



**SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**November 4, 2012**

**Sussex Golf and Curling Club**

**Meeting Minutes**



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**Curling Centres Represented**

<b>Campbellton</b>	<b>Carleton</b>	<b>Capital Winter Club</b>
<b>Curl Moncton</b>	<b>Gladstone</b>	<b>Gage Golf &amp; Curling Club</b>
<b>Grand Falls</b>	<b>Miramichi</b>	<b>Thistle St. Andrews</b>
<b>Sussex</b>		<b>St. Stephen</b>

**MEETING MINUTES**

**--Call to Order:** NBCA President, Anna Brinson, called the meeting to order.

**--Ratification of Agenda:** George Caissie moved the agenda be accepted as submitted. Damien Lahiton second the motion. Motion carried.

**--Appointment of Scrutineers :** Anna reported that the Scrutineers of the meeting were to be Jerry and Debbie McCann.

**--Report of Credentials:** Anna reported that each affiliated Curling Centre is entitled to two voting delegates and two official observers. Although other members are welcome to attend in an unofficial capacity, only the four official representatives have speaking privileges.

**--Moment of Silence for Departed Members:** A moment of silence was observed for departed members.

**--Adoption of Minutes from May 6, 2012 Annual General Meeting:** Minutes of the May 6 AGM were circulated electronically and posted to the web site. Anna asked for any errors or omissions. Joan Christie moved the minutes be accepted as submitted. Roland Fraser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**--Business Arising From Minutes:**

**Strategic Planning Update:** As reported at the May 6, 2012 AGM, the Board of Directors were working on an initiative that would respond to the curling centres request for assistance in the area of development. As a result, all NBCA Affiliated Curling Centres were invited to send two representatives to attend a "Getting Started for Adults" seminar which was facilitated by CCA's Danny Lamoureux. Thirteen curling centres were represented. To follow up on this, the NBCA will invite up to two representatives/curling centre from this group to take the two day Club Coach Clinic. Our Technical Committee is currently trying to secure dates and locations. The NBCA budgeted \$5,000 for the 2012-13 season to deal with this issue. Mileage was covered for the seminar and there will be compensation for those attending the Club Coach Clinic. Details will be forwarded to invited curling centres once they have been finalized. Going forward, we are hopeful we can offer the same initiative to the remaining curling centres next year.

**Position Vacancies:** The following NBCA positions remain vacant: Officials Co-ordinator, North West Zone Director and Marketing Director. Interested individuals interested in assuming any of these positions are encouraged to contact the NBCA office or the President.

**Rewarding Performance at Provincial Events:** Anna reported that the motion made by Ellery Robichaud at the May 6, 2012 AGM, regarding Rewarding Performance at Provincial

Events, had been tabled in an effort to allow the Board of Directors to discuss and consider the contents of the motion. The Board was to report back to the General Membership at this SAGM. John Corbin reported, on behalf of the NBCA Board of Directors as follows: The Board has discussed the contents of this motion and has decided that it is in no position, at this time, to recommend approval of the motion. As it stands, we struggle to have curling centres offer to host several of our Provincial Events. We do, however, have guidelines in place for host "clubs". Should a host "club" fail to meet the guidelines, as reported back to us by the event participants, the Board would take this into consideration during future site selection discussions. As for the Provincial Ice Technician, this individual is hired based on his training and expertise. The Board is currently in the process of creating a formal Job Description for the Provincial Ice Technician, along with all other NBCA positions, however, it is felt that the only way we can possibly judge his job performance would be to hear back from those most affected by it, the participants. The NBCA has also begun the practice of requesting a quote from the Provincial Ice Technician for events we anticipate he will be required at. This quote includes a detail of his services to be rendered which could be viewed as a safety valve for performance.

Following John's report, the tabled motion was brought back to the table as follows:

**Motion made by Ellery Robichaud and seconded by George Caissie at the May 6, 2012 AGM:**

Host Curling Centres and the Provincial Ice Technician be awarded on their performance to provide curling conditions, for provincial events, that would be determined by the Players' Committee and the NBCA Board of Directors with ½ of the hosting grant/ice technician salary paid up front and the remaining ½ paid if the event conditions meet the set conditions. George Caissie voted in favour of the motion. The remaining voting delegates voted against the motion.  
**Motion defeated.**

**--Reports**

**Review and Adoption of 2012-13 NBCA Budget:** The NBCA budget is included in the Participants Guide. Damien Lahiton, on behalf of the Executive/Budget Committee, introduced the 2012-13 NBCA Budget. Damien made note of a typo on line two of the budget, Club Dues, which should read \$23, 473. This correction will also impact the TOTAL REVENUE and NET INCOME/LOSS. Steve Kelly asked about our non-profit status and if our net income for the past two years, and anticipated for this year, will have any impact on this status. Marg will look into this. Damien moved the budget be accepted as submitted. Maxine Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Officials Report:** Marg reported that officials have been confirmed for all events requiring a Head Official. Marg also reported that Laura Copeland has facilitated a conference call that was attended by all the 2012-13 Head Officials. The purpose of this meeting was to review the Rules changes in effect for this season and to ensure officiating consistency at all Provincial Events. Marg thanked those who have committed themselves to officiate this year and Laura for her leadership.

**Technical Report:** NBCA Technical Director, John Larsen, read a report from the NBCA Technical Committee, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

**Junior Development Report:** NB Junior Development Director, John Corbin, reported the following:

-The previously charged Junior Participation Fee has been eliminated. This fee was decreased from \$8 to \$4 last year and completely eliminated this year.

-NB will be hosting the U18 Atlantics in 2014.

-Kevin Kyle is the Canada Games Co-ordinator and has been busy providing and preparing clinics and spiels to help develop athletes who are looking to be identified as our representatives at the 2015 Canada Winter Games.

-The Junior Development Committee encourages curling centres to take advantage of the Junior Skill Awards Program. Complete details, along with tests for each level, are available on the NBCA web site.

-The 2012-13 O'leary Junior Provincial Championships will be hosted by Bathurst Curling Club and will be held January 3-6, 2013.

-The Provincial Junior Mixed no longer has a sponsor. (formerly the Co-Op Provincial Junior Mixed Championship.

-Beginning with the 2013-14 season, any coach taking a team to the Provincial Junior Playdowns MUST be Competition Coach Certified. This required certification has been in place at the National Level for a few years now. Although NB attempted to implement this requirement for this season, there will be no exceptions next year.

**CCA Report:** NBCA's new CCA Representative, Yves Maillet, reported the following on behalf of the CCA Board of Governors.

-Deadline for this seasons CAP applications is January 11, 2013. (details/applications have been forwarded to all affiliated curling centres by both the CCA and NBCA)

-CCA recently announced that the mortgage on their office property has been paid off. -CCA invites all affiliated curling centres to submit nominations for their various awards. Information can be found on the CCA web site.

-The 2013 World Seniors and World Mixed Doubles will be held in Fredericton.

-In response to discussions, which led to a motion passed at the 2012 NCC and AGM, allowing ALL provinces/territories the opportunity to compete fully at the National Junior Championship, the structure of this event has been changed. (details have been forwarded to the NB Junior Development Director by the NBCA)

-CCA has announced the creation of the National Mixed Doubles. (details have been sent to all affiliated curling centres, to participants through the Players' Committee and has been posted to the NBCA Facebook page by the NBCA)

--**Appointment of Nominating Committee:** The 2013 Nominating Committee consist of Anna Brinson and Phyllis Cooling.

--**Appointment of Site Selection Committee:** The Site Selection Committee for the 2013-14 Provincial Events consist of Damien Lahiton and Ed Haggerty.

--**NBCA Zero Tolerance Policy:** In response to requests made by the Players' Committee, NBCA Officials and the Host Clubs of NBCA Provincial Events, the NBCA Board of Directors have created the NBCA Zero Tolerance Policy and Appeals Process. This policy is effective immediately and all participants entering 2013 NBCA Provincial Events will be subject to its contents. A copy of the policy is included in SAGM Participants Guides and has been added to the NBCA web site.

--**NBCA Privacy Policy:** A draft copy of the NBCA Privacy Policy is included in the SAGM Participants Guides. The Board of Directors, at their meeting held prior to the SAGM, realized several required changes to the policy. As such, a revised copy will be published (forwarded to all NBCA affiliated curling centres and added to the NBCA web site) and will be brought into effect for the 2012-13 season. At the May, 2013 AGM, the Board will make a motion to have the revised policy formally accepted.

--**Residency Requirements and Exception Request Forms:** The Operations Council (formally known as the E.D. Council) has created a Residency Requirements Form and an Exception Request Form that is now being used by all Provincial/Territorial Associations. Marg reported that in keeping with the Residency Requirements Policy that was adopted by the CCA and subsequently adopted by all Member Associations, it was decided, by the Operations Council, that a document to be used by ALL Member Associations was required. This would eliminate the need for each province/territory to create individual documents and enforce unity among all Provincial Associations.

A copy of each document is included in the SAGM Participants Guide and has been added to the NBCA web site.

--**NBCA Mixed Doubles:** Marg reported that several weeks ago, the NBCA communicated to all NB participants, (e-mail to curling centres, e-mail to Players' Committee and post on NBCA Facebook page) that we needed to find out how many teams would be interested in competing in a Provincial Mixed Doubles Championship. A deadline of October 15 was provided. Four teams expressed an interest. We have just discovered that we have until February 22<sup>nd</sup> to submit the names of the team to represent NB at the National Championship. As such, we now

need to decide on a date and find a curling centre who will host a Provincial Event. For this season only, the registration fee will be determined by the host centre. The format will be a round robin. NBCA will provide the championship team with provincial jackets, shirts and crests. Once a date, location and registration fee have been determined, we will formally invite interested teams to register for the event. Prior to the beginning of next season, the NBCA Board of Directors will have initiated this event into the Provincial Events Calendar and will take complete control of the event, as is the case with all other Provincial Events.

**--NBCA Mixed Provincial Championships (Format):** In response to communications received from participants regarding the current format of the NB Mixed Provincial Championships, (dissatisfaction with the current DKO format as teams could be sent home after only two games) the NBCA, through consultation with the Players' Committee and Provincial Draw Master, has agreed to a new format. This event, effective with the 2012-13 Mixed Provincial Championship, will be a modified TKO format. (TKO until down to four teams and then page system from then on)

**--2013 Provincial Men's & Women's Championships:** Jerry McCann, co-chair of this event, (Mark Mahoney is the other co-chair) provided an update on preparations. Among all the information provided were the following:

-This is a community event with ½ of net profit going to the Tri-County Complex and ½ to Gladstone Curling Club.

-A team, event sponsors and NBCA sponsors banquet will be held prior to the Opening Ceremonies

-There will be a "Molson Canadian Patch", similar, in design, to the Brier Patch.

-A volunteers rally was recently held and they currently have all the volunteers they require.

-Nightly musical entertainment is planned.

-Bus service from Fredericton to Tri-County Complex will be available. (no charge to those carrying event passes)

-Event passes are now available at a cost of \$50.

All in all, plans are coming together to ensure this is a most successful event.

**--2013 World Seniors and World Mixed Doubles:** Steve Kelly spoke on behalf of the 2013 World Seniors and World Mixed Doubles. The Planning Committee is now accepting volunteer applications. Posters and application forms have been included with the NBCA poster packages.

**--POS Terminals for curling centres:** Marg reported that participants of the Getting Started for Adults seminar that was held in September had expressed an interest in province or nation wide POS terminals in affiliated curling centres. Seminar participant, Mark Mahoney, offered to make inquiries on our behalf. (Mark is a Commercial Banker) As such, we were approached by Chase Paymentech Merchant Services who suggested we poll our affiliated curling centres in an effort to determine how many centres were interested and to get an idea of the volume of transactions might be expected. Only five curling centres responded. Marg will be communicating further with Chase and will report back to the interested centres.

**--Car Magnets:** The NBCA has had car magnets created in an effort to better expose our sport within the province. An e-mail has been sent to all NBCA affiliated curling centres informing them of ordering instructions and pricing.

**--Presentation of Award:** The NBCA Executive Committee inducted Maxine Craig as an Honorary Life Member. This honour is extended to individuals who have been recognized for meritorious service to the Association and to the sport of curling in general. Former NBCA President, Nicole McCann, had forwarded Maxine's name for consideration and prepared a document outlining Maxine's contribution to curling in NB. As Nicole was unable to attend the 2012 SAGM, Marg presented her report and NBCA President, Anna Brinson, presented Maxine with her Honorary Life Member plaque.

**--Adjournment:** Maxine Craig moved the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted.

Marg Maranda



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