

**EAST YORK CURLING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday September 21st, 2020
7:30 PM**

Executive in attendance:

President	Gerald O’Grady
Vice President	Yuval Grinspun
Treasurer	Brian Ma
Director of Sections & Members	Kathleen Ryan
Director of Bonspiels & Special Events	Tara Cotter
Director of Communications & Digital Content	Brenda Kritsch
Director of External Relations	Aidan Ritchie
Members at Large	Simon Nelson
	Josh Mudrick
Past President	Jason Chang
Club Advisor	Vicki Marianchuk

1. Call Meeting To Order at 7:30 PM
2. Approval of Agenda – Schedule A

Motion: Yuval Grinspun Seconded: Jennifer Kwok PASSED

3. Approval of Minutes of 2019 AGM – Schedule B

Motion: Jennifer Kwok Seconded: Seth Dworkin PASSED

4. President’s Message - Gerald O’Grady

- Despite an early end, this season was quite successful. Many bonspiels and special events were held throughout the year including the inaugural Toronto Hope Charity Bonspiel that was organized by members Shawnessy Johnson, Heather Marshall, and Christine Loube. With the season being cut short, the Board opted to pay the bar staff for their remaining scheduled shifts to help support them during this time. Fiscally, the Club is being managed well and ended in a strong financial position.
- Covid-19 has had impacts on the Club including the AGM being held virtually in September. The 2019-2020 Board of Directors has been meeting more than

usual throughout the summer to keep updated on the ever-changing situation and to ensure a safe reopening plan.

5. Financial Report – Brian Ma – Schedule C & D

- Presentation of the 2019-2020 Financial Report, Statement of Operations & Balance sheet. Explanation of the impact Covid-19 has had on the Balance Sheet (including lower cash balance due to no early bird registration for 2020-2021), and Statement of Operations (including the loss of bar revenue and lower permit expenses due to early closure). There is an anticipation of a significant loss for the Club in 2020-2021 due to current restrictions on reopening.

6. Impact of Covid-19 on the 2020-2021 Season - Gerald O'Grady

- The Board of Directors has been meeting regularly throughout the summer to formulate a Return to Play Plan in conjunction with Brittany, the City and the Curling Associations. The Board determined three principles that would help guide the plan – all members who would like to curl in the 2020-2021 season should be able to, any members who were registered and played in 2019-2020 season will be considered returning members in the 2021-2022 season, and the acknowledgement that Covid-19 has had a financial impact on many members.
- In recognition of the financial impact, the East York Curling Club will be giving a credit to returning members to be used in the 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 curling season. Payments have been delayed until the confirmed start of the season and only 50% of fees will be due at that time. In addition, a Member Assistance Program has been set up where Members can donate their credits to help those members who may be facing financial difficulties.
- The Club will be incurring a deficit for the upcoming 2020-2021 season, regardless of operation. The Club has been in a strong financial position going in to this season and the Board will continue to manage the deficit as best as possible.
- Questions and clarifications on the Return to Play plan for both the league play and the bar & kitchen operations.

7. Motions & Submitted Topics – Schedule E

- Motion #1

Motion: Gerald O’Grady Seconded: Lee Beamish Tabled

Motion to move voting for this motion to after Motion #2

Motion: Seth Dworkin Seconded: Larry Bambrick Passed

- Motion #2

Motion: Shawnessy Johnson Seconded: Jennifer Kwok Failed

- Motion #1

Motion: Gerald O’Grady Seconded: Lee Beamish Passed

- Motion #3

Accepted Friendly Amendment from Seth Dworkin: Be it resolved that the Past President will no longer have voting rights on the Board of the Directors.

Motion: James Roger Seconded: Shawnessy Johnson Failed

- Motion #4

Motion: James Roger Seconded: Chris Cotter Withdrawn

- Motion #5

Motion: James Roger Seconded: Yuval Grinspun Withdrawn

8. New Business

- Discussion about the current fees set for the 2020-2021 curling season. Some members would like to see lowered fees due to the financial difficulties brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Board accepted the current fees after deliberation due to the increase by the City for permit fees as well as other expenses that have increased due to the pandemic. The Member Credit that will be applied to most Returning Members fees was also taken in to account. The newly elected Board will be tasked with reviewing the current fees for the 2020-2021 season.

9. Election of Board of Directors

President	Gerald O’Grady
Vice President	Simon Nelson
Treasurer	Brian Ma

Director of Sections & Members

Joshua Mudrick

Director of Bonspiels & Special Events

Tara Cotter

Director of Communications & Digital Content

(Vacant)

Director of External Relations

(Vacant)

Members at Large

Brenda Kritsch

Elio Scigliano

Margaret Pearson

10. Adjourn

Motion: Dee Paul

Seconded: Ursula Beamish

Passed

Motions & Topics 2020

1. Be it resolved that for the 2020-2021 season only, two of the three Member at Large positions on the Board of Directors will be open to be held by a Social Member of the EYCC under the following conditions:

- the Social Member is eligible to hold a Board position based on all other criteria (in good standing etc.)
- the Social Member held a voting membership (Regular, Student or Honorary Life Member) during the 2019-2020 curling season
- the Social Member is not an active member of another curling club for the 2020-2021 season

Submitted by Gerald O'Grady

2. As a result of the current global pandemic, the East York Curling Club makes the following additions/amendments for the 2020-2021 season:

Leave of Absence (LOA): This category of membership is available only to those who were members of East York Curling Club during 2019/20 who are choosing to not curl during the 2020/21 season but who want to retain their status as a returning member for the 2021/22 season. As a LOA member, you do not have any on-ice privileges during the season, but you will have full voting rights. As such, a LOA member could serve on the Board of Directors for the 2020-21 season if elected during the annual AGM.

Submitted by Shawnessy Johnson

3. Motion to revert back to the original and long standing tradition of democratic principles by only allowing an elected member to have the right to vote on the Board of Directors.

- Reason: Voting Board members have the power to bar individual members, disband Leagues and decide how member's money is either protected or spent. Members making those kinds of decisions should always be accountable to the Membership. Holding them to account in elections is the only method we have to provide a check against abuse of trust and position.

Submitted by James Roger

4. Motion to use the term 'League' or 'Leagues' in the Constitution and in the Club to refer to the Leagues of the East York Curling Club

- This proposal would eliminate terms like 'section' and instead use a respectful descriptive name that recognizes the marvellous diversity of all our leagues. Every league is distinct and unique with their own constitutions, playing format and rules, bonspiels, tournaments, special events, award recognition, culture and history. The policy of our Club should be to recognize, promote and celebrate diversity

Submitted by James Roger

5. Motion to discuss current fee schedules for EYCC members which appear the same or more than last year while offering less ice time and virtually no social activities.

- Reason: this year we are being offered 25% less ends per playdate with no concurrent reduction in fees. Socially we are facing a nothing burger, not even the bun or patty. No lounge socializing with 2 metre distancing and masks, no tournaments, bonspiels, special events, parties, 50/50s, banquets, etc. Our Club is a rental group that purchases ice time from the City at a reduced rate because of our collective buying power. That is what makes it attractive to belong to the Club as a League, namely cheaper rates with more benefits. So during the worst economic crisis in Canada since the Depression, when many members are struggling, why are we charging so much more in fees to our members than the Club is paying the City. There is the appearance of price gouging going on here when members can least afford it. Why not charge members cost plus 5%. We don't need excessive profit making off the backs of our own members when our costs should be at an all-time low.

Submitted by James Roger