

## AGM Summary

The following summarizes what was presented and discussed at the June 3, 2008 Annual General Meeting. This is only for the information of the membership, and is not the official record of the Minutes of this meeting, which will be presented to the members at the 2009 AGM for acceptance.

After the adoption of the 2007 AGM Minutes the following items arising were discussed:

- Erin Edmundson had filled in as Board Secretary in place of Fred Barrett over the past season.
- The Board had considered the formation of a Women's Day League, however it was decided that there were not enough potential participants to go ahead. An alternative was the Metro Women's League. The idea is open for future adoption.
- The Board had decided not to adopt a Beginner Curler fee. For the 08-09 season we are looking at having a beginners learn to curl league with a special rate.
- The Reana Perry Memorial award is now in place for the junior program.

### A number of Staff and Board reports were presented.

- Office Manager, Andrea Gouthreau, reported that she would need to change her hours of work for the upcoming season. She will no longer be able to work during the weekday mornings. This means that we will revert to volunteers to open up and serve during the Morning League draws.
- Junior director, Rhonda Duhme, reported on the Junior program, which saw growth through the season under the guidance of the paid Junior Coordinator position, staffed by Carrie Vautour, and a willing group of volunteers.
- Treasurer, Charlie Wyatt, presented a financial report which showed that the 07- 08 season ended with a small surplus of revenues over expenses of \$188. Current assets as of April 30 amounted to \$31,442, compared to \$31,330, reported April 30, 2007.

A budget for the 08-09 season was presented. It is based on an increased adult membership of 315, and a junior membership of 90. It projects a surplus of \$8,200. Your Board feels that planning this surplus is prudent in view of the uncertainty of the future of our facility, and the possibility that unexpected immediate costs associated with relocation may arise.

- President, Les Macey, spoke about additions and improvements for the upcoming season, including the addition of Stick Curling league(s), hosting the National Wheelchair Curling Championships, and maintenance projects to be carried out by the Stadium prior to the season.
- Questions were asked about the state of negotiations with HRM concerning our future location. Les reported that as far as we know, the options to be presented to Council (someday) have not changed;

## 2009 TSX CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Volunteers are needed now for the Wheelchair Championships in March 2009. Please consider getting involved to make this event a great success. Contact Erin Edmundson or Trenal Hubley-Bolivar at: [cwcc-2009@hotmail.com](mailto:cwcc-2009@hotmail.com) or contact the office at 869-CURL. Many thanks!



stay where we are with a long term agreement, or end curling at the Stadium after two more full seasons following the acceptance by Council of this option, should this happen.

### Elections and Board Composition for 08-09:

President: Les Macey  
Vice President: Stew Slauenwhite  
Past President: Paul Landry  
Treasurer: Charlie Wyatt  
Secretary: Janet Munholland (elected)  
Volunteer Director: Norma Reid  
Events Director: Mike Strang  
Junior Director: Rhonda Duhme  
Members at Large: Martin Duhme, Bruce Lohnes, Mark McCracken (elected).

Marilyn van Eden will continue as the Club Historian.

### Calendar:

A season calendar (start and end dates, special events, etc) is now posted on the Lakeshore web site (main page) and paper copies will be available at the Club. This will be subject to change, so members are encouraged to monitor it.

### Adult Learning and skills development:

A special Learn to Curl league for first and second year curlers is being planned. This will combine beginner curling training with regular game experience over the season. This will not preclude beginner curlers from joining other leagues as well. Intermediate skills group clinics are also being planned for next season.

### Registration:

This year, registration will be done either by filling out and returning electronic forms sent to you by e-mail, or by completing paper forms sent by regular mail (if we don't have an e-mail address for you, or if you ask Andrea for a paper package), or in person at the Club, Sep 15-18. Pay in person or by regular mail, cash or cheque.

### Growth of membership:

To insure a sound financial future for Lakeshore, membership numbers need to increase.

Les stated that the goal over the next few years should be 400 adult members. There is room for more in many of the leagues. There are time slots for additional leagues.

To accomplish this, a permanent membership committee needs to be formed under a Board member, with responsibility to promote curling, club visibility, and membership. For this year it was suggested that we enter local community parades. We need to be sure we follow up individuals who have shown an interest, such as those that attend open houses. Finally we must all insure that new members are made to feel welcome and are "in the loop".

Another source of curlers at Lakeshore would be through growth of rental activity. Your Board is planning to seek a commercial league based on enterprises based in our area.

#### **Sponsorship:**

Income from sponsorship presents a significant opportunity. Signage from local businesses for the walls and in the ice surface, as well as advertising on our web site will be promoted with help from members who may have appropriate leads and contacts. Our goal for 08-09 is a minimum of \$3000 raised in this manner. This will need to be coordinated with similar efforts by the Wheelchair Championships Organizing Committee.

#### **National Wheelchair Curling Championships:**

Event Co-Chairs Trendal Hubley-Bolivar and Erin Edmundson presented an outline of plans for this event which Lakeshore will host. This is a major event which will draw lots of attention to wheelchair curling and to our club. Organizing and planning has begun and there are volunteering opportunities beginning now and continuing right through the event, March 23 - 28.

#### **Facility improvements:**

Over the summer we can expect several maintenance items and upgrades to be carried out. These include carpet replacement in, and painting of, the social area, brighter lighting in the curling shed, computer and cash register upgrades, clocks at both ends of the ice shed and renovations to create wheelchair accessible washrooms.

#### **Award Presentation and Accomplishments:**

- The winners of the Spirit of the Game awards for the 07-08 season were Marilyn van Eden and Art Chisholm.
- Dave Hanlon Memorial Sportsmanship Award (Cobequid League) - Team Willison-Neumann.
- Jack Landry was recognized for his volunteer activities at Lakeshore at the LDRA Volunteer of the Year Dinner.
- Tournament of Champions winner - Team Mason
- NS Club Championships Lakeshore reps. - Teams Winter and Clegg
- NS Stick Curling Champions - Wayne Gorman & Carl Duggan
- NS Women's Intermediate Champions - Team Fitzgerald
- NS Firefighters Champion - Wayne Gorman
- NS Under 18 Champions - Team Thompson
- National Wheelchair Curling Championship - Teams Nova Scotia & Atlantic, based at Lakeshore
- Brian Rafuse's season of accomplishments - NS Men's and Senior Champions, Nationals.

#### **Other Business - Motion:**

The members attending the AGM voted in favour of a

motion from the floor to have a buzzer system in place to time limit league play in the upcoming season. This will be applied, in particular, in situations when back to back draws are scheduled.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

#### **LEAGUE REPS**

MMO & WMO: Doug Gray  
 TMO & ThMO: Dennis Grant  
 MNW: Marilyn van Eden  
 MNM: to be settled  
 TNO: John Clahane  
 TNC: Sondra Clegg  
 WNO: Keith McMaster  
 ThSM: Brian Hausman  
 ThFM: Denis Fitzgerald  
 COB: Ashley Walker

The new leagues for the 2008-09 season, will also need reps. If you are interested please leave your name at the office, or contact President Les Macy.

#### **OPENING ON THE BOARD**

The Board of Directors has a Member at Large position opening for the upcoming season. Bruce Lohnes will be leaving the board as he is not returning to the club. **Many thanks to Bruce for his contributions to the Lakeshore Curling Club. We wish him all the best.**

This board position will be mainly involved with membership development.

#### **Registration for 2008-09**

Fill in the Member Information form with the requested information and return it to the Club by regular mail or bring it to the Club in person between 6:30 and 9:00, September 15 - 18. Copies of the form can also be printed from the club website. They are found under the Membership menu on the home page.

#### **Club Executive**

Les Macey, President  
 Stewart Slauenwhite, Vice President  
 Charlie Wyatt, Treasurer  
 Janet Munholland, Secretary  
 Paul Landry, Past President  
 Norma Reid, Volunteer Director  
 Mike Strang, Events Director  
 Rhonda Duhme, Junior Director

Martin Duhme, Member at Large  
 Mark McCracken, Member at Large

#### **Staff**

Brian Rafuse, Ice Technician  
 Andrea Goutreau, Office Manager  
 Roy Hepditch, Bar Coordinator

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