

LCC - Presidents Report – August 2020/2021

To begin, my 2-year term as President was definitely an interesting and challenging one in dealing with the Covid-19 Pandemic. Even though we were faced with many obstacles, we as a Board and Club managed to work our way through difficult times and persevered through to the end of our curling season.

The Lakeshore Curling Club board of directors would like to thank all the members for their loyalty during this very challenging year. We would like you to know, through the hard work of our board of directors and especially our treasurer, Jolena Rafuse, the club has ended the year in a financially stable position.

In regards to championships through 2019/20, a number of banners were won by our members and are hanging on our rafters in the ice shed. Our 2020/21 season was also successful despite our Covid -19 pandemic protocols. Congratulations to our 2020 Wheelchair Provincial Champions (Laughie, Steve, Rose and Stew); 2020 Under 13 Provincial Champions (Cassidy, Lila, Ryleigh, Maddy and Coach Trevor Weissent) and our 2020 Provincial Women Stick Champions (Doreen and Caroline).

A couple of our NSCA events that LCC were to host...Under-21 Juniors over Christmas 2020 and Under-16/19 mixed in March 2021 were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

As many of you know our General Manager, Peter Andersen tendered his resignation and returned to Ontario, and then to Kosovo. The process to hire a new General Manager was well underway at the end of the season. There was a delay in the interview process due to the current COVID restrictions, but we would have a new General Manager hired by the end of May.

We would like to say a big thank you for the departing board members, Kevin Selig, Dave Power, Rhonda Duhme, Martin Duhme and Bob Green. These members have served the club well for many years, Martin and Bob were both past presidents and worked very hard to make sure the club continued its high standards, thank you all.

There have been a number of curlers who passed away, we also hold those people in our hearts and think of the good times we had with them out on the ice.

Thank you to Greg McIsaac from Sackville Sports Stadium who has helped us through this year.

We had a number of new curlers this past year, although we were not able to hold a new members night but are planning on accommodating our 2020/21 new members with our 2021/22 new members night and/or some other kind of activity in their recognition to our club. Plans are also in the making to provide more training clinic opportunities for both beginner and experienced curlers.

We are entering our final year of our 5-year contract with Sackville Sports Stadium and plans are well underway with seeking our next term contract with the Stadium.

In closing, I would like to thank all Board Members, Staff, League Reps and the membership in general, especially the volunteers, for making my 2 years as President an interesting and challenging experience during the Covid-19 pandemic. It was truly a roller-coaster ride!

A big "THANK YOU" to all...especially Brian Rafuse our Ice Technician, who once again, provided excellent ice and who will be finishing on December 31st, 2021, to enjoy his retirement. He will definitely be missed; however, he confirms that he will be around to assist with some NSCA events!

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Boudreau