

Metcalfe Curling Club - Fall AGM
October 3rd, 2018

2018-2019 Executives Present:

- President: Olivia Woods
- Past President: Andy Girard
- 1st Vice President: Kevin DeBoer
- 2nd Vice President: Matthew Stuyt
- Treasurer: Carol Vandekemp
- Bar Chair: Alan Zebchuk

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM.

Spring AGM - Minutes Review

- There were no issues raised with the provided minutes.
- ***Pete Steppa motioned to accept the minutes as recorded.***
- ***Martha Robertson seconded the motion.***
- ***Motion carried.***

Summer Review - Olivia Woods

- New compressor has arrived for the ice plant, installation is in progress.
- Door repairs were done over the summer.
- Suggested by Andy Girard that a good part of the problem is caused when people jam the hinge side of the doors with door stops, rather than using them on the floor, which does a great deal of damage to the hinges.
- Olivia said thank you to Karen and Andy Girard for their efforts running the bar service at the Metcalfe Fair on behalf of the club.
- New basement doors are coming soon.
- New LED lighting for the ice surface was done.
- A debit machine was acquired and activated in advance of registration to facilitate easier transactions at registration and the church fish fry.
- New concussion policy and waiver have been implemented.

Debit Machine - Discussion

- It was raised by Rodney Davis that the motion from last meeting was for the executive to "look into" the debit machine, but report back to the fall AGM with the details, to decide at that point whether to proceed.
- Olivia conceded that the actions outlined in the motion were not carried out to the letter, but that it was discussed by the executive, and decided that the use of the debit machine would be really useful for registration and the fish fry.
- Rodney further inquired what the cost/fee was.
- Carol could not locate the specific document in the moment, but from the recollection of the executive, the fee was \$45/month, plus 5 cents per debit, or 2% per credit transaction.

- An inquiry was raised on how we will train the volunteers to use the machine. ***The executive have committed to creating a "how-to" page for the updated bar manual.***
- It was raised by Arlynn McPhee that some people have a limited number of transactions, and whether we would be able to run a tab at the bar. Executive's answer was that we do not have a policy on this at this time.
- Florence Barnes inquired on whether we'd allow cashback. The executive's current position on the matter is, not at this time. The bar chair will need to change processes to account for the required extra float to handle that, so for now, no.
- Pete Steppa inquired whether there would be a decline in tips, and whether the tips would still go towards the Little Rocks program. Carol indicated that yes, the machine does offer the option to tip, and that the treasurer will still have all of the numbers, so the tips raised will still be a known quantity.

Ice Light/Game Timer:

- Rather than a light, the executive have invested in a large clock which will count down the time remaining before the last end must be started.
- Cost was \$250.
- Rodney inquired how we go about setting it. Olivia assured the membership that we will figure it out before the season.
- Current intent is to use this for the fixed league at this time. For Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday nights we'll see at a future date.
- Andy mentioned that we do hear a lot of complaints about the pace of play on Friday nights. It was discussed however that the beginner's spirit of Friday night is not in line with timing the games.
- ***Bill Woods Sr. motioned to accept that we purchased the clock.***
- ***Anne Davis seconded the motion.***
- ***Motion carried.***

Ice Report - Billy Woods Jr:

- New compressor arrived on September 19th.
- It could not be installed before the fair.
- Startup of the ice plant (and ice creation) will be delayed. It would normally be the Monday following the fair, it should start up tomorrow (Thursday) instead.
- Purchase came to \$55,000, which was \$5,000 over budget.
- In spite of going over budget, an unforeseen brine leak was also fixed within the existing expense.
- Will pressurize the system tomorrow (Thursday)
- Also need additional exhaust fan(s) for the plant room. This will cost \$6,000. This is basically an air exchanger.
- After consulting with Tracie and Niall, who work in the industry, the price sounds fair.
- New doors should help the ice conditions as well, so ice should improve this year.

- Also got new panic bar for the plant room door, as required for safety reasons.
- We are also purchasing new numbers for the score boards, as the old ones were deteriorating. New ones will be plexiglass, should wear better.
- Billy also raised, just as an FYI, the fact that one of the major bottlenecks in our ice creation process is our RO system, which takes about 30 hours to fill completely.
- A new RO system has been estimated at about \$7,000 by Jet Ice.
- Alan added the detail that rather than 1-2 floods per day, which would be desirable, we are only able to do about 8 floods over 2 weeks.
- Rodney Davis observed that, as much as a delay of up to a week at the start of the season seems like a problem, it is also just a once-a-year problem.
- Andy Girard also informed us that as another option, we could also double our existing output with a second identical unit, which he has been able to price around \$3,500.
- Florence inquired whether we had the well capacity to produce more. Consensus was that we have not seen any issues in the past to indicate that there should be a problem there.
- Andy mentioned that some other clubs do also truck in water, but that at the quality of water which is required, the cost would be about \$1,500.
- Billy stated that realistically, we won't see the benefit of improving the RO system until we see how much difference the new compressor makes.
- Olivia concluded that, in light of the work which Anne Davis has done on our application for a Trillium Grant maybe we should see how the ice preparation goes this year, and revisit next year when we see results from the grant application.

Entertainment Committee - Martha Robertson:

- Halloween potluck on the first Friday night.
- Aiming for one entertainment night per draw, largely covered through the operation of 50/50 draws and raffles.
- Plan to run two home-grown talent nights.
- Christmas bonspiel will be December 22nd.
- The committee will continue to decorate the club as needed.
- However, the committee has shrunk a little this year, and are always looking for more help/volunteers.
- Rodney Davis expressed that many people really enjoyed the "hat game" nights.

Kitchen Report - Arlynn McPhee:

- There are 140 (known) available kitchen shifts, of which 69 are filled so far. With the registration numbers to date, this does not seem out of line.
- Boxes of ziplocks were also purchased for the kitchen, to facilitate taking/sending home leftovers after events. Hopefully we can try to avoid volunteers taking home club containers/dishes.
- Arlynn has also purchased some nice new Henkel's knives, as some of the kitchen knives were in a sorry state.

Ways & Means - Rod Millar:

- Currently trying to get a commitment from RBC. Olivia volunteered to acquire the contact info for the branch and forward it to Rod.
- Also awaiting confirmation from Carleton Mushroom. Rod doesn't want to push too hard, since they do sponsor the Mushroom Spiel.
- Currently have 4-5 new advertising subscribers, in addition to our existing regulars.
- Rod has been to 35+ local companies; some have responded but some have still not responded.

Metcalfe Fair Bar:

- Rodney raised a big thank you to Karen and Andy Girard, once again, for their contributions in running the bar at the Metcalfe Fair.
- Andy suggested that next year, he's considering finding some alternate daytime "leads" so that Andy and Karen can have a little bit of time off.
- Overall, there were 61 positions to fill.

- Karen raised a concern that she just located the tip money from 2017, which was misplaced, and how we wanted to deal with that.
- **Bill Woods Sr raised a motion that Andy Girard should take the 2017 tip money and take Karen out for dinner.**
- **Rodney seconded the motion.**
- **The motion carried unanimously.**

Bar Chair:

- Olivia informed us that we had a volunteer for the position of Bar Chair, in Alan Zebchuk.
- **Martha Robertson motioned to nominate Alan Zebchuk as Bar Chair.**
- **Florence Barnes seconded the motion.**
- **Motion carried.**

New Business:

- Andy asked one favour, in that overspray from the painting of the ice really sucks to remove. If we could find some volunteers to help or some method by which the overspray was not a problem, the cleanup is a task he'd happily not do again.

- 5-Rock Rule - An inquiry was raised in light of the OCA adopting the 5-rock rule, where we would stand on the matter. Individual curling clubs can make that choice how they please, but our norm is to follow OCA rules.
- Some concerns were raised about it confusing new curlers, however further discussion concluded that since they're learning already, it's not a big jump. Conversely, the rule actually benefits the newcomer, Friday-night style of play.
- **Martha motioned to adopt the 5-Rock Rule across all leagues.**
- **Bill Woods Sr. seconded the motion.**
- **Motion carried.**

- The executive agreed to take on the task of ***posting signage explaining the rule change around the club.***

Closing:

- ***Bill Woods Sr. motioned to adjourn.***
- ***Jeff Cumming seconded the motion.***
- ***Motion carried.***