

**EAST YORK CURLING CLUB  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
Monday May 8, 2023**

Executive in attendance:

President	Simon Nelson
Vice President	Tara Cotter
Treasurer	Brian Ma
Director of Sections & Members	Josh Mudrick
Director of Bonspiels & Special Events	Kathleen Ryan
Director of Communication & Digital Content	Raymond Ho
Director of External Relations	Elio Scigliano
Members at Large	Moyra Mackinnon
	Will Kwan
	(Vacant)
Past President	Gerald O'Grady
Club Advisor	Jason Chang

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:09 pm
2. Approval of Agenda – Schedule A

**Motion: Chris Cotter                      Seconded: Margaret Pearson                      Passed**

3. Approval of Minutes of 2022 AGM – Schedule B

**Motion: Carol Wheeler                      Seconded: Sean Strong                      Passed**

4. President's Message – Simon Nelson

- This is the Club's first in person AGM since 2019, with the 2020, 2021, and 2022 AGMs taking place virtually. It was also the first season since 2019 without any interruptions due to mandatory COVID-19 shutdowns. Membership was up from 620 last season to 715 this season. The Little Rocks program returned after a hiatus during the pandemic. After cancelled or limited events last season, we saw the return of many successful events including 15 Bonspiels (Club & League), 2 Family & Friends Days, and 3 Adult Learn to Curl Clinics.
- This season the Board created several committees including the Future Operations, Safety, and the Gender Equity Committees. Club Swag was introduced with the hope to keep the fundraising program going in the future. A Development League

took place in March as a next step for curlers who attended a Learn to Curl Clinic. The Board also engaged with a student photography project from one of our Members to take photographs of the Club.

- The Club is working on creating a Code of Conduct and Policies that will be included in the registration process.

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

- Presentation of the 2022-2023 Statement of Operations & Balance Sheet. Discussion on upcoming equipment expenses coming up over the next season.

#### 6. League Reports

Day Mens - Josh Mudrick

- Had a successful season with 64 Members and 2 full bonspiels (Olde Dawgs and Rock n' House).

Day Mixed - Margaret Pearson

- Day Mixed had a great season with over 58 Members.

Day Women - Judy Orr

- Had a great year with 48 women and a lot of Members returning to curling after COVID-19. Two bonspiels were held (NAG6 and Lads & Lassies) and saw great success. The League started a clothing drive for warm clothes and donated quite a lot to local Charities in East York.

Balmy Beach - Al Christie

- Started the season 1 player short but picked up a new curler which made it a full 10 teams.

Monday Teachers - Henry Krol

- Grew from 10 to 11 teams this season. Revived the Monday Teachers bonspiel which was a great success.

Suburban Masters - Steve Pett

- The League almost started the season without a full membership, but after making a Facebook announcement, were able to find their final Members. They

had a good season with one bonspiel (Masters Spiel) and have brought back their Annual Golf Tournament.

#### Toronto Teachers - Steve Allan

- The Toronto Teachers had 41 Members this season and held one bonspiel (The Sooper Dooper Fun Spiel). They had some difficulty with their spare rule but are working on fixing it for the upcoming season.

#### Mixed League (Tuesday, Friday and Sunday Open) - Chris Cotter

- Sunday and Tuesday Leagues were full, and Friday was short 1 sheet. Lots of new Members are interested in, especially, the Friday League.

#### Wednesday Women - Jackie Brunton

- Welcomed 17 new Members to the League and supported two bonspiels (The Toronto Hope and Well-Behaved Women Bonspiel). Overall had a good season.

#### Men (Monday and Thursday) - Mike Doig

- Section had full draws on both days and held 2 successful bonspiels (Bulldog and Shuffle Up & Spiel) both of which were filled. Team Christine Loubé had an 8-ender game.

#### Sinners - Maurice DeWolf

- League had 18 new Members and have a full 48.

#### Brooms - Caroline Medwell

- The League had a full draw and with high Member retention rate. Had first 8-ender game by Team David Parent.

#### Juniors - Josh Mudrick

- Held 1 bonspiel (U18 Cashspiel) which had 6 outside teams and 4 EYCC teams. Had great sponsors and were able to buy sweaters for the Members.

#### Little Rocks - Gerald O'Grady

- 36 kids registered for the program and held 1 bonspiel (the Game On! Bonspiel).

#### 7. Motions & Submitted Topics – Schedule A

- Motion 1 submitted by Carol Wheeler in regard to the timing the Sunday Open League is able to get on the ice after draw change. Discussion about how Sunday is

the busiest day of the week with back-to-back draws and many Leagues playing. This Motion was sent to the AGM Motions & Topics Committee for investigation.

- Motion 2 submitted by David Simms regarding the visibility of the rock handles in the distance and on the camera screens. Discussion of how changing the rocks handle colour from blue to red or changing the colours of the house may improve visibility. Noted that reasoning behind the Club's choice of colours is to be more accessible to colour blind individuals, so they can better see the contrast. people as they can see the difference in contrast. Changing the colours of the handles will be investigated by the Board when replacement is necessary. This Motion was sent to the Board for further investigation.

#### 8. New Business

- Corina Mark inquired on clarification of the process when receiving a letter from the Board of Directors. A discussion happened with regards to the Board reaching out prior to sending letters to aid in their investigation and decisions made as a result. She is asking for a process to be put in place, so Members know the proper way to come to the Board with questions or concerns.
- Christine Loube is also asking for a clear process regarding letters being received from the Board of Directors. A discussion was had about how The Toronto Hope reached out to speak to the Board regarding the letter they received. Gerald noted that anyone can see the report in the office, or it can be posted publicly.
- Sean Strong thinks there is a code of conduct issue, and we should have a clearer process of what it is.
- Aidan Ritchie is requesting a bench between sheets 3 and 4 and a new sound system for the Club since the current one is very old. This request was sent to the Board for further discussion.
- Chris Cotter is requesting for some signage for players to find schedules in the lower lounge. It is noted that TV screens are not a possibility due to the age of the building and other signage such as whiteboards are discussed.

- Ian Sullivan suggested creating a sub committee for ice topics between Members and Board Members to improve communication.

9. Election of Board of Directors

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10. Adjourn

**Motion: Aidan Ritchie      Seconded: Corina Mark      Passed**