

Prince Albert Golf & Curling Club
Annual Meeting
November 30, 2016

- I. John Toner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 60 members and 10 Board members registered.
- II. Dave Towers--Jacqui Wiesner – That the agenda as presented be approved. Carried.
- III. Brian Martin--Angus Hemsworth– That the November 23, 2015 Annual Meeting minutes be accepted. Carried.
- IV. Reports
 1. Presidents Report---John
Report attached
 2. Curling Report---Matt Sawatzky, General Manager
Report attached
 3. Golf Report---Darcy
Report attached
 4. Financial Report---Bobbi Bell
Copies of the financials were distributed to all present.
Angus Hemsworth--Marvin Erickson--that the financial report, as presented. be accepted.
Carried.
- V. New Business
 1. Jacqui Wiesner--Doug Hjertaas---that we waive the requirement for a review or audit for the 2017/17 fiscal year.
Carried. Unanimously
 2. Nominating Committee Report---Perry Hulowski
There are three Director vacancies to fill, for three year terms. The retiring Directors are Don Orr, Mark Krasicki and Larry White.
The nominating committee brought forward the names of the following persons who will allow their names to stand as Directors for three year terms;
-Brian Chambers
-Doug Braaten
Vic Gignac--nominated Don Code
Guy Mounce--Angus Hemsworth--that nominations cease
Carried.
The three new Directors will be Brian Chambers, Doug Braaten and Don Code.
 3. The 2017 Annual Meeting date proposed is Wednesday November 29, 2017, contingent on avoiding date conflicts with other major events.

4. The Revenue Generation Team noted that the Lottery Draw will be December 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rock and Iron. They asked that a final push be put on ticket sales as this is an important fund raiser for the Club.
5. John Toner welcomed the new Directors and thanked the retiring Directors for their past contributions.
6. John Toner--Larry White--moved that the PAGCC utilize 5 sheets of ice (4 through 8) for curling starting in the 2017/18 curling season
and,
If financially beneficial utilize sheets 1 to 3 for other uses such as figure skating, minor hockey, storage etc.
or,
If no financially beneficial use is found sheets will be decommissioned.

Discussion on the motion;

John Toner provided a brief outline of the financial reasons for the Board bringing forth the motion. The financial situation was critical last winter, near the point of having the power shut off and suppliers refusing to deliver goods. In looking at potential short and long term solutions to the financial situation one idea was alternative uses for some of the ice surface. The result was the Board approaching the Figure Skating Club to gauge interest. The Figure Skating Club was very interested and actually made an offer for the current skating season. This was seen as a major change to the Club and thus the decision made to bring the proposal forward to the Annual Meeting of the membership for input. It was noted that any decision on this matter was a non binding recommendation to the incoming Board, since conditions, costs, commitments etc could change, thus changing the Board decision.

The following are comments and questions brought up by members ;

- what is the projected cost of ice resurfacing, skating mats, boards etc?
 - research ongoing to establish costs.
- what is the cost saving from if three sheets not used for curling?
 - is about \$1200 per sheet .
- why sheets 1 to 3 and not sheets 8 to 10?
 - access to the big door maybe necessary for resurfacing equipment.
 - would have to bring sheets 9 & 10 into service at a minimum cost of \$10,000. This would be a City responsibility and the City has indicated there would not be money in the budget for this purpose.
- advertising money needs to be used for curling promotion. What has been done to promote curling?
 - a more aggressive promotion plan was put in place this past summer by the Communications Team, whereby a lot of personal contact was made with businesses, service clubs, employee groups etc to discuss curling opportunities.

This did result in an increased number in the Junior and Adult Learn to Curl programs.

- the financial situation has improved in the past few months with the changes Matt has made. Leave as is for now and give the new management a year to adjust.
- decommissioning would send a bad signal to curlers and the community.
- main emphasis for the ice surface should be curling.
- there is an issue of some spares curling for nothing in some leagues.
 - the Board has raised this issue with User Groups and asking their help in identifying these situations and taking action to resolve.
- hosting some events such as the Travellers would be in jeopardy.
- increase the curling fees by \$30 per curler to make up what is projected to be about a \$10,000 shortfall for the current curling season.
 - while curling numbers are up approximately 65 persons the revenue resulting is actually lower. This is due to the fact that most of the new curlers are in Learn to Curl and the Friday Six Pack where fees are minimal. The new curler fees do not make up for 12 fewer full time members.
- the Board should be recognized for thinking outside the box and bringing a new approach forward for discussion amongst the members for their input.
- those present were reminded that the PAGCC belongs to its members and as such relies on the members to support the PAGCC. Bringing family, friends and associates to PAGCC; and supporting PAGCC activities are necessary for PAGCC to be successful.

After a lengthy discussion there was a call for the vote on the motion. The motion was defeated.

VI. Pat moved to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 9:20 p.m. Carried.