

Tunnel Town Curling Club

Minutes of Board Meeting

October 11, 2016

Present : David Cole, Phil Savard, Dale Larock, Cody Tanaka, Kevin Kelly, Pam Langham, Charlene Nunes, Mike Ashworth, Sandra Mackinnon

Absent: Shane Todhunter, Andy Pinch

Old Business: David submitted that the revised rules sent to the board on September 27th, 2016 were agreed and passed.

Presidents report: David Cole content with commencement of new 2016/2017 season. David to circulate last meeting minutes to board. Meetings to be held on 1st Wednesdays of each month unless notified.

Managers report: Sandra reviewed numbers and with the new accounting software it is easier to extract data. Overall, some present standings to note :

225 male curlers, 121 women

With approximate 5% increase in members, we are down \$7000 in registration fees to budget.

One thought was that the many multi-people teams have decreased total team revenue.

Bar presently has 5 part-time bartenders. Questioned possible challenges finding staff in lieu of Tsawwassen Mills?

Pizza sales – pros a better offering for food, reasonable prices. Looking for ways to market and time the pizza. Discussed to go down to 2 pizzas on Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays. Monday and Wednesday – looking at alternate options due to slow sales/number of curlers.

**Dave to write memo and Sandra** will write a memo to encourage that out of office food be eliminated due to food safety concerns. In addition, to that will monitor popcorn abusers.

Liquor licence read to group – minors not permitted in club unless attending a curling function and, if so, only permitted to 10 pm. Sandra to discuss with hockey boys that visit Thursdays.

Strategy clinic this Sunday October 16th.

Oct 29 – NO practice ice. Private group all day event with Four Winds Brewery. Pam and Sandra donating ice instruction time. Four winds to pay bar staffing. No revenue for bar but looking as a Strategic Corporate Partnership for possible brewers league.

Treasurer Report : Charlene mentioned new system easier to track registrations. Grant has not yet been approved – possible \$23,000 and based on last years timing of grant, should be notified by end of November. If not approved, then need to look at a fundraiser possibly to keep on budget. Financials will be more up to date by next meeting November 9th as most registrations should be received. Noted to Sandra to include in her memo/newsletter asking any outstanding members to pay by October 31st.

## New Business

New Secretary/ board member - Mike Ashworth volunteered to be secretary, but noted will be away next meeting. Will pass the note taking around in his absence. If new board member acquired, will possibly pursue as taking on secretary position. David to make note and pass on to Sandra to include board member opening also in next newsletter.

Novice League – Slated for October 16th. Kevin has 10 members signed up to date. With small number, may potentially try to suggest to registrants to play on a Wednesday night as there are 2 sheets available.

Multi –player teams – pricing discussed. With depleting teams important to maintain financials goals and budgets. Board agrees that multi-player teams decrease revenues and that the fee structure of \$125 per player is fair.

League reps – Pam requested that we maintain league reps to maintain communication links between Sandra and members. Pam to email Sandra and Dave a brief description of expectations. Sandra also will include requisition to members in next newsletter for anyone wishing to volunteer.

Christmas Open House – Pam and Sandra met to think of alternate date to Open House. Each year event was held on Friday, and with late curling, a number of teams are absent from the fun. Also entertainment/ food options are generally cheaper and wider options to choose from. Suggestion and agreed to move date to Wednesday December 7th.

Mixed Bonspiel – November 18. Sandra to put out a volunteer request in newsletter and a sign up sheet for teams to register. Looking for a team of about 6-8 people to delegate light tasks to.

Final Banquet – Sandra received quote from Pat Quinns and based on number of members/guests, the venue could hold daytime and evening leagues together. With discussion on costs per person, and limiting the budget for decorating we could manage the cost. The deposit required to hold the room is \$2000. It was agreed to place deposit with continued care in managing costs along the way.

Other business: It was raised that the spare rule for Mixed should read more clearly for 2 people looking for spares. Possibly to add in an example so that teams can arrange proper spares.

All business concluded. Kevin motioned, Mike seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday November 9th, 6 pm Tunnel Town.