



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 24, 2021
Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: Zoom

1. Call to order – 7:02 pm

Attendees

Melissa Hogg Cunningham
Maureen Condon
Sean Holman
Michele Gower
Michelle Wettlaufer
Grace Bugg
Glenn Gabriel

Regrets

Danielle Inglis
John Majnarich
Bonnie Sacchetti

Guests

Greg King – West End Curling Committee (WECC)
John Rudd - WECC

2. Approval of Agenda

(Motion – Sean Holman, Second – Maureen Condon)

3. Approval of Minutes

February 10, 2021 minutes approved (Motion – Maureen Condon, Second – Michele Gower)

4. WECC Update – also refer to attached Word document

- John provided an update following the Curling Strategy Stakeholder Meeting on March 8. The meeting was convened by the City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation division.

- In brief: the City confirmed that it has been shown there is demand for an additional curling facility and outlined 5 ways that need can be met. Due to financial constraints and lack of available land, the only options of the five that could be considered include the renovation of an underutilized facility or find an option for a shared facility (skating, hockey and curling).
- WECC has provided a formal response back to the City.
- **Action item: The TCA will also respond and ask that the City continue to pursue those options that are deemed to be viable. (Melissa)**

5. Club Manager Update

- Managers remain cautiously optimistic about re-opening in fall 2021
- York will be staying open beyond their regular closing date to hopefully take advantage in the interest in curling that the Olympics will stimulate

6. Outstanding Contribution Award

- Consideration to be given for two awards: one for staff and one for volunteers.
- **Action item: Melissa to develop and circulate a proposed approach.**

7. 7.1 TCA Events

- Initial meeting with the event chairs was March 3rd, next meeting is scheduled for June
- Preference is to use other communication vehicles in addition to social media to reach audience, i.e. utilize the clubs to communicate on TCA events
- **Action item: Maureen and Michele to further research the Curling Canada I/O application and whether it would be a useful tool for TCA events.**
- **Action item: TCA needs an approach regarding the concussion awareness policies coming into effect July 2021**
- A communication was sent to clubs regarding event dates and interest in hosting
 - Thornhill is interested in hosting Day Women
 - Dixie is interested in hosting Business Women
- Discussions still required on event recalibration
 - Day Women will be changing from a 3 day event to a 2 day event
 - Men will increase Novice participation from 16 to 24 teams and reduce the size of other events based on ice availability

7.2 Governance TCA Board

- Three motions raised in line with recommended changes to Board terms
 1. Be it moved that going forward: (i) the term for new Board members will be 3 years and (ii) Board members will have a 2-term maximum” **Approved**
 2. “Be it moved that the by-laws be revised so there can be a maximum of 2 Board members who are not members of a TCA curling club” **Approved**
 3. “Be it moved that upon completing their term as President, the Past President may serve as an advisor for one year, unless they move to another

Board portfolio and remain on the Board in that capacity. The advisor role is not part of the Board.” **Approved**

- **Action item: As part of updating the by-laws for Board terms a complete review of the by-laws will be undertaken (Sean)**

7.3 Members Forum

- A comprehensive information request has been sent to all TCA clubs. It has been requested that clubs return their information to the TCA by May 3.
- Included in the ask was information about identifying potential TCA Board members for the Communication and Sponsorship portfolios

7.4 Youth Interclub

- Sean connected with Julie Hastings of Bayview to discuss options for Interclub for the for 2021/2022 season
 - Ideally Interclub will run in the traditional format with play at multiple clubs
 - If multiple clubs are not available, Bayview is prepared to move forward with hosting Interclub
 - Sean and Julie to continue to be in contact

7.5 Communications Intern

- Melissa working with Ryerson to secure an intern.

8. Next Meeting: April 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm

9. Adjournment at 9:05 pm