

Williams Lake Curling Club Annual General Meeting

April 4, 2019

In Attendance:

Shane Doddridge, John Dryden, Betty Dryden, Ken Hall, Todd Routtu, Simone Groundwater, Darcy Lillico, Rick Miller, Wendy Miller, Leona McKay, Donna Shiach, Bill Rand, Dawn Arnold, Laura Ball, Liz Salle, Ryan Folz, Jessie Folz, Sidney Folz, Robert Gudbrandson, Ryan Bailey, Monica Lachapelle, Naomi Miller, Ken Kvist, Mike Pedersen, Trenisa Durfeld.

Call to Order: Called to order 7:20 pm Shane Doddridge.

Review/Adopt Minutes from 2018 AGM (April 25, 2018)

Reviewed by Shane Doddridge.

Darcy Lillico motioned to accept the minutes. Seconded by Bill Rand. Carried

REPORTS:

1. President's Report (Shane Doddridge) – Appendix "A"
 - a. 2018/2019 Achievements: Higher membership, good demographics, kids, Monday night league filled up.
 - b. Stampede parade – lots of fun, posters, banner was put up at Rona, table at Fall Fair – one new member from that, lots of buy in for learn to curl, newspaper article in fall for registration, posters around town. Social media presence - thanks to Betty Dryden we now have 47 followers,
 - c. Family day put on by Rick Miller,
 - d. Skills day – about ten people from fall fair and then another 10 – interest from membership to have these three or four times per year.
 - e. The bonspiels were successful and we had more teams this year
 - f. Doubles curling – 6 teams signed up, however, only four played. Set own schedule. Can be reviewed for next year. 100 mile is having a Doubles bonspiel next year
 - g. We used waivers this year even though we are covered by insurance. Just a good idea to have.
 - h. Executive portfolios to be discussed and hopefully put in places to help direct people in their executive tasks. Develop task lists to pass down to next person
 - i. Kristy Denby will be helping us with our grant writing.
 - j. We had challenges to find a bartender. We may have to make it a volunteer position to manage the upstairs, order product, arrange volunteers and generally oversee the bar.
 - k. Big thanks to the ice team, Bill, Rick, Travis and Ken – We should consider an honorarium to them.
 - l. Thanks to Laura for being our manager. The club runs because she is here. The challenge now is to find a replacement.
2. Financial Report (Ryan Bailey)
 - a. Current year to previous years. Last year, 2017, was exceptional mostly due to the over \$68,000 in rental income we had from the fire season. Differences between 2017/2018

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and 2018/2019 – the gaming grant was down this year, partly because our weekend program did not qualify. \$8,000.00 less income as a result of not getting the gaming grant.

- b. Cariboo Regional District (CRD) grant – we did not get it this year, however, the CRD has commitments to greenhouse gas reductions and we have had discussions with them, so we will likely get some help from CRD for LED lighting and other energy saving upgrades.
- c. Misc income – the fire fighting extra income we received in 2017 is still in our account.
- d. Bar revenues were up in 2018/2019 by almost \$4,000.00 partly because we had more Christmas parties.
- e. We had more curlers this past year resulting in an increase of dues of almost \$5,000.00.
- f. We had a net decrease of approximately \$80,000 mostly due to the one-time fire related income of \$68,742 in 2017/2018 and the fact that we received \$8,000 less in grant income this year.
- g. We have approximately \$116,000 in our account and we are in good shape financially, but we have an older building that will need capital expenditures. We have approximately \$85,000.00 that we have internally restricted for capital improvements.
- h. We have approximately \$31,000 in our current account and we project our expenses to be about \$4,000 per month until September, so we should be okay to meet our financial obligations until the next curling season. Laura advised that we should also receive approximately \$8,000.00 in advertising money over the summer.

Motion to accept the financial report - Ken Hall. Seconded - Darcy second. Carried.

3. Manager's Report – Laura Ball – Attached - Appendix "B"

Motion to accept the Manager's Report - Ryan Bailey. Seconded – Mike Pedersen. Carried.

4. Other Directors' Reports

- a. VP/Fire Safety - Ken Hall – Our fire plan has been completed and we have installed building maps near the doors. Ken Hall will be meeting with the assistant fire chief in about a week to review our plans. Our annual tests have been conducted and there were no issues.
- b. Ice Report - Ken Kvist - Attached – Appendix "C"
- c. Other Directors – Darcy Lillico – Noted that our financial situation improved under Robert Gudbrandson's presidency and that under Shane's term, we have been actively promoting our club to increase membership. Thanks to both Robert and Shane for their hard work and leadership.
- d. Building maintenance – Ryan Folz
 - i. – Noted that it likely doesn't make sense to change to low flow fixtures now as we are not billed for water usage. If we go onto a consumption billing system in the future, there may be grants to replace fixtures. Ryan noted that our furnace

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filters are being replaced regularly and that is good to help ensure the proper working of our furnaces.

- ii. Ryan Folz is looking at getting a quote for a steel studded interior wall for the ice area and then proper insulation.
- iii. We are looking into getting a new furnace and perhaps a new water heater

e. Betty Dryden – Our Facebook page is up and running, photos are being added, photos are also going into the paper, and we are promoting our events. How to curl videos have been posted. Rick Miller has added school curling photos.

f. Shane Doddridge – Our website has been updated at minor cost.

5. League Representative Updates:

a. Monday (Regrets)

b. Tuesday (Regrets)

c. Wednesday (Liz Salle) – We had a one day bonspiel that was very successful with 35 people attending. 6 end games were played and lunch was served. In January we had a fun night with 40 people, 8 or 9 who were new curlers. At our year end party we traded thirds and leads. It was a very successful evening.

d. Thursday (Darcy Lillico) – We had eight teams this year and there were no complaints. We may have two more teams next year. We lost our long-time sponsor, Pederson Contracting, however Daryl Halfnights and Windsor Plywood have stepped up to sponsor for next year. Our mixed bonspiel went well with Dirty Mitts, 150 Mile tire, and Windsor plywood being our bonspiel sponsors. Our current bank balance is just over \$2,000.00. Darcy Lillico is stepping down as the men's league representative.

e. Friday (Jesse Folz) – The Friday league held a split team night that brought in some new curlers, including some juniors. Our bank account is currently "in limbo" as we get signing authorities in place, however, there is approximately \$700 in the account. Jesse is stepping down as the Friday league representative.

6. Juniors Update - Rick Miller – Attached – Appendix "D"

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Leagues structure, name and schedules
 - Jessie Folz – Friday night is being encouraged to go back to 8 end games
 - Ryan Folz – Doubles – would like to discuss at next Executive Meeting
- Review of Capital Project List
 - As per sheet
 - Parking lot upgrade – some grading has been done, ditching graded away from building, pavement is ok but not the best

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- Façade for front of building
- Lights upstairs – CRD has offered to provide funds toward new lighting
- Flooring in lounge
- Update bar area – glass washer has some issues (Laura)
- Kitchen – renovations – likely leave it as is.
- Insulate walls – CRD may help with the cost
- Replace old lockers – likely a good Gaming grant item
- Shane has obtained quotes for new televisions for ice viewing.
- Ramp – needs replacing and we should also shore up the balcony. This work should be a top priority
- Measuring devices – have been fixed, but could be replaced
- Hot water on demand – may be a good idea if CRD will assist with the purchase
- Furnace at end of ice needs to be replaced.
- Other suggestions: None

Motion to accept Capital Project List - Ryan Bailey. Seconded by Ken Hall – passed

- Adopt Director Portfolios

Shane discussed roles for Director Portfolios and would like to formalize the roles of each to assist with the transition to new Directors.

President

Past President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Grant writing - Kristy Denby has volunteered to take on role

Building maintenance

Lounge Coordinator – look after upstairs area, bartenders, stock, cleaning upstairs

Promotions/publicity – Facebook and newspapers

Safety – building maintenance and fire safety

Head icemaker – Ken Kvist has been doing it

Juniors coordinator – Rick Miller has been doing it

League reps

Manager – fill or try to have a volunteer as manager

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Membership

Draw master

Volunteer coordinator

Simone Groundwater motioned to accept this list for discussion at the next Executive meeting. Seconded by Ryan Bailey

- Waivers – We have been doing it and it is recommended by Curl BC – tabled for further discussion
- Gaming and other grants – Gaming grant underway, Ryan Laura and Ken Hall are going to assist Kristy Denby.
- Assign league reps
 - Monday – Naomi Miller
 - Tuesday – Brian Purdy – acclaimed
 - Wednesday – Liz Salle volunteered to stay on
 - Thursday – Mike Pedersen volunteered
 - Friday - vacant

Presentation to Laura Ball as the outgoing manager. Shane and Monica Lachappelle.

ELECTIONS

Officers:

President	Mike Pedersen - nominated by Ken Kvist. Carried.
Past President	Shane Doddridge
Vice President	Ken Hall will let his name stand as vice president – later nominated and accepted as Treasurer. Rick Miller - nominated by Ryan Bailey - carried
Treasurer	Rick Miller - nominated Ken Hall – accepted
Secretary	Dawn Arnold - nominated by Ryan Bailey – declined Donna Shiach - nominated by Rick Miller – declined John Dryden – volunteered – accepted Any other nominations - no

Directors:

John Dryden – vacated as John went to Secretary

Rick Miller nominated by Bill Rand – agreed to let his name stand – carried.
Later vacated as Rick accepted the Vice President position.

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Ryan Folz – 2 year – one year left

Ken Kvist – 2 year - one year left

Vacant – 1 year term

Darcy Lillico will let name stand for a two year term - carried

Betty Dryden will let name stand for a two year term - carried

Todd Routtu nominated by Ryan Folz – two year – agreed – carried.

Vacant – 2 year term

MOTION TO ADJOURN

9:30pm Ryan Bailey motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Donna Shiach – Carried

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Appendix "A" – President's Report - April 2019 – Shane Doddridge

- ACHIEVEMENTS
 - Higher membership this year
 - o Not by much but the right demographic
 - o Kids are the sports future, 20-30 somethings are our club's future
 - More turnout at the bonspiels
 - Better promotions are likely to thank:
 - o Stampede parade
 - o Banner at Rona
 - o Table at the Fall Fair
 - o Early fall newspaper article
 - o Social Media – Thanks Betty
 - o More posters around town for registration week & bonspiels
- HIGHLIGHTS
 - o Stampede Parade
 - o Family Day
 - o Curling Skills Day
 - o So many students!
 - o Joint Bonspiel
 - o Open Bonspiel
- POINTS OF NOTE
 - o Doubles Curling – not a huge success this year – 100 Mile will be having a doubles Bonspiel Next year -
 - o Waivers will be introduced for all curlers next year – to discuss further below
 - o Portfolios – to discuss further – are a good idea to help make sure everything gets done
 - o Grant writing is commencing – thanks to Kristy
 - o Challenges of finding a bartender – something to consider wrapping up into the managers responsibilities, or allocating as a portfolio
- GRATITUDE
 - o The Ice Team (Ken, Bill, Rick) – huge thanks. I curled in 100 Mile, Quesnel, Victoria this year, and watched games in PG & Chilliwack – we have the best ice. We should consider offering an annual honorarium to Ice volunteers.
 - o Laura – for keeping everything running smoothly
 - o The Board – for mentoring me and always stepping up
 - o Rick – for taking on a big job and making serious progress
 - o League Reps

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Appendix "B" – Manager's Report April 2019 – Laura Ball

Another season 'swept' by rather quickly. 20 weeks scheduled and very full of activities this year.

League numbers were as follows:

Monday Social League – 12 teams

Monday Junior League – 8 students

Tuesday Teen League – 9 students (Large spike in youth curling numbers this year!) Yeah!!

Tuesday Sponsor League – 4 teams Thanks to the following Businesses for their contribution:
Tim Horton's, Lake City Collision, Credit Union and Jackson's Brew House

Wednesday Ladies League – 6 teams

Thursday Men's League – 8 teams

Friday Open League – 8 teams.

Overall an increase of 2 teams from last year.

Ministry of Forest and Canadian Institute of Mining had their Funspiel in February. Both were 1 day events and very successful. The Men's and Ladies Combined Spiel on February 15-17th saw increased numbers on both sides over last years attendance. The Open Spiel on March 8-10th was extremely successful with 12 teams entered and a new format that seemed to be agreeable to those that were involved. Again the dinner was pot luck with several members bringing salads, breads and desserts. Ryan and Jessie Folz agreed to cook the pork and it was a huge hit! Round of applause to all the members who were key in making both Bonspiels a success!

4 Christmas Parties were booked this year as compared to 3 last year. 2 are already confirmed bookings for next year.

9 different school grades from 7 different schools participated in Class Lessons this year. Also an increase over last year.

March 11 -15th was the windup of all leagues. League winners were as follows:

Monday – Darrl Halfnights rink

Tuesday – Brian Purdy rink

Wednesday – Donna Shiach rink

Thursday – Ron Bisaro rink

Friday – Deb Rand rink

Congratulations to all teams!

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Following the announcement of the league winners, as Manager, I gave a brief overview of the year and reminded everyone of the importance of a unified and cohesive club based on the fact that we are mostly volunteer-based. It seems that each year there is one of more people who stand out, or do a bit extra or go the extra mile to contribute to the success of the club. We like to recognize them for their efforts and say thank you. This year it seems there was someone from each night of the week.

Monday – Travis Spurn for stepping up to organize the league and put together the Open Spiel

-Jason Ouimet from Boston Pizza for giving several of the leagues a great deal on the yearend pizzas!!

Wednesday – Linda Weingart for her many years on the Ladies Executive, Sponsoring the Ladies C Event, helping with the school kids, decorating and cleaning up at the Bonspiels year after year, attending work bees and helping the bartenders during funspiels and parties.

Thursday – Darcy Lilloco for organizing the Men’s League and Men’s Bonspiel as well as being on the Executive and attending all work bees.

Friday – Rick Miller for jumping in to run the school program as well as the Junior/Teen programs and his many ice duties.

The ice crew was also given recognition for the many hours they dedicate to providing us with great ice to play on. As one individual who does venture out to curl in other clubs, I can attest to the fact that we have good ice. It is very clean, it is fairly keen and comparable to other clubs with a good amount of curl. I can also appreciate the difficulty of doing a job while trying to enjoy participating in the events conjointly. We are fortunate to have this group of guys. Thanks to Ken Kvist, Bill Rand, Rick Miller, Travis Spurn and Bruce Geier (newly recruited this year, shortly following retirement).

Thank you to Betty Dryden for a great and consistent effort on the Facebook page providing pictures and information to the members. And to a few others who added uploads as well.

Also, Thank You, to Shane Doddridge for stepping into a roll that he was somewhat unfamiliar with as President and embracing the roll of recruiting new members and opening the eyes of our community that we are in fact here! Great job Shane! He will unfortunately be leaving us for 18 months to obtain a Masters Degree in his field and we wish him every success.

All of these types of effort only benefit the organization and we are grateful for ALL of our members that help keep this place afloat.

There are several events booked for this summer:

Celebration of Life – April 13th

Bull Sale – April 17th

High School Rodeo AGM – May 3rd

Mine Rescue – May 31- Jun 2nd

Mountain Racers Dinner/Dance Fundraiser – Jun 29th

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Fall Fair – Sep 6-8th

In closing; on a personal note, I would like to say that after 22 years, curling is still my favorite sport. I loved it from the minute I started playing. I feel very fortunate to have been the Manager at the Club for the past 9 years, where I have been able to extend that passion in teaching new people the sport and instructing the students that passed through our doors. I have become very attached to this place and many of the people I have worked and curled with. Thank you very much to a handful of wonderful people who have made this job so much easier and fun to do.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Ball

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Appendix "C" – Head Ice Maker's Report April 2019 – Ken Kvist

Ice preparation:

This year we had a crew of four, who prepared the ice on a regular basis. Bill Rand, Rick Miller, Travis Spurn and myself, with Bruce Geier joining us for about the last month.

Preparation of the floor area began on Sept.15th with the work bee.

The new brine pump was installed during the week of Sept. 10th and ready for operation when the ice plant and dehumidifier were started on Sept. 17th. The floor was sealed once the temperature was lowered sufficiently.

Sheets were laid down Sept. 23rd. On Sept. 24th the plant stopped operating as a couple fuses in the control panel blew and were quickly replaced with the assistance of Ken Hall. Flooding of the sheets and scrapping had begun when on Oct 3rd Laura received a call from the alarm company that we had a high temperature on the plant. Ken Hall was again called to the rescue and this time he replaced all three fuses. We went home thinking all was well, until the next morning. When I arrived to commence ice preparation I discovered that the plant had again shut down. Travis and Ken Hall discovered that the contactor had burned out, probably the reason the fuses shorting out. Ken Hall ordered a contactor from EB Horsman's but it would not arrive until the next morning, Saturday. On Saturday morning Ken Hall was at Horseman's when they opened waiting for the freight. It turned out that the contactor was miss shipped and went to Vancouver Island. Ken contacted Horseman's and arranged for another contactor to be flown to Williams Lake on the flight arriving early afternoon. In the meantime Travis contacted Polley Mines, where he had worked, as he knew they had a spare contactor onsite. Travis drove out to Polley Mines and picked up the contactor and began installing it in mid afternoon at about the same time as Ken Hall returned from the airport with the ordered contactor. Once the contactor was installed the plant was started. By this time the ice plant had been off for about 42 hours. There was a very level cover of water over the remaining ice surface. The next morning we again flooded the surface to make sure the sheets were sufficiently covered with ice.

From when the ice plant was initially started, approximately 110 hours were required to ready the ice surface, and approximately 350 hours were put into maintaining the ice for the season. This includes weekly preparation, flooding and shaving for the second half of the season, and preparation for bonspiels. A further 35+ hours may be logged getting the ice out, rolling sheets. Approximately 495 hours have been logged for the Ice Area this season.

Scraper:

This year the scraper worked very well with the batteries holding a charge for the required scraping time. Blades were shipped out twice through the season for sharpening. The blade on the scraper will be sufficient to start the scrapping next season before having to be sent away for sharpening.

Dehumidifier:

The dehumidifier worked well throughout the season.

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Water R.O. System:

The R O system filters were replaced on Sept. 15th. I found that the water TDS would rise after the initial system flushing. To try to keep the TDS low I would drain the water tank and regenerate the water softener about every 3 weeks. Through the off season the water softener will have to be flushed and water should be run through the RO system monthly.

Roof:

The roof over the room housing the water tanks was replaced last year. Water somehow blew in under the edge of the roof and was dripping through at the time of the work bee, but that has not happened since.

Hot Water Heater:

Ryan Folz is investigating replacing the water heater with a more efficient on-demand heater. The pressure relief valve continued to leak throughout the season, but nothing that periodically emptying a bucket didn't solve.

Brine Pump

The brine pump was replaced at the beginning of the season, but it did not dial back to 30% when the compressor shut down

Sloping Ice

Again this year we had difficulty with the ice sloping toward the wall on Sheet A and to some extent on Sheet B. I attribute this to the dark colour on the outside wall. The area along the walkway had an obvious low area when the ice was reflooded at Christmas break the remainder of the ice was relatively level.

Walkway Slope

The walkway at the far end has lifted due to frost action. This may be due to cracks in the foundation wall.

Furnace

An inspection by Ryan Folz and Hugh Armstrong revealed that the heater at the West end of the ice area will need to be replaced at the end of this season.

Ken Kvist, Ice Committee Co-ordinator

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Appendix "D" – Junior Curling Report - April 2019 – Rick Miller

Junior Curling

- 8 juniors (4 girls & 4 boys) from 8-11 years old
- Mondays from 3:30 – 4:30pm. Reduced the time to 1 hour as it was hard to keep their attention span for 1.5 hours. Thoughts for next year Start with 1 hour lessons to Christmas and move to 1.5 hour lessons in January.
- HUGE Thanks to Sydney Folz and Brad Brown-John for helping out every week!
- Brian Lahue took over for me when I left – HUGE thanks to him!
- Very enthusiastic. All wanting to return next year.

Teen Curling

- 8 teens (3 girls & 5 boys) from 12 - 15 years old – 2 girls could only make Wednesday games
- Started just practicing and then had them join leagues on Friday night and Wednesday nights
- 3 of the players were on Bonspiel teams - they loved it!!!
- HUGE Thanks to Brad Brown-John for helping throughout the year.
- HUGE Thanks to Simone Groundwater, and helpers, for taking over when I left.
- Most, if not all, wanting to return next year.

School Programs

- 24 school groups this year ... I was here for 17 of them.
- HUGE THANKS to all the volunteers who came out and helped!!!! Many times we had 2 volunteers per rink, especially on games days.
- All teachers mentioned how well it ran, as more volunteers meant more active curlers. Volunteers noticed that this was a key to the program's success as they didn't have to deal with any behaviour issues ... the kids were too busy curling to fool around!!!
- Both the volunteers and I spotted many potential students who took to curling very quickly and how expressed an interest to do this as a sport of their choice. Need to get these kids and their families into our Junior Curling/Teen Curling programs earlier in the year.
- Asked teachers to put name tags on each student. Worked best to put them on their helmets.
- Asked teachers to break students up into groups that were divisible by 4. (ex: 27 students = 6 groups of 4 and 1 group of 3)
- HUGE Thanks to Michelle Ball who took over for me when I left.

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New This Year

- Helmets mandatory in all programs. This was met with an overwhelming positive response!
- Waiver/Informed Consent forms signed by all players and parents. Fashioned one from the CurlIBC website as they have a suggested form for this purpose.
- Duct tape not applied to students' and/or adults' shoes when giving lessons. We used step-on sliders that had been purchased for the Junior Program last year ... huge difference in the confidence level and the number of students not falling on the ice.
- Used delivery aides instead of brooms when coming out of the hack ... huge improvement in how fast students were successful.
- Slowed down the progression so that more students were more proficient before going into game situations. Example For coming out of the hack students started with double crutches, then moved to one crutch & a junior rock, then moved to one crutch and a senior rock.
- Left the the teaching up to the volunteers ... I monitored the time frame and made suggestions and they did the rest. The volunteers were phenomenal!
- Tried to incorporate fun activities that helped teach the skills using games and teaching aids.
- More step-on sliders and crutches ordered
- New set of junior Curling rocks ordered.
- o Thanks to Gerry Mooney (donation from the Williams Lake Education Forest Society), Roger Gysel (donation from Hub/Barton Insurance), Daryl Halfnights (donation from Windsor Plywood), Liz Salle (organized a Ladies Funspiel in memory of Yvonne LeClurc and proceeds went towards the Junior Curling program) for helping to fund the new set of rocks.

Looking Forward To Next Year

- Looking at changing days that our program is offered ... currently a lot of conflict with other activities like bowling, gymnastics, figure skating, swimming, and archery.
- Looking at adding more age groups so that skill/maturity level are more evenly balanced.
- Wish to start a high school team if the interest of the Teens is there
- Jim Cotter working with us to form an inter-city league with 100 Mile, Quesnel and possibly PG.
- Parents of juniors joined us for family days and skills days and put themselves on spare lists so wish to expand a "parent" program for next year.
- Will start school program in October and only go a couple of times per week maximum. The burn-out of volunteers, and myself, was evident towards the end, and I wasn't there for the last 7 classes, which added to their burden.

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- Having coffee and goodies out for volunteers and ask that they come about 20 minutes early so that we can enjoy some time together and I can go over the lesson/progression with them. Did this a couple of times this year and it worked really well and we all got to know each other better as well Bonus!!!!