

**Tunnel Town Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

**Attendees:** Glenn Flach, Ron Phillip, Lyn Ingram, Sandra MacKinnon, Judy McMartin, Tina Betson, Pam Langham, Mary Kay Thurston, Dan Boisvert, Art Kuiper. Betty Harris-Peake, Laurie Flach, Richard Brower

**Regrets:** Warren Wolfe

Call to order at 7:02 pm

Motion by Sandra, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron to accept the meeting agenda as presented. Carried.

Motion by Art to approve the minutes of board meeting held July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and post on web site. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Carried

**President's Report & House Committee Report:**

1. Lounge floor reno seems to be back in negotiations with municipality. Glenn was asked by suggestions and he recommended lino & carpet as currently in use however color should be neutral and product should be very durable. Also suggestion perhaps replace floor behind bar at same time. Lower lobby floor still needs to be addressed in the on-going lease negotiations with the municipality. Glenn & Ron have reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> draft (presented by municipality) and date for next meeting is still to be set. One item of note is continuation of joint trust fund was originally not to continue but the municipality is open to discussion and continuation. Also need to decide how to current funds in joint trust should be spent (prioritize joint projects).

**Club Manager's Report:**

1. Registration is almost complete. A few teams/leagues to sort out yet. Priority is to get Friday mixed completed so draw (this Friday) can be done.
  - All daytime leagues had strong return this season
  - Monday evening ladies has 15 teams again this season (no change)
  - Tuesday men's has 14 teams (decrease 4 teams)
  - Wednesday mixed/open has 18 teams (increase 1 team)
  - Thursday men's has 20 teams (increase 1 team)
  - Friday evening mixed has potential for 15 to 17 teams as there are still a few positions/team to complete. Some partial teams may consolidate and join together to complete teams (decrease approximately 2 to 4 teams)
2. Richard identified a soccer team as potential sports team to utilize our club. Unfortunately this team is looking for sponsorship support (free beer) from a bar or pub.
3. Open House was this past Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Good turn out and hope to get some new curlers to join leagues or the new curlers on Sunday
4. Richard has hired new janitors for the club based on a referral from Elsie Claridge. Rate is a little higher (\$26/hr) than last season; however seems to be current market rate. New janitors are Mavis & Sharon.
5. Al Smith will conduct the school program this year but is not available for the Sunday new curlers/learn to curl sessions. Richard is looking for someone to take over the Sunday program.
6. With our calendar and scheduling this season, each league will have 21 weeks of curling. For smaller leagues this will work well for a 3 block season.
7. Club play downs will be held 1 week earlier this season. Last night of league play is Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

**Draws, Rules & Regulations Committee Report:**

1. Ron is compiling information on the spare rule for play offs and will then meet with his committee for review. Committee members are Ron (chair), Dan, Glenn. Phil Savard & Phil Gamache expressed interest at AGM. Ron will contact them to arrange meeting. Rules need to be finalized for publication in club roster.

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. Lyn prepared & presented a Profit & Loss statement Aug 15 to Sept 21. Also 5 year summary of income statements with projected for 2010. Motion by Dan to accept the proposed income statement as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam. Carried.

2. Total revenue from 2009 – 2010 registration fees is \$9000 lower than last season. Lyn needs everyone to look for ways to save money, curb expenses, increase revenue (fund raising), etc.

**Senior Men's:**

1. The Sr. Men's league had to get a little creative to keep all of their members playing this season; 52 curlers.

**Day Ladies:**

1. 30 ladies are curling in the Wednesday morning league, 12 spares. The spare master fills team vacancies as needed each week.

**Junior Curling:**

1. Some players from the competitive girls and boys teams came out to help with the open house
2. Junior rings are still not on the ice.....is it too late? Richard has contacted the municipal staff with a recommendation on how the rings can be added now that the ice is in. A request was sent to the municipality in August requesting the junior rings be put in before the ice went in. Richard will work the municipal staff to see if they can all come up with a viable solution as the rings are needed for the elementary program.
3. Wally Cooling (sp?) has recently relocated from Vancouver Island where he has done junior coaching. Wally may be available to take over the junior program from Judy at the end of December.
4. Club coaching clinic held at North Delta was attended by Julie Fass and Lorne Purchas
5. This weekend the junior girls' team is attending a competitive curling clinic; they are focused on school play downs and the BC Winter Games.
6. Junior girls' team has joined the Monday night ladies league, the boys' team is in Tuesday men's league and a few other juniors are playing in the Wednesday night open league.

**Fundraising Committee:**

1. Perk advised the block of movie tickets needs to be purchased thru a corporation. Perk has spoken to Larry Wood and he has kindly offered his assistance to make this happen. A block of tickets are purchased for \$7 each and then sold to club members for \$10 each. Richard offered assistance to send email blast to club members to make them aware of this fund raiser and get commitments for tickets (pre-sale). Motion from Lyn for the club to make advance purchase of 500 Cineplex movie tickets (approx. \$3500) for resale with estimated revenue of \$1500. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tina. Carried.
2. Dream Vacation lottery will begin after the movie ticket sales are complete.

**Curl BC Report:**

1. Richard attended the September meeting. There was no urgent business

**Web Site Report:**

1. On-line registration went well. Richard has been asked to set benchmark to track if any increase in use this season over last. Goal is to increase use of the on-line registration and decrease the quantity of mail out registration packages required (and reduce costs to the club).
2. Sandra advised that she has a colleague who is willing to revamp our TTCC web site "pro bono". Sandra willing to spearhead this project to give our web site a fresh new look. Home page draft to be presented to the board when ready.

**Bonspiel Committee:**

1. Oktoberfest has 26 curlers registered thus far. Each curler is guaranteed 3 games and a prize (beer stein). Pam will print up more posters and circulate to all league reps to ensure they are promoting this fun one day event.

**Social Committee:**

Nothing to report

**Old Business:**

1. Outstanding men's bonspiel live auction debt. Perk will contact Glenanne for the details and then contact the members to collect the funds owed.

**New Business:**

1. Sandra would like to have the 2009 – 2010 club roster delivered by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Print deadline would be approximately October 20<sup>th</sup>. All rules need to be reviewed and updated, club membership, teams, etc. Only 250 copies will be printed as information will also be available on our web site. Sandra will also contact all past advertisers for new ad space in roster.
2. Pam will work with Lyn & Richard on cost of goods sold for food & beverage (bar prices) based on cost analysis prepared by Lyn. Price recommendations to be presented at next meeting.
3. Lyn will apply on line for a Monday thru Friday gaming license to cover our 50/50. Separate license for all bonspiels and special events. Ticket prices are fixed at 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5.
4. Lyn suggested that we should make it a business practice to have an annual financial audit done by a CA or CGA. Motion from Perk to approve expenditure (estimate this year at \$525) for an annual financial audit & review for TTCC. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam. Carried.
5. Junior curling fees were discussed. Our policy last year introduced a "student fee" to attract university age members. This fee is the same as high school fee (curling, no banquet). High school program is \$110 for 1.5 hours weekly for 16 weeks. Student fee is \$178 for 20 – 21 weeks. Concern was raised that we don't seem to have a fee or program for a youth that has outgrown the junior (elementary) program and is too young for the high school program. It was suggested that we promote the Wednesday night open league as a league open to this age/skill curler. Also, fees are not based on age, but more by the number of games/weeks of curling, banquet, association fees, etc.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in Ice Chip Lounge**

Betty motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Seconded by Ron. Carried.