

Lancaster & District Curling Club Meeting Minutes

April 12th, 2023

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

1. Meeting Opening

1.1. Call to Order

1.1.1. Elizabeth McCormick called to order a meeting of the LDCC board members on April 12th, 2023, at 6:28 pm.

1.1.2. Present: Elizabeth McCormick, Nigel Carlisle, James Doonan, Colleen MacCulloch, Heidi Gauthier, Leeanne Dumoulin, Eugene Balangero, Lynne Hurtubise

1.1.3. Regrets: Crystal Seguin, Marianne Ewence, Linda Sinfield

1.2. Approval of March Minutes

1.2.1. Motioned by Alain to approve the March Minutes. Seconded by James.

1.3. Additions to Agenda

1.3.1. Add TV Discussion

2. Updates:

2.1. Treasurer's Report

2.1.1. The accounts are in good standing

2.1.2. An invoice coming from CORPUT PLUMBING and final bills for Ice Maintenance are still outstanding and required to finalize the financials for the financial year.

2.1.3. There is potential to spend some money in the summer for some projects around the curling club, this will be discussed later in the meeting.

2.1.4. See Appendix 1 with Treasurers Report

2.2. End of Year Party – May 27th, 2023

2.2.1. The year-end party date has been confirmed. A poster and theme will be announced to the members soon. If interested in assisting, please reach out to Nigel as there will be lots of jobs to do on the day of the event.

2.2.2. Silent Auction – Lynne and Liz are working on getting donations for the silent auction for HOSPICE.

2.3. Glengarry Cup

2.3.1. Nigel reports that the glengarry cup was a successful event for Lancaster. He would like to thank all members who volunteered their time. Lancaster Curling Club secured the win this year.

2.3.2. Nigel will be creating a hosting guide for future Vice Presidents as this event has many components to consider that the organizer should have well in advance.

2.4. St. Patrick's Day summary

2.4.1. Details are delayed until the next meeting. Overall it was a successful event, timing and attendance was well done. We made roughly \$1,000 net profit for the club.

2.5. Trillium updates

2.5.1. Closing out our Trillium funding will be done at the closing event, MPP Nolan Quinn will be in attendance.

2.5.2. Trillium money will be announced to recipients in August. The Board will have to do some careful logistical planning as the projects that we are looking at are required to be done in the summer. This will cause some issues when getting quotes this year for next year's work.

2.5.3. James will be creating a subcommittee to review accessibility at the curling club (washrooms specifically)

2.6. Newsletter

2.6.1. If you have any items you wish to have in the April Newsletter please send them to Nigel by Friday. Goal is to have a newsletter go out next week.

3. Matters for Decisions:

3.1. Pebble Heads – Form Vote

3.1.1. For - 12

3.1.2. Against – 0

3.1.3. Motion Passes

3.2. Wet Dry Vacuum – Form Vote

3.2.1. For - 12

3.2.2. Against - 0

3.2.3. Motion Passes

3.3. Bartender Smart Serve Recertification – Nigel

3.3.1. Nigel made a motion to reimburse members \$20.00 in a curling club gift card after proof of bartending at the Lancaster & District Curling Club. James seconded the motion.

3.3.2. For – 8

3.3.3. Against – 0

3.3.4. Motion Passes

3.4. Eaves – Leanne

3.4.1. Leanne made a motion to replace all the gutters at the Lancaster & District Curling Club – DEFFERRED until more quotes are submitted.

3.5. Dehumidifier – Alain

3.5.1. Alain made a motion to repair the dehumidifier – DEFFERRED until we get more information.

4. Matters for Discussion:

4.1. OVCA Symposium

4.1.1. Liz, Colleen, Leanne and Nigel will be attending the Symposium in Ottawa on May 6th.

4.2. Bonspiel Update

4.2.1. Nigel went over a new method for planning and reporting bonspiel financial information with the board. Some concerns were brought up by the board members as modifications, these will be addressed before the start of the next season.

4.2.2. In the fall, the Board will host an information/training session for Bonspiel organizers on how to use the worksheet to assist them with the financial portion and logistical planning portion of a bonspiel.

4.3. Nomination Committee for Future Board Members

4.3.1. An email was sent out to membership looking for Board Members to join next year. Another email will be sent out in May with the Roles and Responsibilities attached for members to review.

4.4. Future Website Features

4.4.1. We are sending out the survey to the Board again to get more feedback on features that we would like to see implemented. Once a list is made the list will be shared with our website administrator and the web development team to update our website.

4.5. Williamstown Fair

- 4.5.1. Elaine Warden will be the team lead for the Saturday and James will be the lead for the Sunday
- 4.5.2. Email looking for volunteers to donate and source supplies for the event will be sent out at a later date.
- 4.5.3. James is going to look for a new cooking surface for the fair and will bring some solutions to the board to consider. This will make the production more efficient for this year.
- 4.5.4. A Perch supplier should not be an issue for this year.
- 4.5.5. We have approached the Williamstown Fair board about hosting the outdoor summer curling rink from Curl Ontario/OVCA and we are currently awaiting approval.
- 4.6. Pickleball
 - 4.6.1. Pickleball is a go for the summer. James will be creating a committee to run/manage pickleball.
 - 4.6.2. Members organizing/running pickleball will receive a code for alarm and door for the summer months
 - 4.6.3. Pickleball will be offered at a cost of \$5 Drop-in fee per event or \$25 for a month unlimited use.
- 4.7. League Survey Report
 - 4.7.1. Nigel presented the results from the form survey. These results will assist the Match Chair and the Board to determine the distribution of leagues for the upcoming year.
 - 4.7.2. The presentation is attached as an Appendix 2 below to see the results.
- 4.8. Men's washroom
 - 4.8.1. Men's washroom was fixed it was a faulty flapper in the toilet.
- 4.9. AGM
 - 4.9.1. The AGM will be held on June 14th, 2023.
 - 4.9.2. James and Liz will be hosting the event.
 - 4.9.3. An email to members will be sent by the end of May with the Agenda and invitation.
- 4.10. Memberships
 - 4.10.1. Reviewed Membership Policy draft
 - 4.10.2. Lifetime Membership will continue to be offered. Clarification on Social Membership rights was discussed.
- 4.11. Summer Projects
 - 4.11.1. Nigel will resend out the Survey to all board members on the projects they would like to see at our club
 - 4.11.2. As a Board we will determine which projects are financially feasible and a priority for the curling club.
- 4.12. Club Jackets
 - 4.12.1. Jackets that are in stock at the ProShop onsite are the final jackets. Bill Hughes is looking into new products for the fall.
- 4.13. Board Member Roles & Responsibilities
 - 4.13.1. The Roles & Responsibilities will be emailed to all Board members to review prior to next meeting. If there are any modifications, please notify Nigel so they can be updated before being distributed to the members.
- 4.14. TV Service
 - 4.14.1. We are looking into the suspension of TV services for the summer months.
- 4.15. Ice

4.15.1. Updates on some requests from the ice which will be submitted to the Board through the wish list and will be considered through the grant applications.

5. Action List

Action	Members Involved	Actions Taken/Date Completed
Review Membership Prices	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May • Consider insurance coverage Membership fees for Curling associations.
Policy Documents	All	<p>Policies in Progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Advertisements - Fundraising/Sponsorship • Health and Safety - President/VP • Membership Fees & Schedules - Membership/Treasurer • In-House Bonspiel - Match • Purchasing Policy - Treasurer • Rules and Conduct - President/VP • Complaints - President • Food Handling - Kitchen Chair • Bar Tenders - Kitchen Chair/Bar Manager • Club Communications - Secretary • Cash Management - Treasurer/Bar Manager • Charitable Donations - Treasurer • Code of Conduct of Board Members - President • Concussion - Marianne • Corporate Credit Card - Treasurer • Criminal Background Check/Vulnerable Sector Check - James/President • Disposal of Club Assets - House • Ice Technician Hiring/Contract Process - President/Ice • Freedom of Information and Privacy - President • Fundraising - Fundraising/Sponsorship • Record Management - Secretary • Social Media - Secretary • Website - Colleen • Volunteers - VP

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant applications - Long-Term • RFPs - Long-Term
6.	League Distribution	Match Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alain, Seconded by Leanne.

Appendix 1

Appendix 2

Future of Leagues

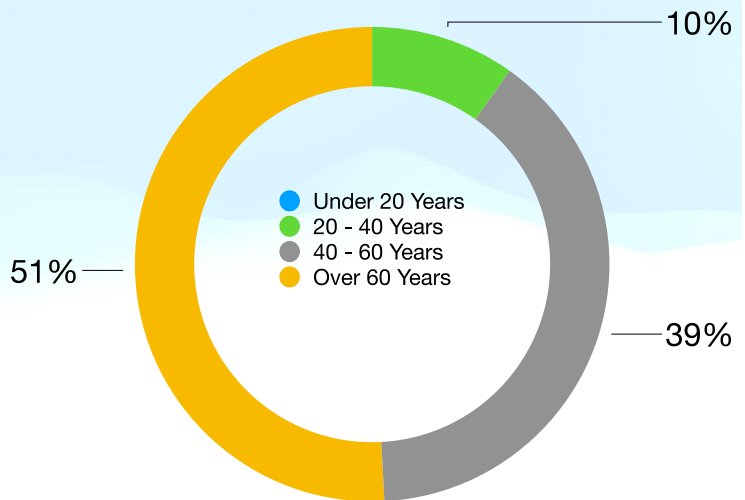
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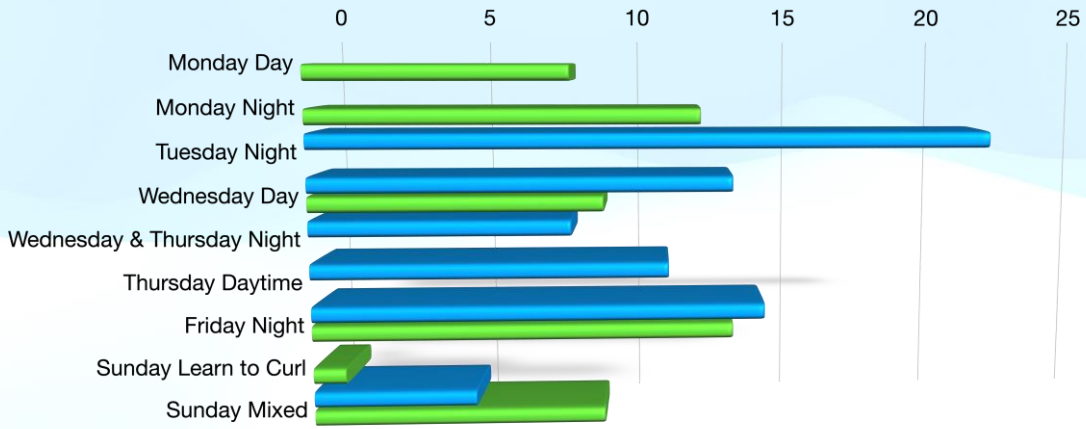
Demographics

The information in this report is derived from 61 participants.

50/50 Split for Gender



Current Leagues

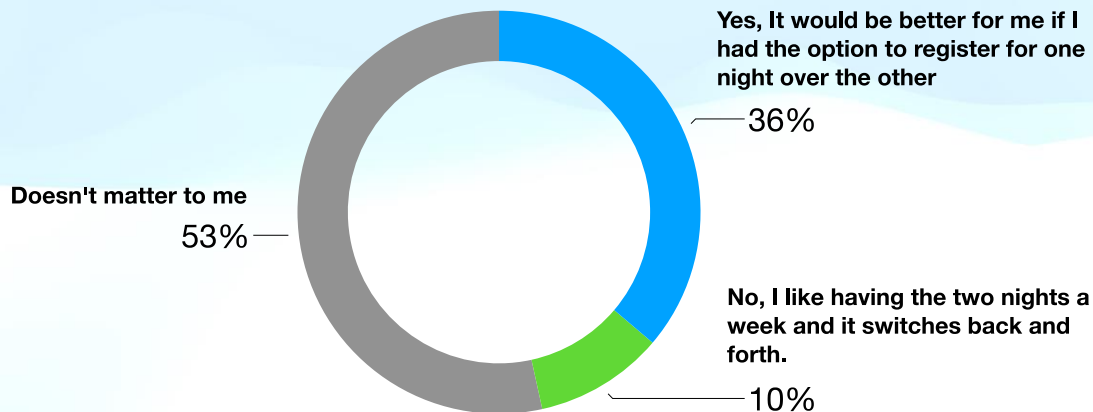


Mixed Doubles League

Would you be interested in a mixed doubles league?



Would you like to see the Wednesday & Thursday League split into two separate night leagues?



Wednesday Night Fun League - For players that are within 2 seasons after Learn to Curl and include anyone else who wants a fun night instead of competitive.

Thursday Night Competitive (non-fixed teams/several draws) - For those curlers after 2 years of Learn to Curl graduation and anyone else interested in competitive.

Scheduling leagues and making up draws is always challenging, especially when we have so many new curlers. In my past experience it's been difficult to make up balanced teams, but I know each convenor does their best. Thank you to all our board members for their efforts to encourage our new members, and to make the game enjoyable for all. You can't please everyone!

....That league has certainly changed, and I get it, because we've lost members and we gained many! Thank God for the Learn to Curl! Having said that, I along with others (who may not feel comfortable bringing it up) have found that the original model of Thursday Night Mixed was to have a somewhat competitive league that rotates teams with several draws, where all teams are balanced with relatively skilled & experienced players. It used to be a great league on Thursdays where there was healthy competition. I guess I sort of half expected it to be that way when I switched over for the last 2 draws, but to be completely honest, I found it to be very frustrating.....

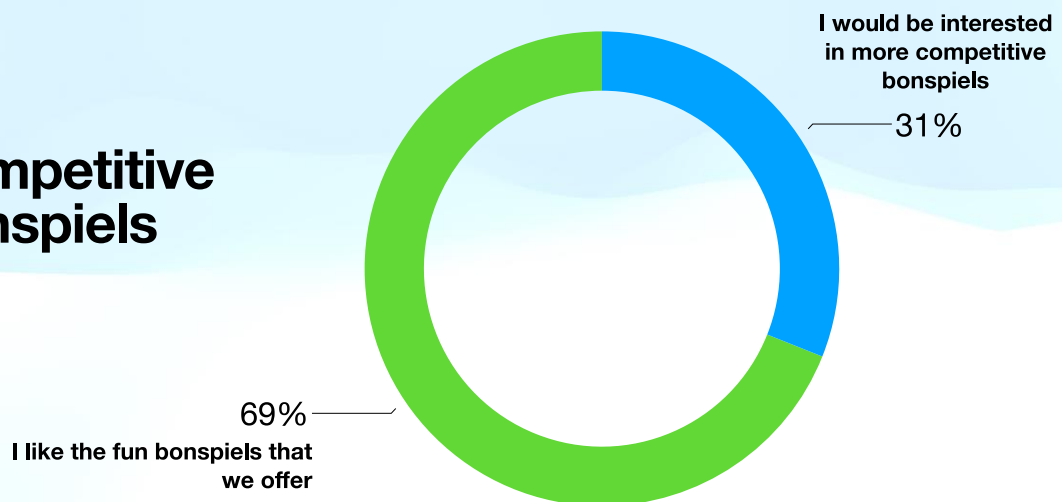
Maybe divide according to experience? Under a certain number of years on one night; over that on the other.

The makeup of teams and scheduling I know is a nightmare for those responsible. I personally feel the only competitive night curling is Friday. I can't speak for the leagues that I don't curl in.

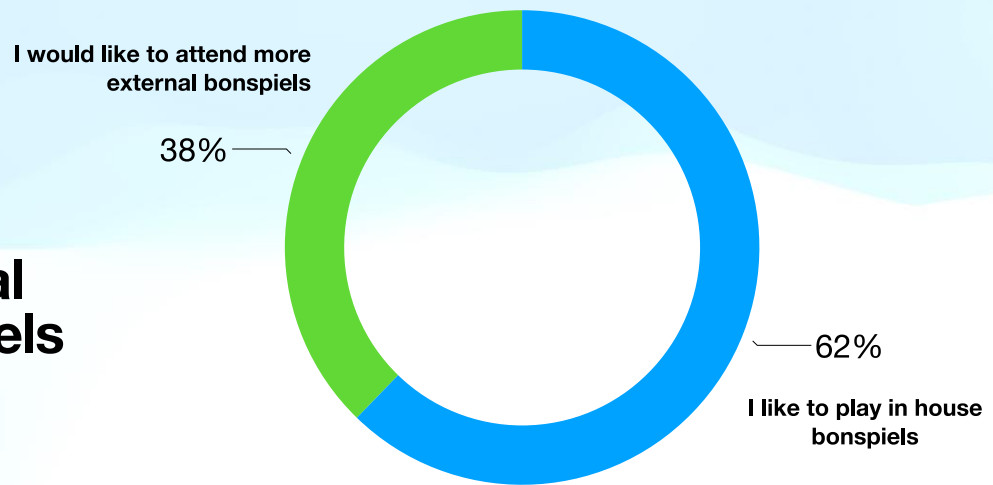
Bonspiels

Things to take into consideration before we determine what to do for next year. This topic will be brought up again in the June/Summer Meeting.

Competitive Bonspiels



External Bonspiels



Invite Outside Members Bonspiels

