

# Alexandria Curling Club

## The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

### Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	Duncan Ferguson	Frank Wetering	Scott Manktelow
	J.C. Poirier	Claude Sauve	Heinz Wagner
	Brenda Robinson		
<b>Absent:</b>	Ian Fraser	Andrew Harrison	Christina Spaeti
	Jack Terry		

**Guest:** Approximate number of members present 11 in the clubhouse and 3 via Facebook live stream (does not include board members listed above)

#### 1. Call to Order

Duncan Ferguson called the meeting to order at 2:09pm

- 1.1. Quorum – A quorum was present.
- 1.2. Additions to the Agenda – None
- 1.3. Adoption of the Agenda – Approval Moved By: Jim Poulton and Seconded By: Graham Vickers.

#### 2. Minutes

- 2.1. Review minutes from September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting as distributed for errors and/or omissions.
- 2.2. Approval of minutes from the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting  
Moved By: Heinz Wagner and Seconded By: Jim Poulton. All in favour motion carried.

#### 3. Directors Reports:

##### 3.1 Treasurer (Jack Terry)

Duncan presented Jack's report. (Refer to report).

Duncan indicated that the painting of the outside of the building and ice shed had been funded by the Township of North Glengarry in the prior year. Duncan also indicated the curling club did better than expected as the projected deficit had been estimated to be approximately \$51k if the club had remained closed for the entire curling season.

Treasurer report was reviewed and accepted as is.

Moved By: Paula Lavery and Seconded By: Linda Vickers. All in favour motion carried.

- 3.2 Bar (Christina Spaeti)  
Duncan presented Chris' report. (Refer to report).

Bar report was reviewed and accepted as is.

Moved By: Lillian McLean and Seconded By: Heather Morrison. All in favour motion carried.

- 3.3 Membership/Sponsorship (Frank Wetering)  
Frank presented his report. (Refer to report).

Membership/Sponsorship report was reviewed and accepted as is.

Moved By: Heather Morrison and Seconded By: Heinz Wagner. All in favour motion carried.

- 3.4 Property (Scott Manktelow)  
Scott presented his report.

Scott thanked the volunteers who helped with choosing the paint colour and the painting of the clubhouse. Scott also reported a new bench and boot racks had been placed at the main entrance. The new logo will be mounted on the entrance wall next week. New picture frames will be purchased to replace the old past president picture frames. Scott mentioned he was looking for a small committee of volunteers to help with hanging the picture frames on the walls. Heather Morrison, Linda Vickers, and Lillian McLean all offered to help with the project. Scott reported the club's carpet has been cleaned and the walk-in beer fridge has been repaired. Scott was also working on an Ontario Trillium grant application for two projects – the painting of the ice shed floor and the purchase of new rocks. The total cost for both projects is estimated to be \$90k. Scott thanked all the volunteers who have helped him in making the curling club to look the most welcoming and friendliest club.

Property report was reviewed and accepted as is.

Moved By: Paula Lavery and Seconded By: Jim Poulton. All in favour motion carried.

- 3.5 Ice and Rental (Andrew Harrison)  
Duncan presented Andrew's presented reports. (Refer to reports).

Ice and rental reports were reviewed and accepted as is.

Moved By: Heinz Wagner and Seconded By: Paula Lavery. All in favour motion carried.

- 3.6 Match (Ian Fraser)  
Duncan presented Ian's report.

Ian reported there had been a couple of changes to the format of the draws mainly due to the COVID restrictions and low membership numbers. Overall, Ian reported the matches went well.

Match report was reviewed and accepted as is.

Moved By: Jim Poulton and Seconded By: Claude Sauve. All in favour motion carried.

- 3.7 Bonspiel (J.C. Poirier)  
J.C. reported that no bonspiels were able to take place due to the COVID restrictions. However, J.C. said he was looking forward to organizing the in-club and inter-invitational bonspiels for the upcoming curling season.

Bonspiel report was reviewed and accepted as is.

Moved By: Paula Lavery and Seconded By: Heinz Wagner. All in favour motion carried.

- 3.8 Kitchen (Heinz Wagner)  
Heinz presented his report.  
Heinz reported there had been no kitchen activities due to the COVID restrictions. Heinz thanked all the kitchen volunteers who had helped and supported him over the last four years. Heinz wished everyone well and would help the new kitchen director with the transition.

Kitchen report was reviewed and accepted as is.

Moved By: Jim Poulton and Seconded By: Heather Morrison. All in favour motion carried.

- 3.8 Communications (Claude Sauve)  
Claude presented his report. (Refer to report).  
Jim Poulton thanked Claude and Duncan for their efforts during the curling season.

Communications report was reviewed and accepted as is.

Moved By: Linda Vickers and Seconded By: Lillian McLean. All in favour motion carried.

#### **4. Committee Reports:**

- 4.1 Juniors Coordinator (Vacant)  
J.C. thanked Mike Finnerty for taking over the role as Junior Coordinator for the past curling season. J.C. reported he is still looking for a Junior Coordinator for the upcoming curling season.

#### **5. Election of Directors:**

- 5.1 Duncan declared the positions of the Board as being vacant. Duncan indicated there were a couple of individuals who would like to come off board due to circumstances if possible. Duncan called for nominations from the floor – first call, second call and third call. Duncan then closed the nominations from the floor. The nomination list is as follows:

Duncan Ferguson	Jack Terry	Scott Manktelow
J.C. Poirier	Ian Fraser	Claude Sauve
Frank Wetering	Brenda Robinson	Andrew Harrison
Peter Horton	Jen Fraser	

Resignations and additions to the board were accepted as is.

Moved By: Heinz Wagner and Seconded By: Lance Laviolette. All in favour motion carried.

The following directors have resigned:  
Bar Director – Chris Spaeti  
Kitchen Director – Heniz Wagner

Duncan thanked Heinz and Chris for all their hard work on the board done over the past several years. Duncan also said he was looking forward to working with the new directors.

## 6. Other Business

### 6.1. Open Discussion of 2020-2021 Season and Outlook for 2021-2022 Season

Discussions included:

- Board would like to see every member do at least one volunteer activity this year.
- Volunteers are needed to help with bar and kitchen duties.
- 40% of the registration for the past curling season had been done online.
- Members must be vaccinated in order to curl in the 2021-2022 season.
- Club will be following the OVCA and EOHU directives regarding the vaccine passport requirement.
- Jim Poulton asked if anyone would be interested in attending the Super Seniors Bonspiel taking place in Valleyfield on October 13<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- Cornwall, Lancaster, Maxville and Vankleek Hill curling clubs will be opening for the 2021-2022 season.
- Denis Barsalo will be coordinating the ALTC program for the 2021-2022 season and is looking for volunteers to help him with the program.
- Members who get their friend/family member to enroll as a new member will get a \$50 membership discount as long as the individual has not been a member before.

## 7. Adjournment

### 7.1. Closing Remarks

Duncan thanked everyone for coming to today's AGM meeting and all the volunteers who had made a successful past curling season. Duncan reminded everyone that the Opening House will be taking place on October 3rd, 2021.

### 7.2. Adjournment of meeting at 3:07pm

Motion to adjourn:

Moved By: Heinz Wagner and Seconded By: Paula Lavery

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  
Brenda Robinson

President \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  
Duncan Ferguson

## **AGM Final Report**

**May1,2020 – April 31,2021**

**I am reporting our activity for the above period of curling.**

**As you are all aware Covid is still affecting our lives and therefore our curling season. We had to close several times during the past season as dictated by our government officials. This has caused limited Revenue, however we still have our normal monthly expenses such as (hydro, phone, water/sewer etc.)**

**This resulted in another tough financial year for our club. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for details covering this period.**

**At the end of the reporting season we have a balance of \$24,969.36 in our operating account.**

**This will be the amount to start off our season commencing May1,2021.**

**Although it was a tough year financially we were still able to do several different projects which were in the works.**

**A new outside sign was installed to keep the community aware of our club activities and updates. Cost of \$2500**

**The painting of the outside of the building. Cost of \$17,000**

**Property taxes for the year paid in full.**

**Cleaning of the Ice Shed floor.**

**Fire Insurance**

**A debit machine was also added in the Bar.**

**The coming season is still somewhat up in the air but we plan to open as usual with the Covid rules in place.**

**I wish to thank the board members for their continued support. Updates will be forthcoming in future as to the stability of our club finances.**

**Jack Terry**



A big thank you to all the bar volunteers who kept the bar running throughout the limited and shortened curling season. Needless to say, that the last season has been a difficult one to plan for the bar with lots of restrictions and looming lockdowns in sight. We were able to keep costs for the bar low by selling remaining beverage stocks first before refilling the fridge, putting bottled beer on sale and keeping stock in general to a minimum. We also switched all our beer inventory from bottles to big cans for safety reasons and introduced a debit/credit machine as an additional payment option.

This seasons total income was \$10332.40 and expenses were \$3679.44 for a profit of \$6652.96. Our total tips for the season were \$481.65. Bar Revenue has been down significantly this year due to the restrictions and lockdowns of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, less registered curlers and the absent of bonspiels.

As I am stepping down from my duties as the Bar Manager of the Curling Club i wanted to take the opportunity to thank all the board members for their hard work over the last couple of years, especially this past year in navigating us all through a safe and fun curling season.

Wishing the new Bar Manager the best of luck in his/her new position. I will certainly be available for any questions throughout the season and will make sure that the transition will go over smoothly.

Stay safe and healthy.

Cheers,  
Chris

**ALEXANDRIA CURLING CLUB  
BAR REPORT - YEAR TO DATE 2020-21**

Month	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Total
# of events		1	3	2		1	4	0	0	0	0	0	
Beer Bottle		15	300	269		76	80						740
Water		1	9	8		4	13						35
Wine glass			6	3		1	8						18
Liquor 1oz		2	8	5		2	14						31
Beer Can				150		85	505						740
Corona			4	4									8
Fruite Juice			16	13		7	24						60
Premium Liquor 1oz		1	2	3			5						11
Guinness		3	18	5									26
Soft Drink		2	36	40		6	37						121
Coolers			37	23		1	17						78
Premium Scotch		2	11	21		6	14						54
Cassel Beer		3	112										115
Rurban Beer			3	83									86
Carbonated Water			13	11		3	17						44
Mixed Liquor Drink		1		2			3						6
Wine bottle													0
Draft pitcher													0
Cider			3	3		1	1						8
Radler			3	2		1							6
0.5 Beer			1				1						2
Chocolate Bar			14	19		7	13						53
Peanuts		1		1									2
Chips			36	81		14	39						170
<b>Total Sales</b>		<b>\$132.75</b>	<b>\$2,536.50</b>	<b>\$2,903.00</b>		<b>\$825.00</b>	<b>\$3,586.25</b>						<b>\$9,983.50</b>
<b>Tips</b>				<b>\$228.25</b>		<b>\$45.55</b>	<b>\$207.85</b>						<b>\$481.65</b>
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$2,536.50</b>	<b>\$3,131.25</b>		<b>\$870.55</b>	<b>\$3,794.10</b>						<b>\$10,332.40</b>
<b>Deposits</b>		<b>\$2,905.00</b>	<b>\$635.36</b>	<b>\$2,433.49</b>		<b>\$205.46</b>	<b>\$3,508.80</b>						<b>\$9,688.11</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>													
LCBO													\$0.00
Beer Store				\$2,054.12		\$296.92							\$2,351.04
Independent													\$0.00
Rurban Brewing				\$165.43		\$504.43	\$504.42						\$1,174.28
Beau's Brewery						\$54.38							\$54.38
Cassel Brewery													\$0.00
Pepsico													\$0.00
Capital Draft													\$0.00
Wholesale Club						\$68.44							\$68.44
Misc			\$31.30										\$31.30
Ecolabs			\$0.00										\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$31.30</b>	<b>\$2,219.55</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$924.17</b>	<b>\$504.42</b>						<b>\$3,679.44</b>



## Membership Report – 2021 AGM

This past season 2020-2021 being a Covid-19 Pandemic season we saw our membership drop from previous years.

YEAR-OVER-YEAR MEMBERSHIP TOTALS:		
2014-2015	194	na
2015-2016	225	116.0%
2016-2017	229	101.8%
2017-2018	226	98.7%
2018-2019	228	100.9%
2019-2020	226	99.1%
2020-2021	155	68.6%

Our biggest loss during this past Covid-19 season was in the “Senior Members” class where our registration dropped by 35 (77 to 42) curling participants this past season.

Our “Social Membership” went from 27 in the 2019-20 to 50 this past season. This was a nice gesture from many of our members as it was a way in supporting the club financially.

It is also worthy of a huge thank you to many members who donated \$2,595.00 in addition to their regular membership fees.

This past season we had 10 members from our neighboring Glengarry Curling Club play at our club under a special agreement. This number is not reflected in our membership totals.

This past year we also had the sad news of three members passing away. Our hearts went out to dear members Deryk Anderson, Ron Harmison and Gilles Roy.

As per our Bylaws article # 3 our total voting membership for this year’s AGM – 2021 stands at 144 members. In general, members must be 18 years of age or older that have signed up this past year.

Membership Financials for the 2020-2021 season totalled \$31,545.00. This total does not include the \$2,595.00 registration donations received.

2020-2021 Membership Income	\$31,545.00
2019-2020 Membership Income	\$49,039.00
Membership \$\$ Change Y-to-Y	64.3%

Membership

Frank Wetering

Date:

Director

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Aug. 8, 2021

## Ice Director Annual Report for the Year to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

The 2020-2021 season can be considered a success despite multiple play interruptions caused by COVID 19 health restrictions. As a club we implemented new protocols to fall in line with EOHU mandates, which allowed players to return to the ice in the safest way possible.

The season started late on Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>, partially due to introduction of the safety protocols, but also due to brine replacement issues within the chiller. The brine had not been replaced in many years and given the previous problems we had with the unit, it was decided the prudent thing to do was use new brine. This also ensured that the warranty on the replaced chiller unit would be honoured – if anything had gone wrong again it would not be due to old brine related chemicals. The replacement of the brine and related adjustments cost the club approximately \$5,000 but should last many years. The latest sample of brine looked good and the ice plant should be running at full capacity for the upcoming 2021-2022 season.

The ice was of its usual high standard for the season and we did receive positive comments in this regard from some of the players who usually play at other clubs where they did not open for the season. Thank you to Jim Poulton for continuing to provide a great surface to play on. Also I'd like to thank to everyone who assisted Jim during the season; in particular Dan Sloan, Dennis Prieur, Richard Ingram and Ian Fraser.

In the instances where play was not allowed due to governmental restrictions, the ice plant was put in set-back mode. This kept the costs as low as possible, but also allowed for the ice surface to be made ready within a couple of days whenever we were allowed to reopen. The season ended on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March due to governmental regulations. Although this shortened the season, I believe all the members who did play really enjoyed it, the club did have a positive impact on its members during some hard times.

The members who did play last season followed the protocols well; masks were always worn in the ice shed (and only removed when delivering or sweeping, on the nights that was allowed), rocks were sanitised before and after each game, physical distancing was generally well respected and scoreboards were not used. There were no recorded Covid-19 exposures in the club during the year.

We will confirm with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit what protocols are needed for the coming season nearer the start of the season, since Covid-19 is an ever-developing situation, but it is expected that some restrictions may be lessened. The season is planned to begin on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Prepared by: Andy Harrison

## Rental Director Annual Report for the Year to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

At the start of the 2020-2021 season the Board discussed rental of the club to external parties and decided not to proceed during this time, due to COVID restrictions and member safety. It was also deemed to be impossible to make future bookings, as governmental restrictions changed constantly throughout the season.

We did take one booking from International Auction House, who use the club annually, this year in April 2021. They only saw 7 people throughout the day and had safety protocols in place; details were taken for contact tracing, plexiglass dividers were put in place and sanitizer was available, masks were required at all times. This brought in \$250 to the club.

This fall, we have rented the hall to a couple of small groups in order for them to hold their AGM. As per requirements, the necessary protocols have been followed.

The Board will review the rental situation for the upcoming year and hopefully we may be able to offer some rentals, albeit at a reduced capacity, however rentals will only be taken if the safety of our members is not compromised.

Prepared by: Andy Harrison

## Communications Report

- The list of all members (active and past) has been uploaded to the Mailchimp email app. We currently have 268 names on this list.
- 30 emails were sent over the past year. Big thanks to Flora who regularly helped me writing these posts. She knows everyone in this community! 😊
- We have completed the production of a new logo for the club which will be officially launched in the coming weeks:



- New Clubwear with the new logo will be available to members in the next few months.
- The club website is currently undergoing a complete overhaul. The new site will have more features and will make it easier for members to find all the useful information. The new website will also include a new communication app that will manage our members list in replacement of Mailchimp, and will let the members choose what type of emails they wish to receive.