

Negotiations with HRM

As a result of direction from the Halifax Regional Municipality Council, in February HRM Staff resumed negotiations with Lakeshore in order to formulate a report and recommendations concerning the long term future of curling at the Sackville Sports Stadium.

Your Lakeshore representatives in these discussions were Les Macey, Stew Slauenwhite, Martin Duhme and Charlie Wyatt.

Several meetings were held, culminating July 8, when we submitted our final proposal for a ten year lease. Lakeshore's position is that we want Council to consider approving curling at the Stadium over the long term, at a cost which is attainable for the community of curlers served by this facility.

HRM Staff estimate that their report to Council, including Lakeshore's proposal, will be presented sometime in the fall. Depending on the nature of any decision by Council, a final implementation could take from several months to a year longer, depending on whether or not the Community Councils must become involved in an area rate discussion.

Prior to Council having the opportunity to receive the report from Staff, we are not able to divulge specifics of Lakeshore's proposal, and we will not know the content of the Staff report other than our submission. However, in general, when considering the terms of a lease with Lakeshore, we are asking Council to recognize the damage that has been done to the Club over the past five years as a result of the uncertainty over its future, and the need for time to rectify this. On the other hand, with a ten year lease, the Club undertakes to aggressively improve our financial position so that we can assume a rent schedule which fully meets all operating expenses to the Stadium which can be attributed to our curling activities.

While your negotiating team is optimistic that Council will make their decision about our future this Fall, and that it will involve acceptance of our proposal, only time will tell. Should we see acceptance of curling as a long term activity at the Sports Stadium, we will be able to look forward to a future for Lakeshore which depends only on our energy and enthusiasm.

What is H1N1 Influenza?

H1N1 influenza is a respiratory illness caused by a new flu virus. Symptoms of H1N1 flu include fever, runny nose, coughing/sore throat, fatigue, nausea/vomiting, and diarrhea.

To protect yourself against H1N1 (Human Swine Influenza), Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection (HPP) advises Nova Scotians to:

- ✓ Wash hands thoroughly with soap and warm water
- ✓ Cough and sneeze in your arm or sleeve
- ✓ Get your annual flu shot

Opening Spiel – 2009

Lakeshore's Opening Spiel is on September 29, 30 & October 1st. This is a fun event open to all new, returning curlers and guests. Draws will begin at 6:30 or 7:00 pm depending on the number of teams. Cost \$10.00 per person (Debit/Credit Card machine available). There will be prizes and the Bar will be open with "Happy Hour" prices. Only 24 teams will be accepted. Please register your team by contacting the curling club at 869-CURL (2875) or info@lakeshorecurlingclub.com

Intro for Skips

An introduction on basic strategy skills for new and potential skips or anyone interested in learning game strategy will be available on October 18, 2009 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This clinic is FREE to any Lakeshore Club member who is interested. For more information please contact Keith Bennett, Club Manager at 869-CURL (2875) or info@lakeshorecurlingclub.com

Club Coach Clinic

A Club Coach Clinic will be offered on October 3 & 4, 2009 at Lakeshore. This is a two-day program running from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm each day (one hour lunch/on your own). This clinic will cover issues for working with youth and adults learning at the club level. David MacRae from NSCA will be the instructor. No testing or certification involved. For more information, please contact Keith Bennett, Club Manager at 869-CURL (2875) or info@lakeshorecurlingclub.com

Calendar of Events

Sept 15 th -18 th :	Registration at the club Free Intro Clinics!
Sept 25 th -27 th :	Appleton Cashspiel
Sept 29 th -30 th :	Member's Opening Bonspiel
Oct 1 st :	Member's Opening Bonspiel
Oct 2 nd :	Friday Night Curling begins
Oct 5 th :	Adult curling leagues begin
Oct 10 th -12 th :	Junior Cashspiel

- ✓ Keep doing what you normally do, but **stay home if you feel sick**
- ✓ Talk to a health professional if you experience severe flu-like symptoms

The Public Health Agency of Canada provides the most up-to-date information on H1N1 influenza symptoms, hygiene and treatment at www.fightflu.ca

We have hand sanitizers around the club for the use of our members. If you are concerned about the spread of viruses, we won't frown upon the traditional handshakes with your curling gloves on!

Summary of the Minutes of the 2008-2009 AGM

Motion to adopt minutes: Carl Duggan. Seconded: Keith Bennett Motion to adopt minutes as printed passed.

Items arising from the Minutes

None

Reports

Wheelchair Curling Championship Event:

Trendal Hubley-Bolivar reported that the event was a success in large part due to the 66 volunteers who logged over 1600 hours. There were 45 sponsors for the event. Trendal reported the budget – see attached report. The budget numbers are not final but it appears that the event did not lose money. Les Macey thanked the organizing committee for their efforts on making the event a success.

Directors' reports were given at this point, but since there is limited room, they are not included in this summary.

Peter Breakspear inquired as to how this year's budget compares to last. Charlie indicated that there was less income due to decreased membership numbers.

Carl Duggan inquired if the \$9,000 profit from the Wheelchair curling championship was reported in the financial statement. Charlie indicated that no this was not as the WCC figures had not been finalized. This will be included in next year's statement.

Gerry Archibald indicated that it would be helpful to have the balance sheet listed with the financial statement so that the bank balance could be listed with assets and liabilities. Charlie stated that this could be included next year. Charlie also indicated that there is approximately \$30,000 in the bank account and this figure has remained steady for the past couple of years.

Dennis Grant inquired if it would be possible to see the financial statements before the meeting. Paul Landry stated that the auditors report generally arrives shortly before the meeting. Charlie confirmed this and stated that the auditor report arrived today (the day of the AGM).

Peter Breakspear inquired if the \$93,000 for rent includes the \$25,000 required to pay the Sackville Sports Stadium. Charlie responded by stating that \$67,000 is rent and \$25,000 is for the Sackville Sports Stadium. Stewart added that HRM applies the \$25,000 to a general fund and as such it is considered rent.

Motion:

Dennis Grant put forward a motion that the Annual General Report be made available on the Lakeshore Curling Club website before the AGM so that it may be reviewed prior to the meeting. Motion seconded by Paul Landry. Motion passed.

Special Presentation – 2010 Brier

As Rob Harris had not yet arrived at the meeting, Brian Lambe presented details on the 2010 Brier. Brian encouraged people to attend the 2010 Brier which is taking place in Halifax next March. For every 10 Full Event packages sold from each club, the club gets one Full event package. Also, the club will receive 5% of the revenue. Also, Brian encourage people to volunteer as the club receives additional money for each volunteer. The cost for

volunteering is \$75 but with that you receive a package of materials including clothing. The minimum amount of time required for volunteers is 24 hours. Anyone who has any further question may contact Brian.

Elections

President: Les Macey's term is complete. Stewart Slauenwhite is willing to offer. There were no further nominations; therefore Stewart Slauenwhite is the new President for LCC for a two year term.

Vice President: Stewart Slauenwhite's term is complete. Mike Strang is willing to offer. There were no further nominations; therefore Mike Strang is the new Vice President for LCC for a two year term.

Treasurer: Charlie Wyatt's term is complete. Sue Nelligan is willing to offer. There were no further nominations; therefore Sue Nelligan is the new Treasurer for LCC for a two year term.

Events Director: Mike Strang's term is complete. Martin Duhme is willing to offer. There were no further nominations; therefore Martin Duhme is the new Events Director for LCC for a two year term.

Volunteer Director: Norma Reid's term is complete. Janet Glennie is willing to offer. There were no further nominations; therefore Janet Glennie is the new Volunteer Director for LCC for a two year term.

Development Director: This is a new position. Rhonda Duhme is willing to offer. There were no further nominations; therefore Rhonda Duhme is the new Development Director for LCC for a two year term.

Junior Director: Rhonda Duhme's term is complete. Mark McCracken is willing to offer. There were no further nominations; therefore Mark McCracken is the new Junior Director for LCC for a two year term.

New Business

Full Time Curling Manager: Stewart introduced Keith Bennett as Lakeshore Curling Club's new Manager. Keith reported that he will focus on membership, advertising and sponsorship.

09-10 Season Calendar: Stewart reported that Registration will take place from September 14th through to the 17th. There will be a Level I Coaching clinic, the Appleton Spiel and the Junior Cash Spiel. The Postal Spiel will take place during the first week in February. LCC will host the Provincial Stick Championship in February. The season will end on March 31, 2010.

Cobequid League: Les reported that the Cobequid League executive is disbanding. Historically, the league initially rented ice time at CFB and the Dartmouth Curling Club before joining LCC. The executive continued after moving to Lakeshore in order to run social events. The Cobequid league executive decided this year to disband and to transfer their funds, approximately \$500.00 to LCC. The money is to be used to build a display case for both Lakeshore and Cobequid trophies. The LCC board agreed to accept the money and to arrange for a trophy case. Keith Bennett indicated that any

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Cobequid documents and historical items be passed to the LCC historian. Les requested that any items to be saved to be brought to him and he will pass these to Marilyn van Eden.

Negotiations with HRM: Les will continue to lead the Negotiation Committee working with Stewart, Charlie and Martin. They are building a proposal for consideration by HRM Council for a 10 year lease. They have defined the conditions for the first 5 years which will involve rebuilding the club as LCC has been negatively impacted by the uncertainty over its future. Les reported that Council is looking for the club to cover operating costs and are not as concerned over the capital debt. Les stated that we can slowly build up to paying full operating costs, but we are currently unable to pay all of these costs. The plan is to have the proposal to Council before September, 2009.

Dennis Grant asked if the Sackville Stadium receives an operating grant from HRM. Les believes the pool receives a provincial grant but not the stadium.

Dennis Grant asked if LCC could get a grant. Les and Keith Bennett responded that core activities are identified for grants and curling is not considered a core.

Trendal Hubley-Bolivar asked if the Sackville Sports Stadium is operating independently. Les responded that the SSS does not have a Board of Directors.

Brian Rafuse inquired as to whether or not the negotiations involve discussion of a lounge area as he feels that this has contributed to a lack of members. Les agreed that this has been identified as an issue by non-returning members. Les mentioned that Michael Bird is enthusiastic for establishing a proper lounge area once we have a long term lease.

Jack Landry asked if there is any time limit on the negotiations. Les responded that HRM is waiting on us to present a proposal.

Keith McMaster asked if there has been any discussion about profit sharing. Les responded that this has been discussed but recently HRM has been backing away from this type of arrangement.

Trophy Presentations and Accomplishments

8 – Ender Award: Presented to Dennis Grant, Bonnie Russell and Evelyn Mackie.

Tournament of Champions: John Mason, Carol Goodick, Barry Miller and Janet Munholland.

NSCA Volunteer Award: Rhonda Duhme

LDRA Volunteers of the Year Award: Erin Edmunston and Trendal Hubley-Bolivar.

Spirit of the Game Award: Sue Nelligan, John Clahane and Jack Landry.

NS Club Championships:

Men: Mike Strang, Tristan Chisholm, Ben Corbett, Lennie Comeau

Women: Michelle Woodroffe, Cathy Sedge, Kuranda Slauenwhite, Amanda Sedge.

Other Business

Stewart reported that he and Keith Bennett attended the NSCA AGM. New rule changes were announced and these will be posted on the NSCA website. Also, there will be a roundtable discussion in fall focusing on declining memberships as every club except two in HRM are experiencing declining membership.

Dennis Grant asked if the money collected from the morning league 50:50 draw couldn't be used by the league to provide social activities. Paul Landry responded due to regulations the profit from any 50:50 draw has to be directed towards a charitable donation. The wheelchair and junior curling program both qualify.

Keith McMaster expressed his appreciation for the club hosting the Home Builders Association.

Wayne Fitzgerald asked if there was any literature detailing the cost of membership and ice rental. Stewart indicated that this is posted on our website but he also provided Wayne with one of the LCC pamphlets which details this information.

Brian Lambe reported that the link to the 2010 Brier is posted on the Lakeshore club website.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Stewart Slauenwhite;
Seconded: Carl Duggan
Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Curling Humour

