

***New Horizons Seniors' Curling League  
P.O. Box 343, Porcupine, Ontario, P0N 1C0***

***GENERAL MEETING  
April 07, 2011***

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

Prior to the formal portion of the meeting, the trophy presentations and awards were made to the winning teams of the Joe Gubbels Funspiel.

***Joe Gubbels Funspiel:***

1. The Joe Gubbels Funspiel trophy was presented by Pauline Gubbels and Wally Gubbels to Team Chuck Harrison, with Elaine Nyman, Archie Arcieri, and Marcel Turcotte. Each member received \$50.00 donated by New Horizons.
2. The Parmalat Canada trophy was presented by Bud Cline, Parmalat representative, to Team Gerry Desjardins, with J.P. Simard, Louis Fortin, and Phil Rowlandson. Team members received a gift card donated by Parmalat, and \$40.00 donated by New Horizons.
3. The Labatt Brewery trophy was presented by Ian Noseworthy, Timmins Sales Representative for Labatt Breweries of Canada, to Team Armand Boudreau, with Rhea McKane, Don Critchley, and Noel Arbic. Each member received an Alexander Keith jacket donated by Labatt, and \$30.00 donated by New Horizons.
4. Fourth Place: Team Marcel Heroux, with Mae Beauvais, Richard Dickson, and Paul Kleinhuis. Each member received \$25.00 donated by New Horizons.
5. The Sportsmanship Award was given to Team Tony Delost, with Ray Schizkoske, Bill Sweet, and Clarence Hopkins. The team battled through many trying times with the good nature they all possess.

Drawmaster Ray Ginglo advised that the final rankings would be available on our website.

### ***Wednesday Curling League:***

The **MacDonald Feed Supply Trophy** was presented to the winners of the pre-Christmas Wednesday Curling League draw: Team Chuck Harrison, with Malcolm MacDonald, Richard Dickson, and Bob Third.

The **Tiffany Kitchens Trophy** was presented by Ray Schizkoske to the winners of the post-Christmas draw of the Wednesday Curling League: Team Bill Vane, with Grant Chevette, Corky Hall, and Emile Charette.

### ***Presentation of New Horizons Pins to New Members***

President Ray Schizkoske presented New Horizons pins to our 14 new members this season (Glenna Brazeau, Emile Charette, Ulysses Gauthier, Clarence Hopkins, John Leblanc, Sandra Leblanc, Jeremy Pacaud, Leon Robinette, Phil Rowlandson, Dave Moore, John Mavrinac, Keith Gage, Ed Bachmann, and Dave Passmore).

### ***Over 80 Club***

President Ray Schizkoske noted that the 80+ plaque has been updated. It was noted that Ben Comisso has achieved this illustrious milestone.

If numbers permit, we will host an "Over 80" challenge game in the 2011/12 season.

### ***Appreciation***

President Ray expressed our League's appreciation to our new Icemarkers, Bob Maenck and Dave Moore, for keeping the ice in excellent condition this season, and no lost days of curling.

President Ray also expressed our League's gratitude to Tarja Bradshaw, bartender, for having the bar open when required by our league.

President Ray also expressed gratitude to Ray Gingo, Drawmaster and Webmaster, for the excellent job he has done this year. The website has been revised extensively, and contains archival material for our league. Ray is to be congratulated for the fine job he has done on the website's reconstruction and content.

## **MINUTES**

Connie Grosvenor read the minutes of the General Meeting held on April 1, 2010.

Moved by Ben Comisso, seconded by Louis Raymond, that the minutes be approved as presented. CARRIED.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Art Mousley, Treasurer, indicated that we are managing to keep our heads above water. He noted it will be a struggle with what's ahead as far as rental costs go. Our situation will be clearer in the fall in this respect. We are financially on par with last year, but are down approximately ten members.

Moved by Ben Comisso, seconded by John Perrier, that the Financial Report be approved as presented. CARRIED.

President Ray advised that the Northern Ontario Curling Association fee is now \$15 per person; this amount is paid from the \$40 each member pays for registration. He indicated that if we are in financial difficulty at the beginning of the season in October 2011, a general meeting will be called before regular curling begins.

## **DRAW STRUCTURE**

Draw structure for Tuesday and Thursday curling will remain unchanged. Members are encouraged to approach any member of Executive if they have any questions or concerns.

## **WEDNESDAY CURLING LEAGUE**

A reminder to all curlers that this is an opportunity for members to make up their own teams and curl together in a pre-Christmas and post-Christmas draw. Anyone without a team is encouraged to sign up as an individual and hopefully make up a team of their own.

## **BONSPIELS**

Dusty Baker: Members were reminded that for this bonspiel only those who curl are invited to the meal. Others wishing to attend must pay the cost of the meal.

Once again the issue of reducing this bonspiel to a two-day event was raised. It is hoped that this will encourage more out-of-town participation. Art Mousley, Treasurer, also noted that with the third day available for regular curling, it will be beneficial to our league financially.

Moved by Bill Vane, seconded by Bill Pye, that we change the format to a two-day, four-game event. By a show of hands, this motion was CARRIED.

Joe Gubbels Funspiel: Commencing with the 2009-10 season, the entry fee for this bonspiel was increased to \$30, which includes \$5 for the closing banquet. All league members who do not curl but wish to attend the closing banquet also pay \$5 per person. Guests pay the cost of the meal as set by the caterer.

Don Critchley proposed that with our financial situation, perhaps the 50:50 draws could be changed with 2/3 going to the League and 1/3 to the winner. This proposal was not supported by the membership.

## **IROQUOIS FALLS CHALLENGE ROUND**

Moved by Ray Schizkoske, seconded by Marilyn McAlpine, that seniority does not have to be followed when making up teams for this event, unless the member indicates on the sign-up sheet that they wish to be placed on a team according to seniority. CARRIED.

President Ray also noted that it was agreed with Iroquois Falls that the first game of the season will be alternated each year, so that each community has an opportunity to host the final game every other year.

## **ELECTIONS**

Don Critchley opened the elections portion of the meeting.

President: Ray Schizkoske by acclamation

Past-President: Don Critchley

Vice-President: Bill Vane by acclamation

Treasurer: Archie Berube, nominated by Sheila Harrison. Unopposed.

The League wishes to express its appreciation to Art Mousley for his years of service in this position.

Secretary: Connie Grosvenor, nominated by Noel Arbic. Unopposed.

Drawmaster: Malcolm MacDonald has accepted the position of Drawmaster.

Directors: Anne MacDonald  
Arnold St-Onge  
Noel Arbic  
Elaine Nyman  
Ray Dumoulin  
Rhea McKane  
Ray Ginglo, Webmaster

## **OTHER**

Bill Vane raised the issue of those members who wish to curl twice on Tuesdays and Thursdays paying \$4 per game. He felt this amount was excessive, and would approach \$500 over the course of the curling season. He suggested they pay only \$2 per game, as opposed to \$4.

Much discussion ensued. Members who pay twice to curl on the same morning enjoy the benefit of maintaining their seniority ranking on a team. Art Mousley suggested it would be a bookkeeping nightmare; that as the system currently stands, you can divide the amount collected and determine the number of curlers on a given morning to balance the books. The suggestion to reduce the fee was declined by the league membership by a show of hands.

A member raised the issue of the pervasive odor at the end of sheets 3 and 4, and asked if something could be done about it. Art Mousley said this has been an ongoing problem for many, many years, and nothing has been done about it. The City is aware of the problem.

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

President Ray thanked the members for their vote of confidence, and thanked the Executive for their contributions to the League over the past year. He also thanked the members for their attendance throughout the past curling season, and for their sportsmanlike conduct on and off the ice.

President Ray stated that he would do his very best to keep our League running as smoothly as possible. On behalf of the Executive he wished all curlers a very healthy and enjoyable summer. Curling will resume in mid-October. Members are asked to watch for our fall opening dates in the newspapers, on the radio, and on our website.

President Ray also thanked the members who stayed for the meeting and to discuss our league activities.

Moved by Jeremy Pacaud that the meeting be adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Connie Grosvenor, Secretary, New Horizons Seniors' Curling League

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