



**Board Meeting Minutes**  
ATB Centre  
**January 20, 2022**

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**Lethbridge Curling Club Mission/Vision**

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

**PRESENT**







Kirk Mearns, Bob Kurina, Daniel Hennessy, Lynne Lee, Pete Heck, Elaine Miller, Mike Mulroy, Kiana Lawson, Nick Nicolacopoulos

**ABSENT:**





Lee Loveridge

**GUESTS:**





Nil

1. Call to order at 5:37PM
2. Approval of Agenda- Pete/Lynne – approved by consensus
3. Approval of Minutes from December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 – Bob/Lynne - approved by consensus
4. **Manager's Report**
  - a. *Financials*
    -  Kirk states there is a mapping issue between lounge and kitchen costs and Kirk and Daniel will work with MNP to correct.
    -  New government \$2000 AB grants received in December
    -  Kitchen payroll has been high due to lack of revenue. The revenue downtime has been a combination of start time of 7:00pm for leagues, but due to lack of medium and large events on the arena side.
  - b. *Rink Operations*
    -  We have restarted to rescan QR codes for all leagues, rentals. Currently no issues to report.
    -  Currently we are around \$140000 in profit, but we budgeted for a profit of \$40000 this year.
  - c. *Bonspiels*
    -  The Stirling Bonspiel occurred on January 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> and reports is that it went very well.



-  Men's Shirtsleeve – 40 teams have registered. We will be using a modified pool draw, with a guarantee 4 games.
-  Banquet will have two sittings with the kitchen staff clearing the lounge between the two sittings.
-  We will be using wristbands to designate COVID vax checks.
-  Masters Men's Qualifiers have 10 teams registered. This amount is low participation for the time that the club must shut down, so Kirk will look at feasibility of future qualifiers.

d. FYI

-  February 5<sup>th</sup> is Curling Day in Canada.
-  Ready to Rock Program was not as successful as we hoped.
-  The U23 championship was replaced with the AB High School Championship, which will run from March 3<sup>rd</sup> to March 5<sup>th</sup>. This event was highly successful in 2019.
-  Casino has been booked March 12 to March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Kirk states that this event is run by Don Scheidegger and we should have an adequate amount of volunteers for this casino.

## 5. Treasurer's Report – Daniel Hennessy

- a. Daniel reiterated the issue with the financials that Kirk had mentioned, otherwise stated that the financials as presented appear to be in line with the financial position of the club at present.

## 6. Committee Reports


a. *Management Committee*

-  Most recovered in Kirk's report

b. *Lease Committee*

-  no meeting, no new reports

c. *Brier Committee*

-  All subcommittees met this week, currently little danger of the event being cancelled, however, the Enmax Centre will still be at 50% capacity.







-  Need volunteers for the patch still.


d. *Competitions Committee*

-  Inaugural meeting was in December 2021.


-  The Committee has the following recommendations to the board:




-  The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President will chair the committee.
-  A 5-year planning calendar will be put in place for hosting of future events at the Lethbridge Curling Club
-  The Competitions committee will focus on events that will be hosted at the Lethbridge Curling Club Exclusively
-  1 larger event every 2-3 years and 1 smaller event every year.
-  Qualifiers at the discretion of the general manager.
-  **MOVED by Nick, seconded by Lynne, that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President be the chair of this committee.**
- APPROVED.**


 Terms of Reference for this committee will be updated.

e. *Governance and Policy Committee*

 No meeting this January, will meet in February, and the chair asked the committees to submit the review of their terms of reference for board approval.

f. *Community Liaison Committee*


 Lynne met with Kirk to discuss Strategic Planning session. This will be discussed later in the meeting.

 Nominations to the Lethbridge Sports Council will be added to the tasks of the committee.


 Came up with nine categories for nomination for the Sports Council.

## 7. New Business

a. *Strategic Planning Committee Suggested for May 2022.*

 Last strategic plan was done May 2016, then May 2019, with another small review in May 2020.






 Kirk suggests that an external organization assist with our review in the previous rounds was very helpful and successful.

 Further discussion about how and when this retreat may occur in the future.






## 8. Old Business

- a. Ladies League Motion (tabled from the December 23, 2021, meeting):  
**MOVED by Lynne, seconded by Daniel that we put an ad-hoc committee to explore ladies league curling.**








-  This motion was tabled from the previous meeting.
-  Discussion around the board room regarding the efforts to keep the ladies league were discussed, and why the decision was made to change Monday to an Open League.
-  More discussion around other formats to a possible ladies league (afternoons, mornings) were discussed.
-  Board re-emphasized that any group that came to us with an interest in curling would be considered.
-  *After discussion the motion was struck.*

b. Learn to Curl Motion (tabled from the December 23, 2021 meeting):  
**MOVED by Lynne, seconded by Rick, that we put in at least one Adult Learn to Curl Clinic in the second half of this season.**

-  Discussion regarding the goal around this motion, looking at previous attendance and how much curling experience people get from previous Learn to Curl events.
-  Looking at schedule it appeared that the only possible weekend would be March 20<sup>th</sup>. This would be immediately after the Brier. This event could possibly be around a time when volunteer resources are exhausted. Feasibility was an issue.
-  Discussion about the goals of this event, and board reflected on how to capture the energy of curling after the Brier.
-  Kirk re-iterated that there is large promotion of the season and of the Learn to Curl Clinics in August and September of every year.
-  *Motion defeated.*

## 9. Next Meetings

- a. Board Meeting– February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- b. Committees
  -  Management Committee – TBD
  -  Lease Committee – TBD
  -  Brier Committee – as needed
  -  Competitions Committee – February 2022.
  -  Governance and Policy Committee – Feb 2022.



 Community Liaison Committee – Feb 9, 2022.

**10. Roundtable**

**11.** Mike moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm.

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Minutes approved – February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022



Elaine Miller, President



Rick Buck, Secretary

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