

NEW HORIZONS SENIORS' CURLING LEAGUE EXECUTIVE MEETING, NOVEMBER 28, 2011

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on Tuesday, November 28, 2011 at 12:20 p.m. at the McIntyre Curling Club, Schumacher.

Present: Ray Schizkoske, Ray Ginglo, Ray Dumoulin, Elaine Nyman, Connie Grosvenor, Noel Arbic, Laurier Larcher, Bill Vane, Rhea McKane, Archie Berube

1. The minutes of the Executive meeting held on September 21, 2011 were read by Connie Grosvenor. It was noted that Ray Ginglo, not Ray Schizkoske, will assist Malcolm MacDonald with the draws.

The Executive wishes to thank Laurier Larcher for filling the vacant position on executive due to Anne MacDonald's absence this season.

Moved by Archie, seconded by Rhea, that the minutes be accepted as corrected.
CARRIED

2. There was no Business Arising from the minutes.
3. Financial Report

Archie Berube advised that our financial situation remains comparable with previous seasons. Rent for November and the NOCA fees have not been paid yet.

Moved by Archie Berube, seconded by Bill Vane, that the entry fee for the Dusty Baker and Joe Gubbels FunSpiel be raised \$5, to \$30 per player. There were three votes against this motion. CARRIED

It was recommended that this item be raised at the next Annual General Meeting with the following options presented: a) status quo; b) raise the fee to \$30; c) eliminate the gift cards and choose a potluck as opposed to a catered meal

Moved by Rhea, seconded by Laurier, that the Financial Report be accepted as presented. CARRIED

4. Christmas Banquet: It was agreed that coffee and Timbits will be available for this event. Don Critchley will make arrangements for the meal. A list of those to invite to the banquet was compiled; Ray S. will send the invitations.
5. Challenge Round: Ray S. received an excellent quote for bus transportation to Iroquois Falls, and has booked the bus for November 30 and February 15.
Moved by Noel, seconded by Archie, that the cost per curler for Iroquois Falls curling be increased to \$10. CARRIED

6. Curling will resume in the New Year as follows: Regular curling on Tuesday, January 3; Wednesday curling on January 4.
7. Joe Gubbels Memorial FunSpiel: Members are urged to talk about this event with the newer curlers, and encourage participation. It would be great to have 24 teams!
8. Closing Banquet and Presentations: Elaine would appreciate suggestions for caterers. Last year each curler was asked to pay \$5 in addition to the entry fee to allow for a higher-quality meal. All motions for the Annual general Meeting must be put in writing and given to the Secretary prior to the meeting.
9. Over 80 Club: The plaque will be updated for this curling season, with the addition of John Mercier. Currently, we do not have enough active members to permit an "Over-80" game.
10. Dusty Baker Bonspiel: Ray Ginglo commented that the out-of-town teams are often 'stronger' than our league teams, as they have the ability to choose their players as opposed to the draw system used by our league. It was suggested that since these teams are always playing at the same draw times, the draw be structured so they play each other during the two-day bonspiel.

Bill Vane raised the question of procedure to follow in bonspiels when a player is hurt. It was suggested that when the rules are not clear for a specific situation, players should approach a member of the draw committee for guidance.
11. Wednesday Curling League: The present system will continue to be followed. Teams are encouraged to sign up for the post-Christmas draw; we have six sheets available for curling, and are only using three in this draw.
12. George Coupland Plaque: Bill Vane will proceed with the plaque and ensure it is up for the Annual General Meeting.
13. Ray S. noted that he will be away for two to three weeks in February, and asked for assistance from Executive members in his absence.
14. An Executive Meeting will be scheduled prior to the Annual General Meeting on April 5, 2012.

15. OTHER: Roy Carroll bonspiel in Iroquois Falls is March 6 and 7, 2012. Teams are responsible for their own transportation. Participation is encouraged!

Ray S. received an email from Archie suggesting the formation of a Ratings Committee. He commented that it was not fair to stay as a lead or second for many years when you have younger retired persons joining the league who have curling experience.

Ray G. inquired if we could structure our league for two days of competitive curling, and two days of regular curling. He was advised that the cost would be prohibitive with our current financial situation. Ray S. stated that years ago the Wednesday league was set up to address this situation for more 'competitive' curlers, as it allowed them to form their own teams without the structure of the seniority list. Bill Vane stated it has taken him ten years to reach the position of Vice, but agreed that in this league it is worthwhile to 'bide your time' to progress by seniority, especially with the number of curlers who join our league with no previous curling experience.

It was also noted that several curlers wish to remain at certain positions rather than progressing to the next level, and have been 'starred' (*) on the list to indicate they do not wish to move up.

It was the consensus of the executive that the system remain as is.

This item will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting on April 5, 2012.

Ray S. advised that he will be resigning his position as President at the end of the 2011-2012 curling season, and recommended a search for someone to accept the position. It is a good idea to have some names available to accept the nomination at the AGM.

Art Mousley has agreed to temporarily replace Archie as Treasurer during Archie's absence in the New Year.

16. Moved by Archie that the meeting be adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Connie Grosvenor, Secretary
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Thank you!