

New Horizons Seniors' Curling League

GENERAL MEETING Thursday, March 28, 2013

The meeting was called to order at with approximately 48 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 Ray Schizkoske to Team Vic Rinaldi, with Carmen Perrier, Richard Dickson, and Wayne Jaszan. Each member received \$50.00 donated by New Horizons.
2. The Parmalat Canada trophy was presented by Bud Cline, Parmalat representative, to Team Bill Vane, with Roger Piche and Stan Smith. Team members received a gift card donated by Parmalat, and \$40.00 donated by New Horizons.
3. The Labatt Brewery trophy was presented by Connie Grosvenor to Team Guy Deslauriers, with Connie Grosvenor and Lloyd Labine. Each member received polo shirts donated by Labatt and \$30 donated by New Horizons.

In addition, Labatt kindly provided polo shirts for last year's Labatt Trophy Winners: Team Chuck Harrison with Phil Barrette, Carmen Perrier, and Norm Beaudry.

4. Fourth Place: Team Grant Chevrette with Paul Charette, Walter Hanam, and Elaine Jaszan. Each member received \$25.00 donated by New Horizons.
5. The Sportsmanship Award was given to Team Len Comisso, with Bob Clermont, Laurier Larcher, and Joanne Seguin.

Drawmaster Ray Gingo 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 Archie Berube, Ray Gingo, Robert St-Onge, and Laurier Larcher.

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

Presentation of New Horizons Pins to New Members

President Ray Schizkoske presented New Horizons pins to our 9 new members this season: Louise Beaulne, Eugene Charlebois, Laurie Mack, Jack Jensen, Fred Moore, Dianne Noel, Nick Resetar, Marty Wallingford, and Aime Lambert.

Over 80 Club

President Ray Schizkoske noted that the 80+ plaque has been updated. It was noted that will achieve this milestone in the coming year. If numbers permit, we will host an "Over 80" challenge game in the 2013/14 season. New additions to the plaque include Gerry Desjardins, Eugene Charlebois, and Art Mousley.

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.

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

President Ray also expressed his gratitude to the Executive for their assistance in running the league. A special thank-you goes to Don Davidson, who has been faithful in opening the doors between 7:30 and 8:00 on curling days. Don is not a member of Executive, but his dedication is recognized and much appreciated.

MINUTES

Connie Grosvenor read the minutes of the General Meeting held on April 5, 2012. One correction was brought to the Secretary's attention after the meeting: The pre-Christmas Wednesday draw for the MacDonald Feed Supply Trophy included Marilyn McAlpine, not Emile Charette as recorded in the minutes.

Moved by Rita Beaudry, seconded by Marcel Bougie, that the minutes be approved as presented. CARRIED

President Ray stated we had 110 members for this curling season, 2012-2013. He asked for assistance from the members in 'cleaning up' the Seniority List and removing names of people who will no longer be curling.

President Ray mentioned that a questionnaire will be passed out to those present concerning our rent situation with the McIntyre Curling Club. The results will be shared with a Rent Committee which will be formed to deal with our concerns. This committee will work with the McIntyre Curling Club and will also be involved with the NOCA. This committee, who need not be members of the Executive, include Archie Berube, John Leblanc, Wayne Jaszan, Marcel Bougie, and Bill Vane. President Ray thanked those who volunteered to act in this capacity.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Wayne Jaszan, Acting Treasurer for Archie Berube, presented a report on our financial situation. He expressed his appreciation to his wife, Elaine, for her assistance, and stated that she is the 'brains behind the business.' Our financial situation, between September 2012 and March 2013 is a deficit of approximately \$1,100.

Grant Chevrette inquired what the NOCA fee is at present; it is \$15 per member. Paul Charette asked what the NOCA does for us, and Ray replied 'absolutely nothing.'

Wayne stated that the one lost day of curling resulted in a rebate of \$220, which is below what we would receive from a regular curling day.

Even the Joe Gubbels Funspiel results in a loss of income compared to the regular curling days revenue.

Moved by Elaine Jaszan, seconded by Don Davidson, that the Financial Report be approved as presented. CARRIED

On February 27, 2013 five members of our Executive met with Eric Glaister and Ed Richter of the McIntyre Curling Club to discuss the Club's financial situation and how it relates to our league. The City will be increasing the Mac's rent by 3% per year, and this increase will be passed on to our league. It is also indicated that the NOCA fees will increase to \$20 per person in the year 2014.

Eric Glaister contacted the NOCA President Steve Chenier, who indicated that we MUST pay dues, and that 'there are no exceptions.' If we don't pay, we don't curl. President Ray had contacted the previous NOCA President, Al Gemmell, and received the same response. Non-payment of NOCA fees would mean that the McIntyre Curling Club could not hold sanctioned events (i.e. provincial or national events), and no curlers from the Mac would be able to participate in area/provincial playdowns.

President Ray stated that the coming curling season may cost members \$50 for membership and \$5 per game. Marcel Bougie inquired if we could apply to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund for assistance. President Ray indicated he had submitted applications in two consecutive years, and that this year's application was acknowledged, but that nothing further has been heard.

Joan Pye asked if we had contacted companies such as Xtrata or Goldcorp for a donation. Ray stated that the Rent Committee could keep this in mind.

Paul Charette asked if one-day rentals pay the NOCA fees; the answer was that they don't, but their rental is substantially increased, at approximately \$800 per day.

Don Critchley said we should decide in October what to do about the NOCA fees.

Pam Buchanan excused herself from the meeting, but stated that with regard to paying or not paying NOCA fees, "sometimes it is better to beg for forgiveness than to ask for permission."

The problem of rent, NOCA fees, and our financial dilemma will be dealt with by the Rent Committee before curling resumes in the fall.

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 2012-2013 curling season we had paid-up members.

Help is required to set up the draw for 9:00 and 10:30 on both Tuesday and Thursday.

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.

During the 2012-13 curling season, the Wednesday league played using the free-guard zone on a trial basis, with the possibility of extending it to Tuesday and Thursday curling in future.

For this curling season there were eight 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.

President Ray said he had received a suggestion from Bob Third regarding the gift cards given for this bonspiel, and that perhaps the format could be changed to a cash prize for first and second place teams.

A further suggestion was made that to reduce the cost of our Dusty Baker event, perhaps we could have a potluck such as Iroquois Falls does for their Roy Carroll. These items are deferred and will be dealt with by the incoming Executive.

Joe Gubbels Funspiel: Entry fee for this event is \$35 per player, which includes \$10 for the closing banquet. All league members who do not curl but wish to attend the closing banquet also pay \$10 per person. Guests pay the cost of the meal as set by the caterer.

At an Executive meeting held on January 17, 2013, the financial situation facing our league was reviewed. A recommendation from that meeting proposed that the cash prizes awarded at the Joe Gubbels Funspiel be reduced by \$10 each, and that a cash prize for fourth place be eliminated. The proposed change would see \$40/player for first, \$30/player for second, and \$20/player for third place. A further recommendation was that this event be reduced to three days.

This item will be decided by the incoming Executive.

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 2013-14 series will be played in Timmins.

ELECTIONS

Don Critchley opened the elections portion of the meeting.

Treasurer: Archie Berube; Wayne Jaszan in Archie's absence

Secretary: Elaine Jaszan volunteered to assume this position.

Drawmaster: Ray Ginglo volunteered to assume this position.

Don Critchley advised that due to the lateness of the meeting, and the dwindling number of those present, that his recommendation is that elections be deferred to the fall. The first day of curling would be 5 ends only, with the half-hour between games dedicated to electing a new President and Vice-President. The elected President would then choose his or her six Directors. This recommendation was overwhelmingly accepted by a show of hands.

The League wishes to thank Wayne Jaszan, assisted by Elaine Jaszan, for filling in as Treasurer during Archie's absence in January, February and March 2013.

OTHER

President Ray acknowledged a donation from Patricia Lake of two pairs of curling shoes and two slider/grippers. These items will be made available to new curlers at no charge, unless they choose to make a donation.

CLOSING REMARKS

Ray Schizkoske expressed his appreciation for the support he has received over the past several years as President. Without input, suggestions and guidance from the members, our League wouldn't be what it is today. He encouraged all present to keep up the membership, or our League will die. We do have a lot of fun for very little cost, and get exercise, camaraderie and enjoyment at the same time.

On behalf of the executive, all League members are wished a healthy and enjoyable summer. Please watch for an ad in the paper, on the radio, and on our website regarding the startup in the fall.

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

Moved by Walter Hanam that the meeting be adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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

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Thank you!