

New Horizons Seniors' Curling League Executive Meeting

**Thursday, March 3, 2011 at
McIntyre Curling Club, Schumacher**

Present: Ray Schizkoske, Sheila Harrison, Rhea McKane, Anne MacDonald, Ray Dumoulin, Arnold St-Onge, Ray Ginglo, Bill Vane, Connie Grosvenor, Don Critchley

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the Executive Meeting of December 2, 2010 were read by Connie Grosvenor.

Moved by Don, seconded by Ray Ginglo, that the minutes be accepted.
CARRIED

2. Financial Report

Ray presented the financial report in Art's absence. We are currently \$93 behind where we were financially last year. Please keep in mind that we have to pay rent for March, which is approximately \$4,000.

Art projects that we will finish the season with \$500 less than we had last year.

Moved by Connie, seconded by Bill, that the financial report be accepted.
CARRIED

3. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the last Executive meeting minutes.

4. Roy Carroll Bonspiel

This bonspiel will be held in Iroquois Falls on March 8 and 9, 2011. Timmins New Horizons league is sending seven teams this year. Ray Ginglo has posted the teams on our website.

5. Joe Gubbels FunSpiel: to be held March 29, 30, 31, and April 5, 6 and 7, 2011. Entry fee is \$30 per person; non-participating members of our league pay \$5 each for the meal. Guests pay \$12 per person. The rules for the bonspiel will be posted on the bulletin board and are to be included in the brochure for the bonspiel. Bill Vane will prepare wording to be added to the bottom of the rules/brochure regarding changes in team positions.

Bill Vane mentioned that one of our league members is still upset over a decision made at the Dusty Baker in November 2010. It was suggested that a member of executive approach this member and attempt to ameliorate the situation.

6. Executive Responsibilities for the Joe Gubbels FunSpiel are indicated below. All Executive members are expected to assist in the smooth running of this event wherever and whenever the need may arise.

Draws: Ray S., Sheila, Ray G., Bill Vane

50:50 Draw: Arnold and Ray Dumoulin

Publicity: Ray S.

Awards: Art

Trophies and Engraving: Rhea

Banquet: Connie and Sheila

Coffee for Banquet: Noel

Sponsor Contact: Anne (Bud Cline, John Shaw, Pauline Gubbels)* Connie offered to find out the current booster for Labatt and see if they would be willing to contribute something for the winners of the trophy. That individual will be invited to attend our banquet and present the Labatt trophy.

Elections: Don

Order of trophies: First – Joe Gubbels

Second – Parmalat

Third – Labatt's

7. New Member Pins

To be distributed at the banquet by Ray Schizkoske and Art Mousley.

8. Seniority List

Makeup of teams for our bonspiels is determined by the seniority list. An announcement will be made at Tuesday and Thursday curling stating that anyone rated at a position, such as Skip, who does not want to be placed on a team at that position, is to let a member of Executive know of their wishes prior to the draw being done.

9. Rental Increase: Ray requested some guidance from Executive as to their wishes and tolerance regarding rent increases.

It was suggested by Don that we advise members at the Annual General Meeting that we may be facing an increase in league dues once we are aware of our ice rental for 2011-2012. If the Executive feels an increase in dues is required, a General Meeting will be called in October 2011.

Ray Schizkoske addressed the issue of the three curling days we gave up this year to accommodate ice rental for outside interests. We do not feel that the compensation given was appropriate for our loss of revenue. A letter will be sent to the McIntyre Curling Club president indicating our disappointment; that we gladly gave up our curling day for the Automotive Dealers bonspiel, but we are not prepared to give up our regular curling days in future unless we are fairly compensated. Connie will prepare the letter and, upon approval from Executive, forward it to Eric Glaister, President.

We need to convey to the McIntyre Curling Club that the original intent of our league was for affordable recreation for seniors. In past years our league has passed any surplus funds to the McIntyre Curling Club to help with club enhancements (i.e. tables for the seating area). With onerous rental increases over the past few years we are no longer able to do this, as we are barely keeping our heads above water.

10. General Meeting Agenda for Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Items to be included

Dusty Baker – two-day format versus 2-1/2 days?

Challenge Round – for team makeup, seniority does not have to be followed unless the member indicates that he/she wishes to be placed according to rating.

A motion has been given to Executive by Marcel Heroux for presentation at the Annual General Meeting. Marcel will be asked to present the proposal himself.

Sheila suggested that the bar be closed at 1:00 prior to the meeting portion of our closing banquet. While this was not felt to be necessary, all agreed that we need to be vigilant about who is present once our meeting begins; anyone who should not be present (i.e. non-member of New Horizons) will respectfully be asked to leave.

11. Over 80 Club: Currently, there are not enough members to organize an Over 80 game.

12. George Coupland: Sheila Harrison is to provide Bill Vane with a picture of George to be used on a plaque recognizing his contribution to the New Horizons' Seniors Curling League.

13. Other

It was suggested at the last Iroquois Falls Challenge Round game in February 2011 that we alternate the first game of the challenge every year so each club can host the final game every other year. This was agreed to by all present.

Connie asked if it was too late to request press coverage for our victory in the Iroquois Falls Challenge Round this season. Ray will contact the Press.

Rhea advised that government funds are available for seniors' initiatives. Bill will investigate this issue on the Internet, and if applicable for our league he will request people to form a sub-committee at our annual meeting.

Ray S. will prepare the agenda for the Annual General Meeting and forward it to all Executive members for additions, etc. prior to the meeting date.

14. Adjournment: Moved by Ray G., seconded by Arnold, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Connie Grosvenor

Please forward any corrections, errors or omissions to grovers@live.ca Thank you!