



General Meeting of Members

April 25, 2023

Held at the Barrie Curling Club

Board members present: Renee Dadswell, Dave Hardwick, Donna Cooper, Rob Taylor, Norm Speake, Christine Pearson, Nina Martin, Janet Foster, Charlie Tardif.

Board members absent: Kyle Kitchen, Keeragh Robertson, Scott Loughran.

Club Manager Melanie Hughes present.

There were 48 attendees.

- 1) Renee Dadswell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- 2) Moment of Silence for members that have passed.
- 3) President's Welcome

Renee's full [President's Report](#) is available to read on the club website. Additional comments:

- Membership registration is now open
 - Pickleball starts soon
 - Renee opened a thank you note from Huronia Rotary which included a cheque for \$1,075 from the calendar fundraiser.
- 4) Motion to approve [Minutes of October 24th, 2022 Annual Meeting](#)
Motion by Christine Pearson, seconded by David Hein, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
 - 5) [Manager's Report](#)

See Melanie's report provided. No additional discussion.

- 6) League reports

Men's Section – no report

Women's Section (Barb Jackson)

- Reach out to Barb if interested in participating in or assisting with the Bazaar, which will be back in November 2023.

[Senior Section](#) – Bill Brown

- Bill read his report. No additional discussion.

[Senior Mixed CYO League](#) – Ray Martinelli

- Ray read his report. No additional discussion.

[Youth Program](#) – Dave Hardwick

- Dave's report is available online. No additional discussion.

- 7) Committee Reports – are all available on the club website and links below:

[Finance](#)

[Events & Volunteers](#)

[Bar & Kitchen and Lottery](#)

[Health & Safety and Leagues](#)

[Risk Management, Digram, City of Barrie](#)

[Bylaws and Policies](#)

[Membership](#)

[Property & Infrastructure](#)

[CurlON](#)

[Ice Quality](#)

Question: What is the latest on Digram?

Answer (Norm Speake): The developer is waiting to see what's approved by the City. The club is not in a hurry to progress at this time. At the Council presentation in April the BCC emphasized to the City that there are no other curling opportunities in Barrie. Asked for a delay in progress until the BCC is satisfied. Norm spoke with Ward Councillor Jim Harris and will continue to stay in touch.

Question: Is there something that can be done about the Sticky Fingers sign on Essa Road? It is an eyesore.

Answer (Norm Speake): It is on Digram land and the club does not have control over what happens to it.

Norm pointed out on a site map where the new access road will go. This means the parking will have to be realigned; the club is not in favour of this as the plan stands.

Renee thanked Norm and Janet Foster for putting the presentation to Council together, and the approximately 100 members who attended the meeting.

8) Questions from the Floor

Question (Jordan Zelt): New member this year who enjoyed the club and the ice. Why the cash balance of \$300K? What are the upcoming capital projects?

Answer (Donna Cooper): A few years back the club had the foresight to set up a whole property capital plan, known as the Capex spreadsheet. This includes all pieces, their life expectancy, cost at time of purchase, projected cost. On a rolling basis it costs \$70K per year to maintain capital obligations.

Since 2019 lots of big ticket items have been done – floor, compressors, boiler, etc.

This year the budget was about \$83K and included cameras and monitors (partially covered by donations), boiler, kitchen window, hacks, micrometers, sump pump and alarm, brine pumps.

The loan with Meridian was used to leverage the cash position rather than deplete. Current balance is about \$66K, matures in 2024. The club had the good foresight to leverage because Covid would have depleted cash flow. In reality the cash position is currently \$25-40K more than needed on hand. The roof work will be happening this spring. It is partly covered by the \$70K grant received from the City of Barrie. \$70K of the \$300K in cash on hand is that grant money.

Al McKenna: With the Ice Pad project, members saved about \$300K by doing most of the work themselves. James McNabb helping with the brine pump project will save additional material and labour costs.

Renee thanked James McNabb, Peter Lamers, Bernice Vasey for their contributions. Also Donna Cooper for seeking all savings and grant opportunities.

Question (John Ritchie): Is the Capex forecast rolling or static?

Answer (Donna Cooper): It rolls based on the life expectancy of the item(s). It goes to 2075.

9) Election of Directors

Cathy Baetz and Kathy Parliament were in attendance as scrutineers. Kathy Parliament operated the election.

There are 4 openings for 3-year terms. There are 3 candidates who have chosen to stand. Kathy asked for nominations from the floor.

Bill Brown nominated Gayle Coleman and David Hein. Gayle Coleman declined the nomination. David Hein accepted the nomination.

Kathy Parliament asked three times for additional nominations from the floor. There being none, Ross Campbell moved that nominations be closed. Seconded by Victoria L'Abbé. Motion carried.

The candidates each offered brief introductions of themselves.

With 4 nominees and 4 openings, there is no vote required except that one member casts one ballot. Past President Al McKenna cast a ballot to elect all nominees.

Renee thanked Kathy for running the election. The Board will elect the Executive.

*Board member Kyle Kitchen joined the meeting.

Renee introduced the 2023-2024 Board of Directors:

Kyle Kitchen (President)

David Bolsby

Donna Cooper

Janet Foster

Dave Hardwick

David Hein

Layne L'Abbé

Nina Martin

Christine Pearson

Keeragh Robertson (absent)

Norm Speake

Charlie Tardif

Renee thanked Rob Taylor, who has now completed two 3-year terms. Renee is also finished her term on the Board.

Kyle Kitchen thanked Renee for her efforts and welcomed new Board members.

10) Motion to destroy ballots – not required

11) Motion to adjourn

Motion by Rob Taylor that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Dave Hardwick. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.