

Glen Meadows Curling Association

2012-2013 Season

Annual General Meeting

March 21, 2013

Call to Order:

The President, Bruce White, welcomed everyone and noted that we had enough attendees to form a quorum so he called the meeting to order at 18:00.

Attendees:

Bruce White, Jack Campbell, Grant Marshall, Julia White, Donna Kotyk, Dan Eakins, Dorothy Wright, Lawrence Woytowich, Marilynne Gray, Lynn Wilson, Bob Donaldson, Ray Johnson, Daryl Homan, Brian Crossley, attended as Executive members. Paul Addison Lynanne Smith, Oleene Herman and Frank Kickbush plus approximately 8 other regular members attended.

Minutes:

Minutes of the last AGM of March 29, 2012 were read and adopted.

Old Business:

The only action item from the previous minutes was completed in that female candidates have been found to fill executive vacancies.

New Business Arising:

1. 2013/2014 Curling Season: Dan Eakins reported that he discussed the start-up dates for next season's curling with the Glen Meadows office (Helen). Helen said that we should expect next season to commence Monday 30 September for regular play and that Ice Breaker's would likely occur towards the end of the last week of September. Dan also mentioned that he had advised the office of next season's dates for the Masters bonspiel (11-14 February) so that the office could duly inform Curl BC and he advised all League Directors to also inform the office of their bonspiel dates before the Curl BC deadline for publication in its annual calendar. The due date is believed to be 15 May 2013.

Sec Note: Paul Addison has since booked two dates with the office for next fall's clinics – 6 October and 13 October.

2. Website: Frank Kickbush spoke on behalf of Tom Johnston, the Website Coordinator who was away in Calgary. He presented Tom's report which is attached to the original copy of these

minutes. Basically it was noted that not all Leagues are using the website to much advantage while others are. Future development of the website was also presented and discussed with the desire to tweak the website so it is friendlier for non-members of Glen Meadows to get information, in particular those who are seeking information about curling and becoming new members. In other words it is hoped to make the website a useful promotional tool as opposed to simply an information tool for current members. Frank said that next season he wants each League to have an individual designated as their website liaison to work with the Website Coordinator. Marilynne Gray came up with an idea that all thought brilliant – to have website information linked to the club’s TV screens to run promotional clips and feeds.

Motion: to give a hearty thanks to Tom Johnston for his excellent work on our website.

Paul Addison/Jack Campbell: **Carried**

President’s Report:

Bruce White presented his report; a copy of the original report is attached to these minutes. He commented on the start up of this year with the GMCA’s efforts assisting Glen Meadows to get the new ice chiller up and running. He highlighted this year’s activities by Leagues, including clinics and bonspiels. He credited the advancements we have made in communications because of the website and the newsletter “Rock Talk”. And he welcomed the new members joining the executive with their fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

Treasurer’s Report:

Jack Campbell presented his report; a copy of the original report is attached to these minutes. The GM Gaming account balance was \$3232.28 and the GMCA account balance was \$3878.34. He stated we have adequate funds to meet our requirements. He mentioned that Bill Blair will conduct a Financial Review in accordance with our By Laws; the Financial Review will be conducted after the March bank statements arrive.

Discussion arose regarding sponsorship funding. It was determined that our agreement with Glen Meadows Office (originally arranged between Lawrence Woytowich and the Office) must be renewed and that GMCA needs to determine how the funds are to be spent to best advantage. It was agreed that GMCA Executive will initiate a meeting with GM Office in April to pursue this item.

Action: *GMCA Executive to meet with GM Office re: Sponsorship Funding Agreement*

League Reports:

Each League Director's report is attached to these minutes. The lack of a Ladies Bonspiel was the top issue discussed. There will be a renewed push to get the Ladies Bonspiel back on the annual schedule of events for next season.

Election of Officers:

Current League Directors were advised to inform the GMCA who the new Directors are for their respective leagues.

Grant Marshall announced that incumbents holding Executive positions of Secretary and Treasurer were willing to remain in their current positions and that the Senior Advisor also agreed to remain in that capacity for another year. Grant presented nominated candidates to fill vacant GMCA Vice Presidents' positions with specific duties assigned to each position. The floor was opened for further nominations, none arising.

Vote: Grant Mashall was elected as the President GMCA and three Vice President positions were elected as follows: Oleene Herman, Lynanne Smith and Frank Kickbush.

New Business:

1. Support to the Club Challenge in Nanaimo: Grant Marshall explained what the Club Challenge was and what our previous support has been to Glen Meadows' teams attending. He also explained that this year teams were each given \$200 to pay for the entry fee.

Motion: Each team attending the 2013 Club Challenge in Nanaimo be supported by an additional \$200 to cover some of their transportation and accommodation expenses. Dan Eakins/Oleene Herman: **Carried**

2. Stick Bonspiel: Dorothy Wright explained the upcoming first ever Stick Bonspiel to be held on 24 March. Paul Addison raised an issue of scheduling conflict. The Sunday League's windup event is schedule for the same day as it is the last Sunday of the season. The conflict could not be diffused during the meeting so Grant Marshall agreed to meet with the Office to sort out the problem.

Sec Note: Problem subsequently resolved by slightly shifting times throughout the day so both events could occur on the same day.

3. Review of GMCA organization and structure: Grant explained about a recent meeting of the GMCA Executive to tweak our organization. More meetings and discussions will occur on this topic over the next year which will include a review of our Constitution and Bylaws.

4. League Directors for next curling year: Dan Eakins reported that he had not received any changes to next year's list of League Directors. Each Director was advised to advise the Secretary of changes as soon as they are determined.

5. Curl BC Report: Lawrence Woytowich explained Curl BC's function and benefits to GMCA. He mentioned he would like to find a replacement from Glen Meadows to be the Curl BC Representative. No replacement was determined at the meeting. Further discussion ensued about Curl BC's "Business Of Curling" symposium. Grant Marshall will raise this issue with GMCA Executive at future meetings to determine costs, benefits, recipients, etc.

Motion: GMCA to pay for the funds for a representative to attend the symposium out of our Gaming account. Lynanne Smith/Lawrence Woytowich: **Deferred**. After discussion the motion was deferred to a future meeting of the GMCA Executive.

Action: *Grant Marshall to raise at a future GMCA Executive meeting the issue of attendance at the Curl BC "Business Of Curling" symposium.*

6. PCMCA Report: Jack Campbell explained PCMCA's function and benefits to Glen Meadows leagues. He mentioned that PCMCA held a meeting a week past where they were looking at policies for zone members. They also resolved previous scheduling problems between PCMCA and Curl BC bonspiel/playoff dates. Jack also informed the meeting that Lawrence Woytowich had been appointed as the new Junior Director of PCMCA.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 19:30 after a hearty thank you to the outgoing President, Bruce White for all his activities and efforts of the past year. Bruce now assumes the duties of Past President of the GMCA.