



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10 AUGUST, 2021

Zoom conference call. Host Stephen Melanson – Communications Director.

Participants:

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| Keith Bennett – President | Mike Holland |
| Cathy Paget – Vice President | Steve Paget |
| Jolena Rafuse – Treasurer | Ian Atkins |
| Les Macey – Secretary | Jennifer Strang |
| Kourtney Rogers – Membership Director | Bruce Densmore |
| Hayley Naish – Events Director | Susan Forbrigger |
| Lynne Strang – Day Curling Director | Virginia Jackson |
| Nolon Landry – Facilities Director | Joseph Zwanziger |
| Paul Landry – Bar Director | Dave Power |
| Laughie Rutt – Sponsorship Director | Stewart Slauenwhite |
| Ian Patrick – Social Director | Brenda Landry |
| Mike Strang – Junior Program Director | Juliette McLeod |
| Samantha Wentzell – General Manager | |

The meeting was called to order by President Keith Bennett at 7:38 PM.

Approval of Agenda – No further items to be added to the agenda were requested. The agenda was approved as circulated.

President Bennett explained that Minutes of two Special General Meetings held In September 2020 were not available for approval.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 27 August, 2020, were presented for approval. Moved by Stewart Slauenwhite, seconded by Paul Landry, that these Minutes be approved as presented. APPROVED.

Business Arising:

President Bennett described several errors related to the presentation, discussion and approval of a proposal to amend Bylaw #6 – Membership (Adult), presented under New Business at this 2020 meeting. An opinion concerning the validity of the resulting vote to approve, requested from the Nova Scotia Curling Association Parliamentarian, Jason Robinson, was that, in spite of the errors involved in the procedure concerning this motion, the vote to approve was not invalid.

Motion to rescind this previous motion adopted by the membership was made by Jolena Rafuse, seconded by Paul Landry.

Discussion: Keith outlined his desire to have a committee struck next January to review the Club By-Laws. Paul Landry described the error associated with consideration of this previous motion, that the Junior program was a profit-making activity. Keith described the need to consult with Junior Program Director and associated parents in order to arrive at a satisfactory degree of autonomy for this program.

Vote on the Motion: APPROVED.

In response to a question from Bruce Densmore, President Bennett responded that the Board of Directors has the authority to create the committee to examine the Club By-Laws and they would need to bring any proposed changes to an AGM for approval.

Minutes of the Special Annual General Meeting of 17 September, 2020, were presented for approval. Moved by Stewart Slauenwhite, seconded by Michael Holland, that these Minutes be approved as presented. APPROVED.

Business Arising: None

Reports:

President's Report: Past President, Peter Boudreau was not able to attend and Keith presented his report as circulated. Keith congratulated and thanked Peter and the previous Board for their efforts on behalf of Lakeshore during a difficult time for the Club.

Treasurer's Report: Jolena Rafuse presented the Income statement for the period 1 May, 2020 to April 30, 2021. (Circulated.) She described the financial results as good, aided by government Covid pandemic support. Included in this Federal support were 3 cultural grants, two of which were received in this fiscal year, being reported, and one which will be accounted for in the 21–22 fiscal year. No questions were asked about this report. Keith thanked Jolena for her work as Treasurer.

Motion to approve the President's and Treasurer's Reports as presented, Moved by Jolena Rafuse, seconded by Les Macey. APPROVED.

New Business:

-Keith welcomed Samantha Wentzell to her position of General manager and reported that she had formally begun her duties on 1 August, with the start of membership registration.

-Keith also reported that Graham Conrad has been hired as full time Ice Technician and will begin his duties on 1 September. Brian Rafuse will continue in his position until about Christmas, when he will retire.

-Keith reported that a new Lakeshore website is now operating. It is an updated version of a previous web design. Susan Forbrigger asked if there is a membership list available on the site, and was informed that once signed in as a member, this information was available. Mike Strang asked if the site would support graphics to be used to advertise Club events, rather than just having text descriptions. Paul Landry stated that graphics used on our Facebook page could be moved to the web pages.

-Jolena Rafuse presented a budget for the 21-22 fiscal year. She described it as a break-even budget. It includes an increased membership over last year. Should easing of Covid restrictions continue, we can plan for more events and higher Bar revenue. Wage expenses will be higher partly due to salaries being paid for two full time Ice Technicians until Brian Rafuse's retirement comes into effect. Lakeshore is entering the last year of its current rental agreement with HRM.

Motion to approve the 21-22 Budget, moved by Jolena Rafuse, seconded by Lynne Strang.
APPROVED.

-Hayley Naish and Kourtney Rogers reported on their plans to attract new memberships:

Events: Adult Open House 27 September
 Junior Open House 29 September
 Bring A Friend to Curl event – Adults 6-8 PM October 16.

 Juniors (TBD)

 \$5 Beer and Curl event – all adult members and guests 8-10 PM 16 October.

Joseph Zwanzinger asked if the Learn to Curl program was to be tied in with these events. Samantha Wentzell replied that the Learn to Curl, which will start 1 week later, would be promoted at these events.

Hayley advised that a farewell event for Brian Rafuse would be planned for the Fall.

-Stephen Melanson reported on plans he has made to expand activity on the Club social media presence (Facebook, Instagram). He plans to add/update graphics weekly, promoting events and programs. He asks that members who are on Facebook, utilize "Like" and "Share" as often as possible in order to expand awareness of the club among the general public. He asked that members volunteer by providing content (photos, member profiles, etc.).

Mike Holland asked what is planned for the Pro Shop once Brian retires. Keith advised that Brian would continue its operation until the beginning of November. After that, arrangements have been made with the Curling Store to sell their product at the Club, for a portion of the profit.

Keith advised that General Manager, Samantha Wentzell, would begin working out of the Club on 1 September.

Motion to adjourn, moved by Lynne Strang. Meeting ADJOURNED at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Les Macey – Secretary,
Lakeshore Curling Club