchester was not in attendance and so her continued appointment as Membership Director is unconfirmed.

Scott Lytle acknowledged the work of the Board of Directors over the past year with special thanks extended to Mike Strang for his past leadership as President. The work of the volunteers and paid staff was praised.

8. Closing

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Strang at 2041 hours, seconded by Julie McEvoy. Unanimously approved.

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Kim Peterson, Secretary