

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

***GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, April 05, 2012***

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m. with approximately 50 members in attendance.

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 Don Critchley to Team Orval Turcotte with Paul Kleinhuis, Ron Hueston and Ray Schizkoske. Each member received \$50.00 donated by New Horizons.
2. The Parmalat Canada trophy was presented by Bud Cline, Parmalat representative, to Team Marcel Heroux with Millie Dollimont, Richard Dickson and Rick Szewczyk. Team members received a gift card donated by Parmalat, and \$40.00 donated by New Horizons.
3. The Labatt Brewery trophy was presented by Ray Schizkoske to Team Chuck Harrison with Phil Barette, Carmen Perrier and Norm Beaudry. Each member received \$30 donated by New Horizons.
4. Fourth Place: Team Bill Pye with Sheila Harrison, Noel Arbic and Lloyd Labine. Each member received \$25.00 donated by New Horizons.
5. The Sportsmanship Award was given to Team Gerry Lajeunesse with Bill Vane, Connie Grosvenor and Clarence Hopkins. The team battled through many trying times with the good nature they all possess, and declared if the tournament was one week longer, they would be a threat.

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 Bill Vane with Grant Chevrette, Emile Charette and Joanne Seguin.

The **Tiffany Kitchens Trophy** was presented to the winners of the post-Christmas draw of the Wednesday Curling League: Team Louis Fortin with Wayne Jaszan, Bob Boegel and Jeremy Pacaud.

Presentation of New Horizons Pins to New Members

President Ray Schizkoske presented New Horizons pins to our 14 new members this season (Norm Beaudry, Rita Beaudry, Frank Bint, Pam Buchanan, Lloyd Labine, Rick Szewczyk, John Fasciano, Joanne Seguin, Jo-Anne St. Onge, George Stefanic, Andy Guillemette, Tim Dundas, Elaine Jaszan, Wayne Jaszan).

Over 80 Club

President Ray Schizkoske noted that the 80+ plaque has been updated. It was noted that John Wilson and Millie Dollimont will achieve this milestone in the coming year. If numbers permit, we will host an "Over 80" challenge game in the 2012/13 season.

Appreciation

President Ray expressed our League's appreciation to our Icemakers, Bob Maenck and Dave Moore, for keeping the ice in excellent condition this season, and no lost days of curling (although a few of them were quite challenging!).

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

President Ray also expressed gratitude to Ray Ginglo, Drawmaster and Webmaster, for the excellent job he has done this year. 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 7, 2011.

Moved by Don Critchley, seconded by Bill Pye, that the minutes be approved as presented. CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Art Mousley, Acting Treasurer for Archie Berube, did not have an update on the league's financial situation, but reported that it was similar to previous years.

Moved by Noel Arbic, seconded by Walter Hanam, that the Financial Report be approved as presented. CARRIED.

President Ray noted that the Northern Ontario Curling Association fee is still \$15.00 per member, which is included in our registration fee. He indicated that if we are in financial difficulty at the beginning of the season in October 2012, a general meeting will be called before regular curling begins.

A question arose from the floor as to the benefits we receive for paying the NOCA membership; the response was that all curlers, either member or rental, must pay NOCA fees, and that we receive a wallet card and no other benefit. Paying the fee does not permit our senior league members to compete in senior playdowns. A second question from the floor asked if we could pay a nominal amount (e.g. \$2/member) to the McIntyre Curling Club to be considered members of the Club. It was felt this would not be looked upon favourably by the McIntyre Curling Club Executive.

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. For the 2011-2012 curling season we had 116 paid-up members.

Help is required to set up the draw for 9:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Noel Arbic will assist but will only be available until the Christmas break. Don Davidson and Clarence Hopkins will also assist both before and after Christmas. President Ray also encouraged anyone interested to assist with the 10:30 draw, as someone should be at the club at 9:00 a.m. to collect monies and register members for the draw itself.

President Ray indicated he had a concern in writing from a league member. For the Dusty Baker bonspiel, teams stacked with experienced players don't play against each other, and it doesn't seem fair. The member suggested that when we make up the teams there be two separate draws: one to include out-of-town teams and teams made up without following seniority in one draw, and all remaining teams to be in a separate draw.

Anne MacDonald said our league was designed for fun and socialization, and that the system should be left as is. Chuck Harrison agreed, and stated that we should just curl and enjoy it. Malcolm MacDonald stated that even a powerhouse team wasn't unbeatable, referring to Team Canada's defeat at the Ford Men's Worlds.

By a show of hands, the current system will remain in effect.

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.

Ray Ginglo advised that for the upcoming curling season, the Wednesday league will implement the free-guard zone on a trial basis, with the possibility of extending it to Tuesday and Thursday curling in future. He also stated that there was some interest in special-event days; e.g. Pay an extra \$1 on Wednesday and have a draw to the button, with extra funds presented to the winner.

For this curling season there were six teams in the pre- and post-Christmas Draw. More teams are needed and encouraged to try out this team format!

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.

Joe Gubbels Funspiel: Entry fee for this event is \$30 per player, 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.

Vic Rinaldi questioned why spares must play as lead, rather than be accommodated according to their seniority. Malcolm stated that the rules require that draws be made up by seniority, with spares playing the lead position and everyone else moving up.

IROQUOIS FALLS CHALLENGE ROUND

Seniority does not have to be followed for the challenge round unless the member indicates that he/she wishes to be placed on a team according to their seniority. Please remember to indicate your position if you wish your seniority to be acknowledged, or you will be placed anywhere!

President Ray 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. The first challenge round game for the 2012-13 series will be played in Iroquois Falls.

OTHER

Injury Policy

Malcolm MacDonald spoke of the need for a policy regarding on-ice accidents to protect against further injuries. Minor falls where a player bangs an elbow or knee hurt a person's pride and cause embarrassment. However, a more serious injury where a player cannot sweep, or get in the hack to throw a rock, may result in a person insisting to continue against the better judgment of their teammates.

Malcolm proposes the following policy be implemented:

In all cases in which a player who has a medical situation (i.e. feels light-headed or suffers chest pains) or who has sustained an injury whether they slip or fall or strain body part and they are in obvious discomfort or cannot continue to play their position, that they will sit out the remainder of the game and leave the ice surface for the warmth of the lounge. If a member refuses to leave the game under such circumstances, an Executive Member will be requested to make a ruling on the situation. If, in the opinion of the Executive Member, the person cannot or should not continue to play, the player will be asked to leave the ice surface.

Moved by Walter Hanam, seconded by Andy Guillemette, that the injury policy be adopted as presented. CARRIED

Name Tags

Connie Grosvenor advised that 25 members signed up for and received name tags for the New Horizons Curling League, at a cost of \$8.50 each. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board again in the fall of 2012 for those who are interested. There is no minimum order, but we do receive a 10% discount for orders of ten or more.

A suggestion was made that all members be required to purchase name tags; by a show of hands, this was defeated.

ELECTIONS

Don Critchley opened the elections portion of the meeting.

President: Ray Schizkoske, unopposed

Ray is requesting help in the coming year to shadow him and learn the ropes of the job. He needs help!

Past-President: Don Critchley

Vice-President: Bill Vane

Grant Chevrette, nominated by Andy Guillemette. Grant declined to accept the nomination.

Bill Vane will remain as Vice-President, unopposed.

Treasurer: Archie Berube, unopposed. Archie will be absent for one or two months in the post-Christmas season. The Executive will search for someone to replace him during his absence.

The League wishes to thank Art Mousley for filling in as Treasurer during Archie's absence in February and March 2012.

Secretary: Connie Grosvenor, unopposed

Drawmaster: Malcolm MacDonald, unopposed

Malcolm was thanked for the excellent job he did this past year.

Directors: Elaine Nyman
Noel Arbic
Laurier Larcher
Ray Dumoulin
Rhea McKane
Ray Ginglo / Webmaster
Wayne Jaszan

OTHER

Anne MacDonald thanked President Ray Schizkoske for his dedication to the position of President. She stated he deals with conflict well, and works very hard.

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 Louis Fortin that the meeting be adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

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

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THANK YOU!