



Tunnel Town Curling Club
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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2026

Location: On-Line Meeting (Teams)

Time: 6:00pm

Attendees: Rick Gillis (President), Neil McLennan (Vice President), Sandra Boisvert (Club Manager), Dave MacCulloch (Treasurer), Carole Diaz (Secretary), Clarice Brabbins (Historian), Brent Clarke, Rick Warner, Terry Vinet, Lindsay Wilkins, Brian Cole, Laura Tinkley and Sandra Patterson (Individual Members)

Regrets: n/a

Prior Minutes: April 8, 2026 Minutes Approved (unanimous)

Presidents Report: (Rick Gillis)

- At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting on April 15, 2026. Rick Gillis gathered all the Board of Directors, a quorum was established with the newly elected directors who remained. The following appointments to the Board were agreed upon:
 - President: Rick Gillis
 - Vice-President: Neil McLenna
 - Treasurer: David MacCulloch
 - Secretary: Carole Diaz
 - Club Historian: Clarice Brabbins
 - Brent Clarke, Terry Vinet, Rick Warner, Lindsay Wilkins, Brian Cole, Laura Tinkley and Sandra Patterson (Individual Members/Members at Large)
- Discussion regarding confidentiality, there's some information discussed at the meetings should remain confidential (topics such as Human Resources/Personnel information).
- Discussion regarding the agenda, the Secretary (Carole) will send out an email about a week before the next BOD meeting reminding members of the upcoming



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BOD meeting and if there's any topic you are wishing to add to the Agenda. Also advise on the calendar invite if you are/are not attending meetings.

- Inquiry about financial information. David provides financial updates at all our BOD meetings, most questions can be addressed during his financial reports.
- Discussion regarding staffing challenges, the club has been trying to hire a bar manager and support staff for Club Manager (Sandra). It has been difficult to find individuals to fill these positions as they are so seasonal and full time/part time. There were a couple of individuals that had applied and were interviewed. At the conclusion of those interviews, it was determined the individuals were not suitable candidates for the positions we advertised for. Seeking staff to fill these positions continues to be a priority for The Club.

Financials: (David MacCulloch)

- David was having connectivity technical issues joining the online meeting. The meeting will move on to the Club Manager report, and will circle back to David once technical issues are resolved.
- Financials were previously circulated to all BOD to review

Club Manager Report & Operations: (Sandra Boisvert)

- Discussion about membership stats, going back 5 years
- To date, 422 members, in comparison 16 years ago had 224 members, in 2020 (year) 430 members, for 3 years the club had under 300 members. Then numbers have gone up to 422 (currently), steady increase of membership over the years. Introducing learning to curl and other events has been successful for the club. Net increase of 10-15% depending on the year
- At the next board meeting there will be numbers, curlers that play 1 night/time, vs 2 night/times, 3 nights/times. Will have all the matrix of numbers of men/women,



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number of nights played etc. at the next meeting.

- Inquiry about discounts for multiple curling nights. It's a decision the club made to encourage more curling within leagues.
- Discussion regarding Learn to Curl and other events. An ongoing struggle for the club has been seeking and retaining volunteers on an ongoing basis. Tends to be the same group of people who volunteer.
- Next season's calendar could not be confirmed prior to this meeting. Will provide an update at the next meeting.
- Sandra met with City of Delta staff to review the schedule. Dates like Easter, Christmas all impact our schedule. The club has requested extension of ice to accommodate Nights of Champions weekend of April 2 and 3 (2027). March is a busy month, nights of Champions, Bonspiels, holidays (Easter), private events. Hopefully the schedule will be out by August 1, 2026. Sandra's start date is August 3, 2026 but is working in between as there is work in the off season.
- Discussion about Learn to Curl mid-week and more clinics. All these can be looked into, once the calendar is confirmed. Another factor to consider, hard getting volunteers and volunteers to commit for on-going events etc.

Financials:(David MacCulloch)

- Technical issues resolved, David was able to re-join the meeting.
- Financials as presented, some highlights.
- Rent remains the same as last year.
- Bar sales up .5%
- Pro Shop down 13.6%
- Curl BC Fees up (as previously communicated)
- As previously discussed and board approved, \$40,000 term deposit at Envision has been secured
- \$25K application Gaming Grant set late August/early September
- Proposed Budget, membership will increase by 5% next season, pro shop sales same as last year, Bonspiels break even, Facility Rent remain the same its year 3 of 5 year contract.



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- All other revenues/expenses will be pretty much status quo
- Bar sales increase 2% next season, Bar prices remain the same as last year.
- Staffing, budgeting will remain the same.
- Inquiries about grippers and software. Equipment can be discussed with Sandra and software can be added to the agenda to discuss. Software is \$3,000. Further discussion needed.

Other Business

- Discussion about creation of the Daytime Competitive League, Neil McLennan has been discussing logistics with Rick Gillis and Sandra. The league will begin in September 2027 on Thursday's, and will see how it goes.
- August 1st registration opens. Sandra is a seasonal employee, she is tracking her hours over the summer as there is club work that continues. Tracking hours to compensate for Sandra's time but also highlights the after season will that continues. Sandra's return to work date is August 3rd.
- Discussion about having an agenda. There were two board members who indicated they did not receive the agenda. The secretary will follow up.
- Next BOD meeting if it's online we'll have to secure (pay) additional timing (1.5 hours) to have our next meeting online unless we meet in person at the Ice Chip Lounge. Further details as to time, date and location of the next meeting will be circulated to the BOD.
- Reminder, Carole (Secretary) sends out BOD meeting reminders about a week before the meeting, minutes from the prior meeting are circulated as well for your review, and Agenda request is sent out for any Board members who have Executive discussions/requests to request to Carole (Secretary).
- **Next Meeting** – June 10, 2026 (possibility of meeting being postponed due to scheduling conflicts)

Meeting adjourned 7:00pm