

February 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 Kerry Parking Curling AGM

Attendance:

Lorraine Gagnon, Myrna Proulx, Terry Sawyer, Olga Rhoades, Wilma Eskola, Ray Blackwell, John Gorrie, Roger Painter, Cliff Thesen, Cliff & Ellen Merriam, Ross Haggart, Mary Gibbs, Yvonne Riehl, Doug & Sylvia Riehl, George Baird, Pat Langelo, Ingrid Vermegen, Jens Liebgott, Chet Masse, Jan Giles, Sandy & Lynn Stewart, Graeme & Lisa Service, Rhonda Stoner, Zack Drought, Brenna Drought

Meeting was brought to order at 6:47 pm with 28 in attendance.

**The review of 2016 AGM minutes:**

Doug Riehl made a motion that the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 AGM minutes be accepted as read with George Baird seconding the motion. Carried.

Lorraine Gagnon made mention as an update on the minutes:

- >> the renaming of the curling club to Kerry Park Curling Centre was approved  
the renaming of the building was not approved
- >> the road signs and the lawn signs were approved  
the exterior signage for the building was not approved
- >> there is a large sign on the back wall out in the curling rink with the new name and logo: Kerry Park Curling Centre. A portable rollup sign was made for special events with the club name.
- >> the \$400. that was set aside in the budget for a corporate spiel was not used
- >> a new and very tidy storage bin was built out on the ice area for the club brooms

Roger Painter made a motion to accept the August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Fall meeting minutes as read, seconded by Ross Haggart. Carried. There was no discussion, no questions.

**Kerry Park Report:**

Neither Sheena Boyles or Kim Liddle were able to attend. Report was read by Lorraine Gagnon.

The curling rates for 2017 – 2018 season will be going before the Commission by late March/early April, 2017.

Staff is working on a transition for the user groups: contracts & billing will be easier to read.

The completion of the exterior of the building will be this summer

Chiller will be done by fall

Laminate flooring to be installed in the lounge and McLean room by the end of summer

Staff extended a thank you to the volunteers for working with the 400 school children that came through the program.

As well as the 32 children that registered for Family Day program.

**Financial Report:**

As Rosalyn Craig was unable to attend the meeting, the 2016-2017 financial report was read by Lorraine Gagnon.

Motion by Roger Painter to accept the financial report as read, with Graeme Service seconding. Carried. A copy of the financial report is attached to the minutes.

**Presidents Report:**

Read by the President: Lorraine Gagnon

A motion by Chet Masse to accept the Presidents Report as read, seconded by Mary Gibbs, was approved.

A copy of the report is attached to the minutes

**Elections:**

All the present executive allowed their names to stand for the upcoming term.

President: Lorraine Gagnon

Vice President: Myrna Proulx

Treasurer: Rosalyn Craig

Secretary: Terry Sawyer

Webmaster/Promotions: Myrna Proulx

Registrar: Rosalyn Craig

Curl BC Club Rep: Myrna Proulx

**New Business:****Curling referral & incentive program feedback:**

In general, for the first year, everyone thought the program was working very well.

Myrna Proulx spoke to the ease of 10 hours volunteer time with the school program

Graeme Service talked about the incentive of new equipment: brooms, grippers, etc

John Gorrie asked for a definition of a new curler to be reviewed

Chet Masse wanted to know how and where to find the volunteer required information

Rhonda Stoner suggested that needed volunteer information be posted on the website and face book.

League reps should be making announcements prior to going out on the ice for any upcoming events.

Sylvia Riehl asked if there could be a signup sheet posted on the hallway bulletin board.

### **New business from floor:**

5<sup>th</sup> player adoption: discussion about the use of the new curlers coming in that are not placed on a team. There are a number of teams that require an addition player(s) after Christmas (snow birders), bringing up the Juniors onto a Ladies or Men's team.

Rhonda Stoner motioned that the \$400. from last years budget that was not used by the Corporate spiel be carried over to be used in the next upcoming season. Chet Masse seconded the motion. Carried.

Family Day event was a success. Sylvia Riehl asked if there could be an additional day added. Myrna Proulx thought maybe there could be two separate sessions. Lorraine Gagnon advised that this project would have to be approved by the Recreation Centre.

Rhonda Stoner asked the President if the cost for the referral and incentive program was to much. Lorraine Gagnon advised, no, she thought the cost would have been more.

Chet Masse moved to continue the curling referral and incentive program with a revision: that the definition of a new curler be someone who has not curled in ten years or more and that \$25. be reimbursed for their dues. Graeme Service seconded. Carried.

Rhonda Stoner presented photos and cost to purchase a curler mascot costume. The costume with just the head was approximately \$2,000. and the full costume at \$4,000. Rhonda made a motion to purchase the curling mascot costume for promotion and marketing purposes for Kerry Park. Seconded by Myrna Proulx. Not approved.

Myrna Proulx asked about looking into the cost of junior curling rocks.  
Doug Riehl asked if the half way rings could be placed on all four sheets.  
Executive to research.

Chet Masse asked about the Curl BC Rocks/Rings program.  
Graeme Service advised that they have the contacts, if there is interest, it can be arranged.

### **Summer Spiel:**

Summer Spiel was a great success. 31 teams.

Lorraine Gagnon stressed again the need for volunteers to assist with this event. Erdmann Knaack is stepping down as the team contact co-ordinator. We need someone to step into this position quickly as the Summer Spiel is before the next curling season and contact needs to be made prior to this winter session finishing.

There was no Ladies spiel in November and no Men's spiel in February. Discussion as to the possibility of the leagues working together to promote a club spiel.

**Fall meeting date: August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Awards and Recognition:**

**Male Volunteer: Graeme Service**

**Female Volunteer: Myrna Proulx**

**Recognition:**

The Recreation staff had baskets of spring plants to recognise and thank Lorraine Gagnon, Myrna Proulx and Rhonda Stoner for the work and hours that they put into the Kerry Park Curling Centre.

**League Reports:**

Graeme Service spoke about his Junior curling program. Brother and sister: Zack Drought and Brenna Drought were present. They are very promising and enthusiastic curlers. Graeme spoke of growing the program from 8 kids in the first year to 24 kids in this his third year. He is looking for assistance and especially a strategy coach volunteer.

The League reports that were received have been attached to the minutes.

**League winners:**

As the curling session is not quite over, the winners of each league have not yet been announced.

**New League Executive:**

As the Curl BC book needs this information for print prior to June 1st, it is asked that each league representative contact either Lorraine Gagnon or Terry Sawyer to confirm the correct name, phone number and email address.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm**

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The male volunteer of the year is Graeme Service. Graeme is responsible for making the junior program successful. The junior program went from only a hand full of curlers to being full in a very time, this is due to Graeme's diligence and hard work. Graeme has split the juniors into two groups experienced and novice. He works with each group developing them. When a new curler joins he works individually on a separate day until they are ready to join the rest. He has encouraged his more experienced juniors share their curler enthusiasm and experience with the novice juniors. Graeme has taken the juniors to several junior spiels in the couple of years. In addition, Graeme arranged for Evergreen school students to come for curling instruction. Graeme's exceptional volunteerism has been recognized and appreciated by all members and curling centre executive.

**KERRY PARK CURLING CENTRE**  
**Income Statement for the period ending February 23, 2017**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
<b>INCOME</b>			
Advertising Income	\$2,350.00	\$2,350.00	
Membership Dues	\$6,307.00	\$5,973.00	(240X\$25) less life mem
Interest Earned	\$36.94	\$36.01	
Summer Bonspiel (Net)	\$604.74	\$1,620.98	
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$9,298.68</u>	<u>\$9,979.99</u>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
Advertising Expense	\$117.50	\$173.46	Includes Cobble Hill Fair
Advertising Signage	\$0.00	\$859.21	Signology
AGM Event (Net)	\$447.60	\$0.00	
Curl BC Dues	\$3,780.00	\$3,858.75	
Executive Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Incentive program - New Curlers	\$0.00	\$864.43	13 Brooms & 10 new curlers
Incentive program - Volunteers	\$0.00	\$821.50	6 people reimbursed - 2 for full
Insurance	\$983.00	\$1,032.00	
Junior Curling	\$366.00	\$723.00	Should be around \$350
Miscellaneous	\$150.12	\$133.72	Grippers
Office Expense	\$415.16	\$418.13	PO Box, Email account,
Pins	\$0.00	\$580.84	
Practice Ice	\$745.50	\$826.50	Extra Sunday in lieu of 4
Team Sponsorship	\$420.00	\$278.75	
	<u>\$7,424.88</u>	<u>\$10,570.29</u>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>\$1,873.80</u>	<u>-\$590.30</u>	

## President's Report – February 25, 2017

This curling season has been a very good year for the Kerry Park Curling centre. We have had a great many dedicated volunteers this year who were responsible for the success we have experienced.

We started promoting curling at the Cobble Hill fair in late August. Through the conversations we had with kids, their parents and others at the fair we benefited with a larger interest in our novice curling clinics, the junior program and our leagues.

Beginning in October we held two novice curling clinics and one refresher clinic. Again in January we held another novice curling clinic. In December and on Family day we held free curling clinics, where our volunteers taught approximately 40 kids and adults.

We are happy to report that the Tuesday night league was full with more individuals who wanted to curl in mixed. As a result we changed the Friday night doubles league for novice curlers to an instructional mixed curling night. The Friday night mixed league ran October to December and from January to March. Between the two sessions we saw approximately 20 curlers participate, many of which are brand new curlers and others returning to curling after several years away. They hope to encourage others to join next season so that this can become a full-fledged mixed league.

By the end of the season there will have been 16 school classes who have come for curling clinics. These schools were Discovery, Bench and Evergreen elementary schools and range in ages from 8 to 12.

The 2017 curling season saw a slight increase in the number of curlers in our main stream leagues. The junior league went from 12 juniors to 24 and I credit much of the success of this league due to Graeme Service and all of the volunteers who helped. The older juniors also participated by coming early and providing coaching and mentoring to the newer younger juniors. This league was full this year and can only increase if additional coaches can be found. As late as last week there were still kids who were asking to join the program.

Some of our leagues are still struggling to fill their rosters, like the Monday Night Ladies, the Thursday Ladies, and the Sunday morning league. I hope that through the incentive program and our generous volunteers that we can encourage new and returning curlers to join these leagues again. I know many of you promote curling with your friends and encourage them to come out and try the game. This is important to continue to have those discussions as this is one thing that each of us can do to assist the overall growth of our centre leagues. We also have lawn signs that we encourage you to sign out and place in a spot where people can see them.

There are still programs that we can introduce to the curling centre if we have the people who want to try the game, for example, we could have a stick league or a wheelchair league or a doubles league.

Sadly, we did not have either a ladies or a men's bonspiel. The ladies leagues were looking to partner with either the senior men's spiel or the open spiel organizers. The men's league who hosts the open spiel in February could not find anyone to organize the spiel. I hope that we can find a solution to both these bonspiels for next year.

At the same time we did have a very successful Summerspiel hosting 31 teams. I unfortunately do not know how the senior men's bonspiel went.

On a more positive note I was encouraged when were approached by several groups to provide curling clinics. Both the Scouts and the Beavers brought in 16 to 22 kids for clinics.

This season was the first year that we provided incentives for volunteering and new curler incentives. To date we have paid 6 volunteers half of one league dues because they accumulated a minimum of 10 hours of volunteering. There will be a few more who will have reached the 10 hours before the season ends. The curling incentives also included reimbursement of half of one league dues for those who sit on the curling centre main executive. As well, each brand new curler was provided with a new broom; there were 13 new curlers who received brooms. We also paid members \$25.00 for each brand new curler recruited.



I want to recognize one junior in particular because she is an inspiration for our curling centre. I first met Brenna Drought when she was recommended to me as a curler for my mixed team at last year's summer spiel. At that time she told me that she was doing a presentation to promote the game of curling at Kelsey High School during a lunch break. I attended that presentation and I can tell you that she loves the game that she lights up whenever she talked about curling and what it means to her. If I didn't curl already I would have signed up right then and there. The curling centre provided brochures which were given to interested students and they were invited to attend a free clinic hosted by the junior program. Some of these students joined Thursday night juniors. Brenna also volunteers whenever she is available to teach new curlers the game. Brenna's strengths are her sense of leadership, her love of curling and that she constantly spreading the word that curling is a game worth trying. I want to recognize Brenna because she is a valuable asset to our curling centre who has done a lot to help us accomplish our goal of increasing the curling centre membership particularly in the younger age groups.

Some of our performance accomplishments are: The Randy Zinkiew team proudly represented the Kerry Park Curling Centre by finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Pacific International Cup championship for club non-competitive curlers in Richmond. Dave Shortill's mixed team won the gold medal at the America Master's Championship in Vancouver last September.

Wes, Miles and Roz Craig have had a very busy year. Wes and Miles competed in the Canadian mixed, the Men's provincials and Wes in the Senior Men's provincials. Roz has been involved in many of these competitions as the coach, which is why she is not here today.

There is so much more that I could talk about but I will end it here. I believe that the curling incentive program and our volunteers are the reason why we've had a very successful year. In terms of overall effect on our membership numbers, I think we should continue the incentive programs put in place this past season. I am encouraged by what I have seen and I believe that a multiple year approach

will obtain have the desired affect by increasing our overall membership numbers and making our leagues stronger.

I encourage you to share your ideas and thoughts with me or other curling centre executive members. You can always reach me through the curling centre email address.

Please don't forget our summer bonspiel which starts September 13 or 14<sup>th</sup>. We will we be looking for members to help us organize this spiel. Meetings will start sometime in May.

Finally, I wish you all a healthy and happy off season.

Lorraine Gagnon

President

## School Volunteers – 2017 Season

Mike Allegretto	Heather Koniuk	Doug Riehl
Amanda Daines	Pat Langelo	Sylvia Riehl
Charlotte de Beck	Shirley Martin	Bob Savage
Mike de Beck	Myrna Proulx	Rhonda Stoner
Heather Foster	Linda Reid	Scott West
Jan Giles		

## Volunteers for Other Clinics (Free Curling Day, Family Day, Scouts and Beavers)

Jeff Bird	Lorraine Gagnon	Bob Williams
Amanda Daines	Other Juniors	Scott West
Brenna Drought	Doug & Sylvia Riehl	Kristi Zinkiew
Zack Drought	Rhonda Stoner	Randy Zinkiew

## Junior Program Volunteers

Jeff Bird	Graeme Service	Stephen Wiles
Lorraine Gagnon	Bob Williams	Scott West
Deb Morrow		

## Friday Night Mixed Instructional League Volunteers

Lorraine Gagnon	Myrna Proulx	Scott West
Derek Paton	Graeme Service	Ben Wilson

## Learn to Curl Clinic Volunteer (3 sessions October and January)

Lorraine Gagnon

## Cobble Hill Fair Volunteers

Amanda Daines	Myrna Proulx
Lorraine Gagnon	Rhonda Stoner

## Summerspiel 2016

Keith Ainsley	Erdmann Knaack	Terry Sawyer
George Baird	Pat Langelo	Rhonda Stoner
Lorraine Gagnon	Justin Matthews	50/50 Team
John Gorrie	Myrna Proulx	Al Sutherland (draw master)

## Broom Maintenance

Doug Riehl spent many hours cleaning and fixing the brooms. Thanks for your efforts

**Note:** There is more than likely a few people who have been inadvertently missed from this list. They are no less important than those who have been included. If you know of someone who I have missed please let me know so that the updated list can be included in the minutes. Lorraine Gagnon

MONDAY

## Kerry Park Senior Mixed League

Another great year with our league with nine teams and a great spare board when needed.

We had approximately 10 new senior curlers this year and everyone has really enjoyed themselves.

Our oldest curler is ninety- one and has been curling for 67 years.

At this time I would also like to thank the executive of our league for making it such a successful year.

George Baird ( Chairman of  
Senior Mixed League)

The Thursday Ladies League had 9 teams this year, the same as last year. Lorraine Gagnon joined the league, as did Cheryl Cameron and Sandy Wade. Due to an injury to one of the players Jodi Butler joined the Betty Cavin team after Christmas.

The schedule is not completed so no winner has been determined yet.

At Christmas the ladies joined another excellent luncheon prepared by the catering staff, along with lots of door prizes donated by the members.

It is nice to see more curlers from the Tuesday Ladies league stepping into the Thursday league as replacement players and spares.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ingrid Vermegen

Thursday Ladies League Rep

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Report.

Another amazing year for the Jr. Program. This is the third year of expansion and we have now grown from 8 kids in year one to 24 kids by year 3, with a wait list!

It's fair to say that with the current coaching staff we are at max. capacity. There is room to continue to grow this program, we will need to recruit a second committed coach, perhaps Eric Service.

This was year 2 with the introduction of the skills BC Badge Program. Over half our kids are now red Level curlers, with a quarter currently testing for their Blue level badges.

We've had multiple Jr teams attend bonspiels in Juan de Fuca, Victoria and Duncan. Including a road trip up to Parksville.

There a couple of our Sr. Girls playing in the Ladies league. Ideally we are looking to integrate a ladies and men's team into the leagues for next year.

We have a healthy account balance of \$2,184.21 from donations and support, including our own pullover sales. Which have received many compliments from other clubs and gives the kids a strong feeling of team and a sense of belonging.

Big thanks to helpers throughout the year, including Deb, Stephen, Jeff, Scott, and Lorraine!

Respectfully submitted,

Graeme

# Monday Night Ladies League 2016-2017 Report

We had to scramble a bit, but managed to have 7 teams in our league. One of the teams was skipped half the year by a junior curler. She was joined by another junior curler after Christmas.

I believe the juniors enjoyed their year and said that they learnt a great deal.

We collected \$20.00 from each player to help pay for the Christmas party and year end wind up. This worked out very well.

We had a hard time to generate enough money to keep the bar open week to week so we encouraged people to stay by having a draw at Christmas and the last night of curling. For every drink bought you put your name in the stocking for a prize. Myrna Proulx was the lucky winner of a \$30.00 gift certificate for Thrifty Food's. A thank you to Thrifty's for their generous donations.

We lost a week of curling this year due to a snow day. It was felt the roads were too dangerous and some people had a hard time getting to the main roads.

League winners have not been declared yet. Rhonda Stoner and Gloria Magee teams are tied and will be decided next week.

Prizes for this years winners will be handed out at the Ladies Banquet to be held Mar 27.

Once again another fun year of curling  
Heather Koniuk Mon league rep

## **KERRY PARK SELECT LEAGUE 2016-17**

- The league consisted of 9 teams playing a full schedule of 21 games on most Tuesday mornings
- All curlers in our league are members of the Pacific Coast Master's Curling Association (PCMCA) and, as such, support all the Lower Island bonspiels at other clubs within our zone. To accommodate those bonspiels, the league plays extra games on some Monday mornings.
- Only one new player joined the league this year; however, we had very high return rate compared to the previous year.
- The league champion will be determined in a sudden death playoff game on March 7, 2016 during our 9:00AM draw. Currently, the McLeod and Merriam teams are tied for first place.
- The league hosted the PCMCA Senior Open Bonspiel, October 31 – November 4, 2016. Twenty one teams participated in a modified Brandon draw with 16 teams making it the playoff round on the final day. The 'A' event was won by the Ainsley team from Kerry Park; the 'B' event by the Beggs team from Victoria, 'C' by the Simmons team from Juan de Fuca and 'D' by the Campbell team from Glen Meadows.
- The 2016-17 budget provided for a small deficit; however, the league is fiscally secure going into the 2017-18 season.



Senior Men's Curling Wed. & Fri.

Fall session 2015 – 13 teams      Jan.- Mar. 2016 session -11 teams

Fall session 2016 -11 teams      Jan.- Mar. 2017 session -9 teams

Overall we lost approximately 16 curlers and gained 8 new ones. A net loss of two teams per session. Losses not due to lack of enjoyment but age, injuries and moving away.

Our mini spiel occurs just at the end of this session on Mar. 8. The winner of the first session was a team skipped by Les Dale. There were 4 other teams in contention. These were teams picked at random. This session our random draw has resulted in Rob Laubman's team comfortably in front with 4 games to go. We may look to tweaking the random picks next session.

I thought participating at the Cobble Hill fair was a good idea. The website and Facebook page are also good ideas for attracting new curlers. I didn't see the form for new curlers to leave their names and phone #s on the website. I would like to see practice ice before the season starts if we have brand new curlers. They need an introduction before starting in a league.

We have two candidates for most improve player. Cliff Stainsby and Gary Greenman who recently switched to a stick.

Ross Haggart

President Kerry Park Senior Men

TUESDAY LADIES FALL SESSION 2016  
STARTED OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>. MARGIE PRINGLE,  
DEBBY ROSS & PATTI MACK JOINED KERRY PARK  
BUT HAD ALL HAD SOME EXPERIENCE.

JOANNA BLASZCZYK JOINED AS A TOTAL  
BEGINNER, AND IS GETTING PRETTY GOOD, IN  
FACT THEY ALL ARE.

OUR NINE TEAMS PLAYED UNTIL DECEMBER  
13<sup>th</sup>. ANN JAMES TEAM WON WITH 10 POINTS  
ANN'S THIRD WAS MARY HEATH WITH DENISE  
HOLLOWAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AND LEAD ANN JOHNSON.

ALMOST THE WHOLE LEAGUE WAS REALLY  
CLOSE IN THEIR SCORES. 4 TEAMS TIED WITH  
9 POINTS EACH AND 2 TEAMS HAD 8 POINTS.  
SO OUR METHOD OF CHOOSING TEAMS SEEMS  
TO BE WORKING. THE LOWEST SCORING SKIP  
PICKS HER 3<sup>rd</sup> FIRST FOLLOWED BY THE NEXT  
LOWEST, SO THE LAST SESSION'S WINNER PICKS  
LAST. SECONDS ARE PICKED THE OPPOSITE WAY  
AND LEADS FROM THE MIDDLE UP & DOWN  
ALTERNATELY.

MOST CURLERS RETURNED FOR THE SPRING  
SESSION - TOPPED UP TO 9 TEAMS WITH RETURNING  
SNOW BIRDS. OUR SNOWED-OUT GAME WILL BE  
PLAYED MARCH 7<sup>th</sup> FOLLOWED BY A FUN  
DAY MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>. WE DON'T KNOW THE TOP  
TEAM YET.

LINDA REID HAS AGREED TO BE THE  
LADIES' TREASURER WHICH RELIEVES LYNN  
STEWART SO THAT LYNN CAN BE  
TUESDAY LEAGUE REP. I'M FREE!

Pet Langels