

# Manitoba Junior Curling Tour

## Annual General Meeting

January 7, 2023

### In attendance:

Eric McGillivray, Karen Letham, Jody Lyburn, Peer Allan, Albert Bazinet, Bethany Allan, Quinn Allan, Jensen Letham, Rob Letham, Darrin Ostrowsky, Hannah Thiessen, Richard Hawkins, Debbie Popovic, Ken Rutter, Reece Hamm, Mary Ann Good, Autumn Good, Jona Good, Blake J. Good, Elias Huminicki, Blaine Malo

### Opening Remarks

- Great to return to a normal seasonal after two years of COVID
- Reviewed previous Meeting Minutes – Minutes approved
- All MJCT executive members will remain; Jody Lyburn retiring.
- MJCT Player Representatives will remain the same.
- Key chains, donated by Asham Curling Supplies, are for sale.
- Kevin Young has been actively working to fund raise for the MJCT

### Treasurer's Report

- *Treasurers report reviewed and accepted.*

### Website Update

- The site has been updated to include statistics page about teams, individual team pages, and head-to-head records. Team sponsors are on the site for those that sent in with links.
- MJCT Connects is a free agent page for players looking for teams.
- Upcoming changes will include more history on the site.
- Domain does not need to be renewed for another year.
- *Report accepted as reviewed*

### Sponsorship Update

- Kevin Young is working with 2 or 3 more entities for sponsorship, approximately \$2700.
- Collaborating with 9round
- In discussions with Turnbull Insurance.
- Looking at ways to get new players in and grow the sport.
- Peer Allan noted that last spring, the MJCT executive attended a youth event to prompt the MCJT.
- Kevin Young has met with Curl MB and both parties have agreed to work together to grow the sport.
- Please share any ideas for improvement

### Bonspiel Coordinator Update

- Altona and AMCC bonspiels were added this season. The AMCC was moved to the Granite due to plant issues.
- 9 events were held this year.
- Swan River was cancelled due to low registrations.
- Elmwood was not on the tour last spring but is scheduled for this year.
- There were 73 girls teams participating this year and 56 boys teams.
- Hoping to run a U15 event and mixed double event in the future.
- Working with Curl Manitoba to get more involved.

### **New Business**

- Discussed using Curling IOS to streamline entries. The online registration would benefit teams registering and assist with the order entries come in. It could also be used for scoring and draws in the future. The downside is the credit card user fees of 2.8% per transaction. The MJCT would have to cover these costs either by raising fees or using fundraising money. Will continue to review other options to offset costs. ***Consensus to use IOS for registrations***
- Discussed e-transferring for registration fees but the issue is that it is a 2-signature account and it would have to be changed to a one signature account. The executive will investigate further and advise of outcome.
- MJCT has an executive that runs four events. The other events are run by the curling club.
- There is interest in running mixed doubles, and U15 events.
- Discussed adding members at large to assist with events as it is difficult to run events with just the executive. Lana Bushel, Mary Ann Good, Tracy McGillivray volunteered to be members at large and help out at events.
- A lot of the other tours in the country are not just U20 events. It was proposed to award points for both U18 and U20.
- Darrin Ostrowsky suggested bringing a photographer on to take pics to promote curlers and sponsors. Will see if Caitlin Kostna is interested.
- Blaine Malo raised the possibility of running a draw with odd number of teams, in an effort of getting as many teams involved as possible. The MJCT is open to it. Blaine Malo to share a draw for consideration.
- The MJCT will send a survey to the players to gather feedback. The last survey indicated the preference for pool play, but that could have changed.

New player representatives are Ethan Brandt and Bethany Allan.

Eric Nominating Darrin Ostrowsky as the new MJCT Secretary. Everyone in favor. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47