

Curling club update

As we start a new season it is worth sharing some of our accomplishments over the summer and concerns for the future

We have replaced the east wall cladding. During the work several pieces of wall sheathing and studs were replaced due to rot as a result of water leakage. The small north wall is the only piece left to do.

.A promotion by BC Hydro to reduce energy consumption on the north island resulted in all our fluorescent fixtures being upgraded to energy efficient units at no cost to the club. Original estimate of cost was approx. \$9500 with \$4800 in rebates. This project has an estimated energy saving of \$800 per year.

The downstairs lobby area received a paint job to brighten it up

Many thanks to the volunteers who assisted the contractors and did the painting

We have had a good rental response this summer with 11 rentals so far

The board has deliberated at great length over the budget for the coming years. It is our goal to keep costs as low as possible at the same time maintaining the financial stability of the club. Our insurance costs have gone up about \$800 this year with a potential increase again next year. Payroll adjustments are happening this year and next. At this time there are no major expenditures anticipated for the next few years other than the north wall. Roof replacement over the ice surface is probably the next big item. Club finances are proving to be the most worrisome and challenging items for the Board

When the club was at it prime several years ago, the seniors fee structure was set at 80% of regular fee. Since that time a decrease in the number of regular league curlers and failure to adjust the seniors rate to maintain 80% ratio with regular fee changes has resulted in a significant loss of revenue. This has required fee changes for seniors every year and will do for the next 3 years to get back to 80%. We are presently at 75%. We have spread this out over several years to avoid a major increase. Unfortunately we did not see the tax increase coming. We will continue to apply for grants as they come available.

The best and easiest way for us to maintain a revenue stream is to increase the number of curlers. Curling is still one of the cheapest sports to participate in and we would encourage everyone to try to bring in a new curler or get past curlers back into the club. We will again be having our novice curler \$50 credit for curlers who will mentor on Friday nights or take on a novice curler on other nights

Should anyone have some positive feedback or revenue generation ideas we would like to hear from you

The Board and Staff look forward to welcoming everyone back for another successful season and wish everyone the utmost enjoyment of the game.

Larry Taylor pres.