

## **Vice Commodore's Report**

The Vice Commodore's duties include working with outside contractors and contracts. An issue that had to be dealt with this year was the contract arrangement with Lecoupe Ice who supply both our freezer and ice deliveries.

In June, Lecoupe advised us that due to the small size of our orders, they would no longer permit a freezer to be on loan to the Club. In addition, they wanted to maintain a previous arrangement of having a member's credit card for billing.

As the Club does not have a credit card, it did not seem fair to ask one member of the MC to take on that responsibility. Instead, I was able to persuade them that, in lieu of a credit card, bills would be handled expeditiously and with the Treasurer's help, that was done.

With regard to the freezer, here is the necessary background. Lecoupe will provide a freezer at no charge if the customer orders a minimum of \$2,000. Our orders have not come close to the figure in the preceding 3 years. For example, 2021 purchases amounted to approximately \$550.00

They offered to allow us to keep the freezer for a monthly rent of \$83.00 (\$996.00+HST). I proposed a rent-to own arrangement but that was rejected.

In the end, it seemed that the best course of action was to let them recover the freezer and purchase our own. We would remain customers of Lecoupe.

After discussions, the MC agreed. Lecoupe picked up their freezer on Sept.30th.

I am sure that we can purchase a good quality, new chest freezer with our first year savings of \$996.00. A new unit will come with a warranty. Average expected life span of a new unit is 16 years, yielding a considerable savings, after purchase to the Club (+/- \$15,000).