**Trenton Curling Club General Meeting**

**7:00 PM APRIL 17TH, 2024**

1. President, Bill Russell, called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Additions to Agenda: appointment of auditor or reviewer of financial statements
3. Steve Glover moved, Lindsey Russell seconded, that the minutes of the meeting of September 13th, 2023, be accepted. Carried.
4. **Approval of revised Bylaws**

Dave explained the changes that were made to the Bylaws. The changes were editorial in nature to comply with Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act 2010 (ONCA). He addressed the addition to the agenda tonight, noting that item 7.3 states that we *may* appoint an auditor or a reviewer to conduct a review engagement of the books, accounts, and records of the Corporation.

**MOTION:** Dave Flieler moved, Jayne Thomas seconded, that the revised Bylaws be approved. Carried.

1. **Changes to Rules of Play**

Dave spoke to the Rules of Play. They now include rules regarding spares; during the season non-member curlers can spare, however, during playoffs spares must be members of the club and they can not be playing in the playoffs. Rule for a spare for Doubles is now included.

1. **Financial Report**

Financial statements, and Notes to Financial Statements, had been sent out to members prior to the meeting tonight. Phil spoke to the statements provided.

He reviewed each noting the changes using the Deferral Method. We are a Public Benefit Not-for-Profit Corporation, and this is the format we need to use going forward. The goal for our corporation is to break even at the end of the year. Of note is the separating of unspent deferred capital contribution; these funds are set aside for capital expenditures and not included in our operating balance. This is important when applying for grants.

The software we have currently is for Business accounts. Phil will be looking into software that meets our needs.

He stated that if our revenues were over $100,000, we would have to have a reviewer. Currently we have an accountant that looks over our financial report, but clearly states in his letter that he has not done an audit or review of information provided by the club.

**MOTION:** Dave Flieler moved, Dan Crete seconded, that we discuss at the end of the 2024-2025 fiscal year if we need to appoint an auditor or reviewer. Carried

Phil said he is in the process of preparing an Annual Report for this fiscal year. He had a few copies of a draft report and explained what it will contain. This is an important document to show what the club has done, with information on every aspect of the club. It will include a statement from our President. The report will contain our financial position and would be posted on our website.

Phil noted that our membership is up, and we are in a good position financially to end our fiscal year.

**MOTION:** Tom Curran moved, Barb Dall seconded, that we send a huge Thank You to the membership committee, executive, and all those who worked to attract new members.

Bill said that everyone has worked hard to attract new members, and to make them welcome and comfortable when they’ve come to the club. There was a large group of volunteers helping with the Learn to Curl program. Thank you to all who have helped to make our goal of increasing membership happen.

1. **Grants**

Dave reported that he had applied for 2 grants. One was to New Horizons for new doors, ice heater, etc. Was turned down. The second application was to New Horizons Seniors Grant for line dancing. It was declined as well. The new format for financial reports will help when applying for grants. Currently the funds for capital expenditures are showing in the operating funds so it looks like we have funds to use for projects.

He just saw this morning that there is an accessibility grant open. Application must be in by May 22/24. He will investigate this.

He needs more people to help with applications. Wendy Bowen will help.

Dave said Trillium grants can now be approved up to $200,000.

1. **Maintenance**

Bill reported that after a rainstorm there was a big leak above the exit door. Started on the top floor, on to the lobby at the door and down into the ladies change room. They were able to identify where the leak was, and Mike Milligan went up on the roof and fixed it.

There is a small leak somewhere on the back of the building that gets down to the kitchen doorway. This is still being investigated.

The kitchen renovation has been done. New cupboards, countertop, flooring, and painting in main kitchen area. Once the leak is repaired, the doorway will be repaired and painted.

Hydro lines leaning need to be addressed with Hydro.

1. **Fundraising for 2023-2024**

Bill reviewed fund raising done this year, with several events still to happen.

Bottle drives; bonspiels/fun spiels; golf tournament; line dancing; pizza/cookie dough; puzzles; hand made dishcloths; wipe & glow cloths; puzzles; raffle of donated items; donated items for sale; once a month Saturday night curling league; music evening with the Arsenault’s; sale of Goldine products; and year-end Banquet and Auction are/were fundraising projects.

**10**. **Registration form for 2024-2025 season**

Dave presented the registration form for next season. The rates have been increased by the cost of living (4.8%). There will be an additional line where you can donate additional $$ to the capital fund if you wish.

1. **2023-2024 Season Review**

Bill complemented all staff on their service this year. Neil making the best ice, office staff in juggling the calls and following up on all leads, and everyone making members and visitors feel welcomed.

Rental income has increased.

He thanked our sponsors who support the club and leagues.

Bill pointed out that volunteers are a huge part of the success of our club. It’s hard to track the hours that volunteers donate to make the club friendly and welcoming.

Volunteers do the cleaning of the club, convene the leagues, organize bonspiels, help with the Learn to Curl Program (more than 20 were out to help LTC), membership committee, advertising committee, and fundraising.

Our community involvement of hosting a United Way fundraiser was put together by volunteers.

Pathways used our building once a week.

Leagues, in particular the Wednesday evening and Friday evening leagues have seen an increase in participation.

Bill thanked all committee members in promoting a fun and accessible sport.

1. **Dates to Remember**

* Banquet and Auction April 20th, 2024
* Golf tournament June 15th, 2024
* Fall General Meeting, Wednesday, September 18th, 2024
* Open House & Registration, Friday, September 20th, 2024, 7-9 PM
* Registration: Saturday, Sept 21st, 2024, 10 AM to 12 noon; Tuesday, Sept 24th, 2024, 6-8 PM; Wednesday, Sept 25th, 2024, 6-8 PM
* Curling Clinics – October 15, 16 & 17th, 2024- AM & PM
* Leagues begin October 18th, 2024

1. **Election of Executive, League Convenors, Bonspiel Convenors and Other positions**

**Executive board positions:**

Dave Flieler ran the elections. He began by thanking Bill for his past 4 years of service.

* President, Director

Dave Flieler nominated, Barb Dall seconded, Bill Russell for President. Bill will stand.

No other nominations. Don moved, Dave seconded, that nominations be closed.

Bill Russell is President

* Vice-President, Director

Sharon Marcon nominated, Linda Tighe seconded, Brian Thomas for Vice-President. Brian will accept.

No other nominations. Acclaimed

Brian Thomas is Vice-President

* Secretary, Director

Don O’Neill nominated, Dave Flieler seconded, Arduth Paquette for Secretary. Arduth declined.

Bill Russell nominated, Linda Tighe seconded, Dan Crete for Secretary. Dan declined.

No other nominations.

Vacant Position

* Treasurer, Director – Phil Pedersen filling second year of term.
* Debenture Representative

Lindsey Russell nominated, Liz Griffiths seconded, Don O’Neill for Debenture Representative. Don accepted. No other nominations. Acclaimed

Don O’Neill is Debenture Representative

* Fundraising Co-ordinator, Director – Lindsey Russell filling second year of term.
* Senior Representative

Barb Flieler nominated, Joan Kranenburg seconded, Jayne Thomas for Senior Representative. Jayne accepted. No other nominations. Acclaimed.

Jayne Thomas is Senior Representative.

1. **Convenors:**
2. Monday day league 8:45 and 10:45 am (open to all curlers) – Linda Tighe to convene for 2024-25 season
3. Monday learn to curl (new curlers) 5:45 to 6:45 pm – Bill Russell to convene for 2024-25 season
4. Tuesday Ladies, 6 and 8 pm – Lindsey Russell to convene for 2024-25 season
5. Tuesday Men’s, 6 and 8 pm – Dan Crete to convene for 2024-25 season, Bill Russell will help
6. Tuesday Mixed Doubles, 9 and 10:30 am – Marcel Jonckheere to convene for 2024-25 season
7. Wednesday Mixed, 6 and 8 pm – Sherri Denton to convene for 20224-25 season
8. Thursday Seniors League 8:45 and 10:45 am – Jayne Thomas to convene for 2024-25 season
9. Thursday Cash League, 6 and 8 pm -Marcel Jonckheere to convene for 2024-25 season
10. Friday Social League, 6:00 and 8:00 pm - Lindsey Russell to convene for 2024-25 season
11. Sunday Juniors 1 to 3 pm and Little Rocks, 1 to 2 pm – Bill Russell to convene for 2024-25 season
12. Travelling team: Friday 9:00 for 9:30 start, Trenton, Brighton and Stirling – Jayne Thomas to convene for 2024-25 season
13. **Bonspiel Convenors**
14. Men’s or Open Bonspiel -Marcel Jonckheere and Dan Crete
15. Fun Spiel – Bill Russell (Jayne Thomas helping)
16. Ladies Spiel of Trenton Bonspiel – Marlene Orr and her same committee
17. Mixed Skins Bonspiel – Bill Russell
18. Mixed Doubles Spiel – Marcel Jonckheere is going to try to get one going next season
19. **Other Positions**
20. Webmaster – Mary Meiklejohn will continue for upcoming season
21. Facebook/Social media postings – Mary Meiklejohn will continue for upcoming season
22. Cleaning coordinator – Barb Dall
23. Lead on Membership Committee – Dan Crete, Carolyn Jonckheere, Sherri Denton
24. Lead on Advertising Committee – Sherri Denton, Mary Meiklejohn - Tom Curran will provide a letter that he has used to solicit purchase of a sign in the club.
25. Lead on Grant Committee – Dave Flieler, Wendy Bowen, John Ferreira
26. Lead on Maintenace – Bill Russell, Mike Milligan
27. Bill Russell moved, seconded by Dan Crete, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Approved/Not Approved

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Bill Russell, President Arduth Paquette, Secretary