

PORT MOODY CURLING CLUB

DATE: Monday, May 9, 2022

TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**LOCATION: PMCC Recreation Centre - Curling
Lounge**

- 1. Call to order: Steven Renaud called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.**

In attendance: Pierre Gallant, Paul Longley, Jane Lawton, Earlene Graham, Lindsay Graf, Anne Girbav, Mim Quigley-Metcalf and Barry Ayers.

Absent: Mary Dyk and Janice van Veen

- 2. Additions/revisions to the agenda - none**

- 3. Adoption of the minutes of April 18, 2022 Emergency Board Meeting.**

The minutes of April 18, 2022 were adopted as circulated.

- 4. City of Port Moody Ice Fee Increase Update: Steve Renaud**

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss our finances in relation to meeting the City's decision to charge curling a \$12,000 increase for the next season. The City has left it to the Club as to how to spread the cost out through our fees. The urgency for the Club is that we need to decide how we will distribute the cost in our ice fees so Janice can set up Curling IO and still open registration on July 5th or thereabouts.

We did not apply to make a presentation to Port Moody council because the City has made it clear that they will not change their position regarding the \$12,000 nor will they spread it over multiple years. Further, the \$12,000 will go to general revenue to reduce general taxes, it will not be used to provide improved ice conditions as an example.

The Tri-City News reported that bonspiel fees were going up substantially. The information we have been given is that they intend to increase bonspiel fees to \$40 per hour.

We are unsure if all curling will be affected, for instance the City directly charges clients for corporate bookings at fees for outside users including schools.

The City books these events and supplies the coaches to run them.

However, they are clear that they expect to collect \$12,000 from the PMCC.

Based on full draws, the increase results in about \$800/league for the season to cover the \$12,000. However, some leagues only use 3 sheets vs full leagues resulting in more of an impact for those leagues. The City does not want a lump sum payment; they want the increase added onto the ice fee rates.

The fees will still be low compared to other clubs in the Lower Mainland.

Mim Quigley-Metcalf moved that Pierre Gallant draft a letter to the City to circulate to the Board outlining our position, seconded by Paul Longley, all in favour, motion passed.

5. Reconsideration of the \$10 Ice Improvement Fee:

The Board had previously intended to collect a \$10 ice improvement fee at the time of registration. The substantial ice fee increase required reconsideration of this additional fee. After discussion, the Board passed the following motion.

Anne Girbav moved that the \$10 ice improvement fee be cancelled and that the membership fee will be increased to \$60, Seconded by - motion tabled.

6. How to Charge for Practice?

The City had suggested that the Club could charge for practice ice as other clubs do. The Langley Club charges \$10/hr/person. We could adopt the online, self-booking system used by Langley. We did find last year that curlers from other clubs were using our ice for free and a lot of club makeup games were played during practice times. The City does not want this to continue.

We will consider how to add practice ice to the cost of the membership fee and make it available to all members.

Steve will speak to the City to clarify practice ice.

7. Date of June Board Meeting:

After discussion the June 5th meeting was agreed to be changed to Monday, June 6.

8. Adjournment: 7:54 pm

Next Board meeting: Monday, June 6, 2022