

Annual General Meeting Minutes
ATB Centre
October 2nd, 2019

Lethbridge Curling Club Mission/Vision

The Lethbridge Curling Club provides the best possible curling and social experience in the region.

PRESENT:

Please see attached list

BOARD MEMBERS Present: Mike Mulroy, Trish Jackson, Dave Burton, Alex Giles, Val McHugh, Renae Hougen, Kendra Nakagama, Bob Kurina, Rick Buck, Kirk Mearns (GM)

ABSENT:

Nick Nicolocopoulos, Jeff Davidson

1. Call to order at 7:00PM
2. Moment of Silence
3. Welcome from Mike Mulroy, President.
 - a. Mike discussed the change of the AGM to the fall, allowing for the most recent financials to be available to membership. Mike introduced the Board of Directors for 2018-2019
4. Adoption of the Minutes
 - a. Special General Meeting March 8, 2019 - adopted by consensus.
 - b. Annual General Meeting April 18, 2019 – adopted by consensus
5. 2018/2019 Financial Statements – Dave Burton, Treasurer
 - a. With the change in the date of the AGM, Dave stated that we have financial statements for the immediate last fiscal year.
 - b. Dave highlighted that we have a positive balance at year end, a better financial situation than 2 years ago.
 - c. Food and beverage have seen drastic improvement.
 - d. Sponsorship donations are down, consistent with what we saw across the province in terms of donations.
 - e. Bonspiel revenue was down in 2018-2019.
 - f. On the positive side the negotiations with the City in Rent Costs was negotiated and the city gave the curling club some concessions, which assisted with the financial situation this year.



- g. Revenue of 50/50 and the casino has managed to turn the club around. The revenue of the 50/50 has not been earmarked at the present time but will be used in the future for capital expenses.



Moved by Dave Burton, seconded by Ed Granger, that the Membership accept the audited financial statements from Mercer Wilde. PASSED.

6. Treasurer's Report – as above.

7. Appointment of Auditors



Moved by Dave Burton, seconded by Kent Perry, that the LCC appoint Mercer Wilde Group as auditors for the upcoming fiscal year. PASSED

8. Committee Reports

a. Community Liaison Committee – Rick Buck



The committee met 6 times over the year



Volunteerism was discussed and was decided that volunteers at the club were more event based than club based, and future volunteer recruitment should be based more around events than a general volunteer pool



Some discussions with New West Theatre about a co-production of “The New Canadian Curler” were cost prohibitive for the club.



The CLC was happy to attend the Whoop Up Days Parade in 2018 and 2019



Next year's strategic plan will hopefully focus on more specific goals on increasing community exposure to curling.

b. Membership Committee –Kendra Nakagama



Friday Night Drop In events were very well received by the club



Phone Calls to the previous Membership were completed for two years in a row.



c. 50+ Executive Committee – Ed Granger (for Ron Hoar)



On Behalf on Ron Hoar, the draw committee and the social committee reported a very successful year, including



Ham and Turkey Bonspiel








Break Even Financials, which was achieved this year.

9. President's Report – Mike Mulroy








- a. This meeting in October was a priority for the board, as it allows to approve the most current financial reports



- b. The sport of curling is seeing a new reality. Curling has never been more popular; however, our club is struggling with membership (as many clubs across the country is experiencing)
 - c. Strategic planning will give us momentum for 2019/2020.
 - d. New succession plan will mean a continuance of the work of the board.
 - e. Thank you to the members of the LCC for hanging in through the rough years.
- 10. General Manager's Report – Kirk Mearns**
- a. 2018/2019 was a pivotal year with a small profit – thank you to Nanette Dupont, and Janet Bell for their office staff support. Janet has left the LCC for another full-time opportunity and the club wishes her well.
 - b. Thank you to Merle Smith and Cody for their work with the new building and the excellent curling ice that the club enjoys.
 - c. Thank you to Colin (previous cook) for his hard work over the past and we look forward to working with Travis Bunred in this upcoming year. A new menu has been developed for the club for 2019-2020.
 - d. With Colin's departure we reorganized lounge operations and kitchen operations. We have a new lounge manager (Brittany Bly) and look forward to new specials coming up.
 - e. Leagues – membership fees and league fees were separated out to allow for 5-6 member teams. Our fees remained the same from last year.
 - f. Curling I/O was established this year. With 451 members registered only 46 of those members needed to register in person. We are hoping with Curling Canada's tweaks that this online process will continue to improve.
 - g. Leagues – good news story with leagues – we may have a few less teams however the same number of members.
 - h. Bonspiels – seem to be losing favour across the country. As we lose bonspiels, we lose revenue across all areas (bar, kitchen). Ladies Bonspiel committee has been established to rejuvenate the same. It is important that we have committees for our bonspiels. When bonspiels have started to be run out of the office, the passion seems to waiver.
 - i. Events
 -  Russ Howard Academy was born from the Membership survey that they wanted more instruction. We need more registrations to make this go. Please see the office.
 -  December 6 to 8th, 2019 the Alberta Winter Games Qualifier
 -  February 20-24th, 2020 Mixed Doubles
 -  March 5-7th 2020, Provincial High School Championships
 -  Thank you to our sponsors for their support for 2019-2020. Please take a moment to notice who are sponsors are and



membership is encouraged to use their businesses in the community.

- j. One of management's priority this year is to move from an operational model to Membership Experience Model.
 - k. For everyone who volunteered in 2018/2019, thank you from the Management and encouraged all members present and in absentia to volunteer whenever and wherever they can for the club.
- 11. Club/League Awards and Presentations**
- a. League Awards
 -  Women's Champions – Team Bourrassa
 -  Tuesday Men's Champions – Team Conway
 -  Wednesday Night Open Champions – Team Granger
 -  Thursday Night Men's – Team Wells
 -  Thursday Night Cash League – Team Carnell
 - b. Dayle Coyle Award
 -  Given annually to a deserving member, this year's recipient is Don Irwin. Don has been an active member for 20 years.
 -  Remarks from Don – thank you from the Don for receiving the award.
- 12. Election of Officers – Past President**
- a. We have had two vacancies (Elaine Miller and Pete Heck). As per the bylaws Elaine and Pete were elected by acclamation.
- 13. Introduction of Trish Jackson – President**
- a. Remarks from Mike Mulroy -Trish has been invaluable to the Board, in terms of Bylaws and engaging the Board.
 - b. Trish gave her welcoming speech – she has curled for over 20 years, and coaches Special Olympics. The board is focused on Membership experience and capitalizing on the work that Mike Mulroy has started. On behalf of the countless hours over his four-year term, Mike was presented with a gift from the LCC.
- 14. Moved by Samantha Davies that the AGM be adjourned at 1945. Passed by consensus.**

Minutes approved ___ September 20, 2020 _____


Robert Kurina, President


Rick Buck, Secretary