

To: Sturgeon Falls Curling Club

Subject: Club Closure: 2020/2021 Season

Greetings Curlers,

On Sunday, November 1, 2020, the Sturgeon Falls Curling Club Board of Directors met to re-evaluate the 2020/21 season. After much deliberation regarding the health concerns for our members and the financial impact of the limitations due to the pandemic, we made the decision to not open for the 2020-2021 season. We are saddened to have to make this decision, but we feel it is the responsible way to go.

Here are some of the issues which impacted on our decision:

- Safety guidelines and members safety concerns with curling with or without masks
- Fewer curlers resulting in problems forming leagues
- Additional costs due to safety guidelines
- Previous season's lost revenue due to early shut down
- Continuous lost revenue due to fewer members wanting to curl, limits on bonspiels, limits on rentals, reluctance to access bar services
- Potential for future restrictions on indoor sporting activities

The Executive would like to thank all of you that participated in our "Return to Play" on-line survey. The Survey was completed by 66% of Club members and provided us with a lot of valuable information.

Moving forward:

1. The Executive would like to address the issue of compensation for missed curling time last year. At our Special Meeting last February, Club members voted down the motion to reimburse all Club members. Members who rejected this motion indicated that they wished those funds to be used to cover ongoing costs of Club repairs and maintenance. Even when we are closed our operational costs are about \$2000/month (due to taxes, heat, water, etc.). Since the cost of plant replacement was covered by insurance (minus a \$2500 deductible), the Executive feels that as a show of good faith we should offer some compensation to our members.

Members who would like, can apply for partial compensation for the missed curling time due to our mechanical failure (approximately 20% of the fees you paid). COVID shutdown not covered.

We are asking **ALL** members to respond to membership@sfcc.ca stating whether they **decline compensation OR request an application form** for compensation. Club members who do not respond to this email will be contacted by phone. The deadline to apply for compensation is Dec. 15, 2020.

2. In order to strengthen our financial situation, we will be selling off our remaining Bar stock. Notice of this sale will be coming in the near future!

Thank you for your ongoing support!
SFCC Executive