



Board Meeting Minutes

ATB Centre

August 3rd, 2021

Lethbridge Curling Club Mission/Vision

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

PRESENT:

Mike Mulroy, Val McHugh, Elaine Miller, Rick Buck, Trish Jackson, Jeff Davidson, Pete Heck, Kirk Mearns, Nick Nicolacopoulos

ABSENT:

Bob Kurina, Kiana Lawson

GUESTS:

Nil

The chair requested a meeting of the board to discuss two urgent matters prior to the next scheduled board meeting.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm

2. **New Business**

a. New Curling Alberta Fee Structure



Kirk Mearns distributed information regarding the fee structure from Curling Alberta prior to the meeting.



On top of the LCC membership fee and the regular league fee, Curling Alberta is adding a \$13 fee this year. Two dollars of the fee goes to Curling Canada, ten dollars is for Curling Alberta, and one dollar will be for an accident insurance policy through Curling Alberta, underwritten by Bel Air Direct Insurance.



This new fee structure replaces the per sheet fee that was paid to Curling Alberta and Curling Canada in the past.



Bob Kurina did reach out to the Curling Alberta President regarding the new fee structures, who did return a phone call, but the two presidents have been unable to connect yet to discuss the issue.



Board members present expressed concerns around the following points.



- a. Collection of the fee for each member of the club is effectively a rate increase compared to when the club paid a per sheet fee.
- b. Curling Alberta documentation distributed states that if an individual curler does not pay this fee to Curling Alberta, that they would not be considered members of Curling Alberta and would not be able to access sanctioned events and competitions.
- c. Following from point b., if members of the LCC did not pay the fee then the LCC standing as a member club of Curling Alberta would be in jeopardy.
- d. The current accident insurance policy is included in the fee and could be considered a de facto mandatory fee. There does not appear to be an option for members to decline this insurance fee currently and remain in good standing with Curling Alberta. Board members present felt that acceptance of insurance coverage should not be a condition to curling for the season.
- e. Further to the above-mentioned accident insurance policy, there currently is no policy documentation available for members to review.
- f. Curling Alberta is requiring that rental league players become members of Curling Alberta (specifically if they play 4 games or more.) Historically, rental league players have not had to be members of the LCC.
- g. We are unsure if bonspiels are an exception to the 4 game rule for a season.
- h. Curling Alberta states that members that curl in different clubs do not have to pay a separate provincial fee. We are unsure how this will be administered when registration opens for 2021-2022.
- i. Collection of the membership data (specifically names and email addresses) is overreaching. Several board members expressed concern that a third party could potentially get access to Club Members' email addresses and receive unwanted solicitation (e.g., offers from business and companies that do not have member consent to have their individual emails).



- j. Further to point f., if a potential member does not consent to sharing information with Curling Alberta, are they at risk of being in poor standing with the organization?
- k. The accident reporting form that was distributed collects health information regarding the accident and needs to be transmitted to an email address. It is not known if this email address is secure, who is the custodian of this information once transmitted, and where this information would ultimately end up. Collection of medical information without the member's consent and sending it to a third party is a possible FOIP violation.
- l. Up until this point Curling Alberta was a sanctioning body. Effectively through this membership fees, they have switched to a governing body. They are defining who is a member of a club (e.g. rental leagues).



Discussion ensued with the board members present.

- a. Board members present acknowledged that a fee paid to Curling Alberta is necessary. The board is not opposed to paying this fee to be a member club in good standing.
- b. The board did not wish to be obstructive to the mandate of Curling Alberta. By not sharing data we do not wish to hinder attempts of Curling Alberta to apply for future funding/grants. The board feels though that the information needed can likely be anonymized and presented at a more meta data level.
- c. *Board members felt strongly that it is the club that defines membership, that there are some FOIP implications to transmission of personal medical data to a third party, and that we feel that a condition of curling should not be the acceptance of an insurance policy.*



ACTION: *Kirk and Elaine will draft a response expressing our concerns to the Curling Alberta Board.*

b. Monday Night Ladies League



update from Kirk and Trish – 21 teams were called from the past two years. Awaiting a response from 6 teams. Four teams were



a yes for 2021-2022 season, four were no, 5 teams were unsure, and six were pending. Very unsure that we can have a viable league without 10 teams.

 **MOVED by Rick, seconded by Nic, that we cancel Monday Nights Ladies League. APPROVED.**

 Suggestion is to have an open league on Monday nights. Kirk will look at the same.

 Promotion budget this year – could we earmark some of the money for a ladies bonspiel? Kirk will advise.

3. Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm

Minutes approved – August 19th, 2021



Bob Kurina, President



Rick Buck, Secretary