



## Chedabucto Curling Club Community Activity Society (CAS)

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### Annual General Meeting Minutes May 12, 2022

The meeting was **called to order** by President Maurice Landry at 6:59 PM. In attendance were Maurice Landry, Ruth Gunn, Blair Brymer, Wendy Paquette, Lois MacDonald, Lynda MacIntosh, Shauna Brymer, Frances Brymer, Neil Decoff, Paul Long, Holly Pyle, Maureen Landry, Evelyne Jamieson, George Luddington  
Regrets: Kay Chisholm, Marian Brow, Mery E Connolly, Mary K Connolly, Sharon Martin

**Agenda approval/additions:** Addition under New Business -P O Box. Moved by Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neil.  
Motion carried.

**Minutes of October 13th, 2021** meeting were accepted as circulated - no errors or omissions..  
Approval of Minutes moved by Lois, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Blair. Motion carried.

#### Business arising from Minutes:

- Notation to minutes - NS Curling dues were not at half rate as anticipated, full dues paid
- Received Provincial Recreation Community Development Grant in full amount of \$10,000.
- Elections Canada rental of \$6000 was received for use of club in August/September 2021
- Freon gas detector, as mandated by NS Dept of Labour, is in the club, paid in full, still to be hooked up. The same person will also be installing dehumidistat. George will be coordinating timing - to be done this summer, prior to next curling season.

#### Correspondence

- Nova Scotia Curling - Maurice has been attending regular Zoom meetings on behalf of club; Ruth attended a couple as well
- Received bill from Canada Post for P.O. Box - to be discussed under New Business
- Phil received an email from PicRights International Inc. on behalf of The Associated Press advising the club of unlicensed use of an image on the club website. Phil brought it to the attention of Maurice and Wendy who passed on to NS Curling attorney for advice. The image was immediately removed from the website. No payment has been made; no further correspondence has been received, nor is any expected at this point.

#### Treasurer's Report

Wendy provided a report of finances for the past year. We are sitting well financially, all things considered. Of importance to note are:

- The operating account current balance is \$ 22,501.66 compared with just under \$20,000 for the same period last year. The savings account has a balance of \$10,118.66 as a result of interest earned. ( total funds on hand \$32,620.32)

- We were able to hold a number of bonspiels and made the following profit:
  - Turkey shoot. \$ 313.00
  - Skins. \$ 829.58
  - Ladies fun spiel. \$ 799.97
  - Edgar Sceles Memorial. \$ 677.52
- Income from the latest Duckie race of \$3,225.00.
- We have a receivable of \$71.25
- Anticipate additional advertising revenue in the vicinity of \$5,000.
- Regarding liabilities we are in the process of refunding fees for Juniors with \$124.00 remaining. (\$220.00 paid to date)
- Our successful application for tax relief has reduced our taxes due in July by \$3309.60 leaving a balance due of \$1554.00.
- Approximately \$6000.00 is due NSP which is consistent with previous years.
- Insurance comes due in November - currently \$650/month - will look into alternatives

Moved by Lois, seconded by Lynda to accept Treasurer's Report as given. Motion carried.

Wendy expressed thanks and appreciation to Holly as well as Maurice and Phil for their patience in her transition as Treasurer.

Maurice pointed out that the club, therefore the roof, is coming on to 60 years old. It can be expected that a large expense will be coming in the not-too-distant future.

### **Committee Reports**

- A. President - presented by Maurice - (attached) - Membership higher than previous year; Able to curl most of season, except Jan/part of Feb due to Covid; Annual Turkey Shoot and 3 bonspiels held; Hosted Highland/Northumberland Region School Bonspiel; Rented out club for events (birthday parties). Doing quite well through Covid compared to other clubs in the province. Biggest issues for all clubs are attracting new members, and covering rising operating costs esp. Insurance and power. Looking forward to 60th anniversary year.
- B. Juniors presented by Paul – Tried to have a Juniors program this year - had 3-4 after school sessions but Covid shut down, March break, other competing sports made it tough. Will try again next year. Club has funding for Juniors program from the Municipality thanks to Neil, Paul.
- C. Day League presented by Neil. Thanks to Gerry & Evelyne for their work. Roster included 9 new members. First session began Nov 8, had 7 teams scheduled for 14 draws. Covid shutdown reduced draws to 11. Second session started Feb 14th with 7 teams, 14 draws. Top 4 teams entered Page Play-off. Winning team - Gary Neufeld, Kay Chisholm, Heather Wright, George Nahrebecky.
- D. Night League presented by Ruth for Phil. (attached ) 8 teams played starting Nov 2nd, interrupted for 2 months Dec 13-Feb 14 due to Covid. 5 new members joined, 3 former members returned, new spares added. Page Playoffs started March 29th with two divisions. "A" division winners were Team Luddington over Team Long, and "B" division winners were Team S Brymer over Team B Brymer.

- E. Bonspiel presented by Paul. (attached) 3 spiels were held.
- The Annual Skins Cash spiel took place on Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Scotia Diesel, Ron Chisholm Hydroseed, and Mulgrave Machine Works We added a new sponsor in Scotia Hills Farm. Total prize money was \$1000. We managed to get 6 teams all from our club .Team O'Regan took top prize with Team Jamieson placing 2nd. All 6 teams took home money.
  - Ladies FUNspiel was on Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with 6 teams. Thanks to our major sponsor MacLeod Lorway for making this happen. Plus other sponsors who donated prizes. Team Jamieson won it this year.
  - The Edgar Sceles Memorial was on Apr. 8th-9th with 6 team playing. Teams were drafted by skips. Lots of donated prizes this year. Team W. Sangster won with Team Luddington finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - We ran out of time to have the Mixed Doubles and the Memorial Closing bonspiel. Hopefully next season these will return. No attempt was made to have the Cecil Boyd games vs the Canso CC sue to Covid protocols. Our committee will be looking for suggestions and/or changes to the bonspiel season coming up.
- F. Ice Maintenance report presented by George/ Ruth for Phil. (attached) Ice prep started Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> and was ready before the season was to start on Nov 3rd. Several floods were put on throughout the season to help with the level of the ice. Accounted for this season were 4 centre plugs for the rings pulse sharpening of the other 2 scraper blades and purchased sandpaper to do the rocks. new refurbished Jetice tanks were ordered, which are good for two years. Ice plant was shut down on April 12th.
- G. Sponsorship presented by Ruth for Phil. (attached) We did not receive new sponsors, but lost 2. Total # of sponsors is 52, of which 50 are paying signs. As of May 12/22, we have 8 sponsors from 2021 who have yet to renew; for 2022, 11 of the 50 have paid up. Notices have gone out to all based on when they paid last year.
- H. Bar presented by Maurice (attached) Despite being closed for part of the season, bar did well when open because of a few adult birthday parties (rentals), more evening league curlers stayed to socialize, better variety of products on offer. Next season we hope to add to product lineup including non-alcoholic beer. Thanks to Holly and Mary K for their hours serving in the bar.

### League Prizes

Prizes were presented to the winners of the leagues who were present at the meeting. Prize is \$25 cash.

Winners announced by Maurice

Night League - A Division -George Luddington team - Fred Sullivan, Mary K. Connolly

Night League - B Division - Shauna Brymer team - Teagan Lombardo, Julie Fox, Antony Fink

Day League - Gary Neufeld team - Kay Chisholm, Heather Wright, George Nahrebecky

### Election of Officers

President – Maurice Landry Vice-President – Blair Brymer Treasurer – Wendy Paquette Secretary – Ruth Gunn

Members-at-Large – Lois MacDonald & Lynda MacIntosh

All current executive members have agreed to stay on if needed. No nominations were offered from the floor. Paul moved to keep the board as it stands, seconded by Holly. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

- a) Ducky Race - Given the success of the Ducky Race as a fundraiser even during Covid pandemic, 250 new duckies have been ordered to increase race numbers to 1250. Cost of ducks is \$373. Date was decided to be Saturday August 20th to allow for time to get tickets printed to be sold during Old Home Week in July. Basil Mattie will not be printing tickets so there will be additional cost to get them done at Staples. Chicken bbq has been put off for this year due to insecurity of Covid situation, and potential difficulty in obtaining chickens due to avian flu.
- b) May 26th- Welcoming Event for newcomers to Guysborough taking place at CLC outdoors 6 to 8 pm. Businesses, organizations all welcome to set up table to provide information for newcomers to local area. Club will have table, curling stone, information on club's history, etc. Providing club t-shirt and year's membership as items in prize draw.
- c) 60th Anniversary of club in 2023 - Planning to make more use of club as a social space in the community - nights with music, playing cards, more activities to highlight the club and potentially bring in some additional revenue
- d) Volunteers needed - Lynda brought up that the club needs additional people to help with various functions/committees. Phil carries a big load being involved in many committees for many years and has expressed a willingness to share that load. There is a section of the registration form that asks members to volunteer in areas of their interest. How best to make better use of those who are willing to volunteer - perhaps a committee head for each area? an understudy for Phil on some committees? find out which task(s) Phil would be most willing to pass on to someone else?
- e) Canada Post - P.O. Box - previous club president Ray set up an inside P.O. Box for the club, rather than have the club mail go to the president's home. The renewal invoice has arrived for \$203.75 + tax. Upon receipt, Maurice checked and found out that an outside P.O. Box would be free. In order to make the change from Inside to outside box, it must be voted upon and be part of the minutes. Holly Pyle moved that the club change from the inside post office box to an outside box; Neil DeCoff seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote of members in attendance.

**Motion to adjourn** at 8:24 PM moved by Lois

Respectfully Submitted  
Ruth Gunn, Secretary