

AGM, MAY 17, 2022

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past year had a good turn out for registered curlers, in spite of the uncertainty of anticipated Covid restrictions that may have been imposed on our curling season.

Unfortunately, we were not able to organize or hold any bonspiels this past year. If the present situations hold, we can expect that future bonspiels will be able to move forward in the next curling season.

The stick league was organized by John Surovy, with an increase in numbers from the previous year. John has done an excellent job in running the stick league and all appreciated his efforts and time put in to make a successful year, yet again.

The women's league did not have the numbers required to proceed this year. Trusting this fall will see a turn around and the OCC will have a women's league up and running.

The corporate league, organized by Dave McCombe, had 8 teams this past season. Thanks to Dave for his organization and running this league.

The mixed league consisted of 9 teams this past year in both the fall and winter sessions. Thank you to Arnie Janzen for his time and efforts as being the league's go to guy. Last season we only had 6 teams, a great improvement.

The men's league consisted of 8 teams, with Patrick Campbell and Arnie Janzen putting time into organizing this league.

The day league was run by Wanda Casorso, Cathy Thompson and Faye Kelly. This league consisted of 12 teams Monday and 10 teams Wednesday. Thank you to the 3 women for taking on the role of league representatives. As all can appreciate, this is the most difficult league to organize and set teams.

VOLUNTEERS

The OCC is very fortunate to have so many volunteers. We could not survive without this dedication. Many thanks to non-board members such as Roberta Dodge, Cathryn Pidduck, Don Bartsch, Walter Colk, Mike Kelly, Leo Rivera, Murray Soder, all the team leaders, and everyone who helped with our curling programs this season.

As well, thanks to all our bartenders, consisting of Diane Tetreault, Tracy Zandee, Rose Palamaruk, Dale Dodge, Mark Powell, Rick Martin, Jason Jones and Colleen Wilkinson.

It worked out very well with having 8 bartenders and 4 nights of curling. Every bartender had to provide their time only every second week. Rose put in extra time for the day league wind ups. Rick Martin and Mark Powell provided additional time for the Parks and Rec's hockey tournament.

As we are anticipating more events next season, with bonspiels, the annual auction and possible other social events, additional volunteers for bartenders will be required. All costs for taking the SERVE IT RIGHT course will be reimbursed by the OCC.

Please give some consideration in providing bartending services. Having additional bartenders available will make the process a lot easier for everyone.

The position of bar manager appears to be solid for next season. Unless some unforeseen circumstances arise, myself and Mark Powell will assume the position.

At this time it's not decided, but we may have a few persons stepping down from league reps. This may be clearer as the summer passes. I would ask that those interested to inform the board members of their intent.

POSITIONS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEERS

For those not aware, Diane Cameron and Jean Lederer are stepping down from the many years these two have provided club duties. These two have been a blessing for our club, and will be sorely missed. I cannot express my appreciation in just a few words or sentences as to what they have accomplished for the OCC and their countless hours of dedication over the years.

1) POSITION OF CLUB REGISTRAR

The duties include compiling all club registration for the various leagues with curler names given to the league representatives to make up teams. Sending a report to the treasurer so as the Curl BC and Curling Canada fees are paid. Keeping track of members paid and adult waivers signed. We do not anticipate COVID waivers being required this coming year.

Diane is willing to work with the new volunteer to get up and running.

2) GRANT APPLICATIONS

Jean Lederer has done an exceptional job in obtaining grants for our club. This position will require the person to look into grant opportunities, prepare applications and reports, and follow up. Grants are necessary for improvements to our building, equipment for the Junior, Learn to Curl and Senior programs, as well as other grants available to keep our club costs down.

Jean will be able to provide some guidance in these matters.

3) WEBSITE MANAGER

This position was jointly held by Jean and Diane.

This position will require the person to update the club's website, send out newsletters, maintain league teams and schedules online, and other duties regarding communications to our curlers through our website and email.

The OCC, since its existence, has relied on volunteers to keep curling club costs down. We have not increased registration fees for as long as I've been president. With the present rate of inflation, for utilities, insurance, and just day to day operating costs, it's been very difficult to run a profitable, or at least a break-even financial year.

Should we have to hire a club manager to assume many of the duties now undertaken by volunteers, the costs of running our club will be even more.

Unfortunately, I feel there has to be an increase in fees this coming season. Just how much will be dictated by the volunteer positions that have to be filled and/or the requirement for a paid club manager.

It's been a pleasure being the OCC president for the past three years, and I wish all the best to present board members and future.

Many thanks to the board members this past year: Tracey Marcy, John Leclere, Mark Powell, Brad Dufour, Terry Einarson, Arnie Jansen and Bob Shanks.

It's been a great group.

Thank you all again; stay safe and good curling.

RANDY GRANDISH, PRESIDENT OF THE OCC