

# **Manitoba Junior Curling Tour**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**February 1, 2025**

### **In attendance:**

Darin Ostrowsky, BJ Neufeld, Peer Allan, Albert Bazinet, Eric McGillivray, Bethany Allan, Anne-Marie Allan, Hannah Smith, Quinn Allan, Keith Stoesz, Karen Letham, Ethan Brandt, Ken Rutter, Rob Letham, Kelsey Meger, Sheri Beaudry, Amber Newman, Jake Kowalchuk, Sheldon Kowalchuk, Jason Graham, Tyler Graham, Shawn Magnusson, Della Magnusson, Quinn Lagace, Luc Cormier, Kevin Smith, Craig Strand, Hudson Strand, Jack Steski, Shannon McPherson, Lana Buchel, Jody Buhr, Sherry Dundas, Rylie Buchalter, Bryan Buchalter, Audrey Despins, Meghan Lagadi, Amelie Le Heiget, Angie Cormier, Doug Treichel, Rej Legace, Anna Treichel, Diane Hayward, Myron Krahn, Jill Krahn, Keria Krahn, Shaela Hayward, Grace Beaudry, Emily Ostrowsky, Evan Traczuk, Cooper Eagles, Kieran Callewaert, Carter Malmquist, Colin Desaulniers, Cassidy Dundas, Eryn Czirfusz, Tessa Terrick, Lauren Evason

### **Opening Remarks (Meeting Commenced at 16:07)**

- Reviewed previous Meeting Minutes – Minutes approved

### **Treasurer's Report**

- *Treasurers report reviewed and accepted.*
- Highlights Included:
  - o Started the season with \$1,973.68
  - o 12 men's teams and 13 women's teams registered
  - o Dues from teams contributed \$960 to men's and \$1,000 to women's tour final prize money
  - o Cheques ordered as MJCT is now paying out the winnings to teams
  - o Key chain sales \$15
  - o 80% of entry fees were paid through curling I/O
  - o Approximately \$1,700 in the bank at the end of the season
  - o ASHAM will reimburse the MJCT tour winners Provincials fees, funding still to come.
- As the funds at the end of the year don't leave a lot for emergencies, discussion was had about a potential fundraiser.

### **Website Update**

- Curling I/O implemented for convenience and is working well
- There's a slight fee for credit card payments
- Sponsors for teams can be added to the teams MJCT page at no cost.
- *Report accepted as reviewed*

### **Sponsorship Update**

- Kevin Young was absent (no sponsorship report provided by Albert)
- Sponsors included:
  - Boston Pizza \$1,200
  - Clarity Dental \$800
  - BJ Neufeld \$800
  - ASHAM \$600 (to cover Provincial fees for Tour Champions)
- ASHAM is working on apparel design
- Discussions are ongoing with potential sponsors
- Plan to have a Boston booster fundraiser (October 2025)
- *Report accepted as reviewed*

### **Bonspiel Coordinator Update**

- Usually 10 events, this season we held 5 events
- Elmwood cancelled due to lack of volunteers
- Morris spring and Summer, Altona were cancelled due to lack of interest
- Numbers were good for the bonspiels that went ahead
- U18 event was well attended with one team being turned away
- 9 team draw worked well
- Still need ideas for how to run a 7 team draw.
- *Report accepted as reviewed*

### **New Business**

- Curlingzone has become “unstable” and difficult to use
- We need to look into a scoring system
- Question raised regarding an orientation meeting at the first event(s) to help introduce the MJCT and inform new teams about where to find information and who to go to with questions. Could also use this as an opportunity to discuss rules, bonspiel format, etc.

### **Nominations**

Albert Nominating Bryan Buchalter as bonspiel coordinator.

Approved.

### **Guest Speaker**

BJ Neufeld spoke of his journey in curling and fielded questions from the audience.

Meeting adjourned at 16:51