



PMCC Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 28, 2024, 7:00pm

Port Moody Recreation Centre - Party Room behind the Curling Lounge

And via Zoom

1. Call To Order 7:02pm

In Attendance in person: Pierre Gallant, Anne Girbav, Mike Goetz, Lindsay Graf, Tim Loblaw, Paul Longley

In Attendance via Zoom: David Cousins, Amber Kostuchenko

Guests: Keith Goodwin, Jacqueline Adams (Friday Night Rocks representatives); Jane Hanson, club manager

Regrets: Ross Powell

The meeting was chaired by David Cousins with assistance from Tim Loblaw

The minutes were prepared by Mike Goetz

NOTE: Mike Goetz, Anne Girbav, and Lindsay Graf were also representing the Sweeping Into the Holidays bonspiel committee.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda approved without amendments

3. Complaint from Friday Night Rocks

On Sunday August 18, 2024, the Friday Night Rocks (FNR) league submitted a formal complaint to the Board concerning the "Sweeping Into the Holidays" bonspiel which has been scheduled for November 29 and 30, 2024. The complaint centered around the fact that FNR were not adequately informed that a bonspiel had been scheduled in conflict with one of their regular league curling nights, and that they had already received club approval for 24 nights of curling including November 29th. By the time they were aware of the bonspiel, a significant number of participants had already signed up for FNR with the expectation of 24 sessions of curling.

FNR's proposed resolution was to retain November 29th for Friday Night Rocks league play, and for the bonspiel organizers to reschedule their event to a different day.

The complaint was forwarded to the bonspiel committee on August 19. The bonspiel committee submitted a response to the Board on August 20. The response was forwarded to Friday Night Rocks on August 21.

In the bonspiel committee's response, they acknowledged that there was a communication failure by the club to properly alert FNR of the date conflict, as well as the committee's failure to reach out to FNR to request the use of November 29th for the spiel. Nevertheless, they asserted that to run a successful event their preferred dates were November 29 and 30.

Sweeping Into the Holiday's proposed resolution was to retain November 29th for the bonspiel and for FNR to use December 20th to maintain 24 weeks of curling.

Discussion

- Question: how difficult is it to give individual refunds?
 - If Friday Night Rocks does not curl on November 29th, they would not pay for the ice that night and would pay ice fees for 23 weeks instead of 24
 - The league has the option on what to do with that savings
 - For the club to issue individual refunds to each FNR curler would be significantly arduous. Similarly, the league could also issue individual refunds to each member, but that too would be very cumbersome
 - It was suggested that the league could use the savings to go towards social events or to offset other league costs
 - The per-person cost for losing the one week of FNR curling is approximately \$13
- Discussion regarding Friday December 20th
 - FNR typically does not curl on the Friday closest to Christmas because too many of their members are unavailable. This was not a workable solution for them
 - Likewise, while December 20th and 21st would be available for the bonspiel, the bonspiel committee also felt that this weekend would not be a good choice to attract significant participation
- Three possible solutions were proposed:
 - The bonspiel proceeds on the Friday and FNR loses a night of curling
 - FNR keeps their Friday night and the bonspiel runs on Saturday and Sunday
 - The bonspiel runs on Saturday and Sunday on a different weekend to avoid conflict with Newbies and Doubles which run on Sundays
- Discussion around running the bonspiel on Saturday and Sunday
 - The bonspiel committee indicated this is possible but not preferable
 - The bonspiel would need three 90-minute draws on Sunday (4½ hours plus ice prep time)
 - Open Doubles would probably be unaffected because the bonspiel could be concluded by 4pm when Doubles plays

- However, Newbies would be impacted because they use the ice from 10-12pm for Lessons and from 1-3pm for the Five-Pack
- For the bonspiel organizers, ending the event with only a subset of the teams playing the final rounds midway through the Sunday is not ideal and could negatively impact participation
- Discussion around running the bonspiel on a different weekend
 - Much of the same issues apply, since Newbies runs for several weeks around that time of year, even though Doubles only runs every other week
 - In order to establish consistency for the bonspiel, organizers felt that it is important to maintain the same “first weekend of December” dates so as to continue to attract regular participants
- Would FNR be willing to give up a Friday night in future years for a club bonspiel?
 - FNR indicated that in terms of moving forward, provided sufficient notice is given, next year is not a problem
 - FNR acknowledged the importance and the success of the bonspiel; last year FNR sent 7-8 teams to the spiel
- There was consideration as to where the greater displacement of leagues/people occurs
 - FNR has a large number of participants, but moving the bonspiel to a Sunday potentially impacts two other leagues
 - If it weren't for the other leagues running on Sunday, it is more straightforward to run the bonspiel on Saturday and Sunday

Resolution

After significant discussion and with a view to the wider benefit to the club, Friday Night Rocks withdrew their resolution to retain Friday November 29th and granted the Sweeping Into the Holidays bonspiel committee access to use that night for their bonspiel. In return, with thanks and as a goodwill gesture, The Sweeping Into the Holidays bonspiel committee committed to offering a discount to this year's spiel for FNR members who participate in the bonspiel.

Final Remarks

- Lessons have been learned to not let this happen again. The importance of communicating the club calendar to league representatives early and especially during the season preparation stage is critical
- Although FNR will not have league curling on November 29th, curling is available to those FNR members who want to participate in the bonspiel
- All participants noted the goodwill that was expressed, the willingness to work towards a solution, and the acknowledgment that neither party was directly at fault or acting maliciously

4. Any Other Business

None

5. Next Meeting

The next scheduled board meeting is on Sunday September 15, 2024; 7pm.

Other Upcoming Dates of Note:

- Thursday September 5, 2024 - League Reps Meeting, 7pm
- Saturday September 7, 2024 - Open House, 1pm

6. Adjournment 8:09pm