

**CANADIAN
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2014

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

**CANADIAN CURLING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
CROWNE PLAZA FALLSVIEW, NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2014**

Chair: Hugh Avery
ATTENDANCE:

Member Association Voting Delegates

Gary Oke (NF and Labrador)
Susan Curtis (NF and Labrador)
George Koke (Prince Edward Island)
Angela Hodgson (Prince Edward Island)
Damien Lahiton (New Brunswick)
Darren Eaton (New Brunswick)
Gord Gark (Ontario)
Dale Curtis (Ontario)
Roy Van Kommer (Manitoba)
Kim Warburton (Manitoba)
Dan Kleinschroth (Alberta)
Joan Westgard (Alberta)
Maureen Miller (Northwest Territories)
Janie Hobart (Northwest Territories)

Harry Daemen (Nova Scotia)
Chris Manuge (Nova Scotia)
Jean Lamère (Quebec)
Serge Brazeau (Quebec)
Michael Szajewski (Northern Ontario)
Marion Clark (Northern Ontario)
Marg Mayotte (Saskatchewan)
Dennis Smith (Saskatchewan)
Terry Vandale (British Columbia)
Scott Braley (British Columbia)
Ellen Johnson (Yukon) – *also carried proxy*
Karen Costello (Nunavut)
Peter Mackey (Nunavut)

CCA Board

Hugh Avery (Chair)
Marilyn Neily (Vice Chair)
Elaine de Ryk, Governor
Bob Osborne, Governor
Ron Hutton, Governor

Lena West, Governor
Cindy Maddock, Governor
Peter Inch, Governor
Shirley Osborne, Governor
Yves Maillet, Governor

Observers

Jeremiah Anderson (NSCA)
Kyle Kugler (NWTCA)
Craig Baker (Curl MB)
Jennifer Ferris (OCC)
Marg Maranda (NBCA)
Amy Duncan (PEICA)
John Shea (OCA)
Scott Comfort (Candidate for Election)
Liz Goldenberg (Candidate for Election)
Jerry McCann (Candidate for Election)

Amber Holland (SCA)
Brad Gibb (NACA)
Leslie Kerr (NOCA)
Stephen Chenier (OCA)
Marc-André Robitaille (Curling Quebec)
Resby Coutts (MA Resource)
Doug MacQuarrie (Parliamentarian)
Laura Lochanski (NACA & CCA Past Chair)
Graham Prouse (WCF & CCA Past Chair)

CCA Staff

Greg Stremlaw
Karen Ryan
Danny Lamoureux

Pat Ray
Gerry Peckham
Warren Hansen

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Hugh Avery called the 2014 CCA Annual General Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone present.

Greg StremLaw, Chief Executive Officer, reported that the official Notice of Meeting had been emailed to all concerned on May 16, 2014.

2.0 CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES AND QUORUM

Greg polled the meeting for voting delegates and a total of 38 votes were recorded (including 1 proxy carried by Ellen Johnson for the YCA).

3.0 ELECTION OF GOVERNORS TO THE CCA BOARD

The election was conducted under the supervision of CCA Governance Committee Chair Bob Osborne. He advised that Past Chairs Laura Lochanski and Graham Prouse had been appointed scrutineers for the election.

Election of Male Governor (4-Year Term)

Candidates: Scott Comfort (SK) and Jerry McCann (NB)
Ballots were distributed and Scott Comfort was elected.

Election of Female Governor (4-Year Term)

Candidates: Liz Goldenberg (BC) and Maureen Miller (NT)
Ballots were distributed and Liz Goldenberg was elected.

Newly-elected Governors Scott Comfort and Liz Goldenberg were congratulated, welcomed to the CCA Board of Governors and presented with their crests. Each of the candidates spoke to the MA representatives and thanked the delegates for their support.

MOTION: AGM 2014.01

Moved by Ron Hutton (CCA Governor), seconded by Michael Szajewski (NOCA), that the election ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

4.0 MINUTE OF SILENCE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS

A moment of silence was observed in respect for members of the curling fraternity who had passed away since the last AGM.

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: AGM 2014.02

Moved by Terry Vandale (Curl BC), seconded by Chris Manuge (NSCA), that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOTION: AGM 2014.03

Moved by Jean Lamère (Curling Quebec), seconded by Marion Clark (NOCA), that the Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING

MOTION: AGM 2014.04

Moved by Elaine de Ryk (CCA Governor), seconded by Chris Manuge (NSCA), that the Minutes of the February 2, 2014 Special Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

7.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting or the February 2, 2014 Special Meeting.

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Ron Hutton reported that correspondence to the Association is handled on a daily basis through the CCA's national office in Ottawa.

9.0 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (See Addendum)

10.0 REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

In addition to the written material contained in the meeting book, each Governor gave a verbal report on their activities during the past season.

11.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM NATIONAL CURLING CONGRESS

1) CANADIAN MIXED DOUBLES CURLING TRIALS

MOTION: AGM 2014.05

Moved by Peter Inch (CCA Governor), seconded by Shirley Osborne (CCA Governor), that the Canadian Mixed Doubles Trials continue to be held in the 2014 – 2015 curling season and, therefore, extend the two-year trial approved under AGM Motion 2012.08 for one more year.

CARRIED

2) POLICY FOR RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS IN A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

MOTION: AGM 2014.06

Moved by Terry Vandale (Curl BC), seconded by Jean Lamère (Curling Quebec) that the Policy for Residency Requirements in a National Championship be amended as reflected in the document circulated in advance of the AGM and further amended during the 2014 Business Session.

(See Addendum for copy of Policy)

CARRIED

3) AGE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CANADIAN JUNIORS

MOTION: AGM 2014.07

Moved by Cindy Maddock (CCA Governor), seconded by Lena West (CCA Governor) that the age eligibility for the Canadian Juniors be changed from 20 years of age and under as of December 31st of the prior year to the Canadian Junior Championships, to 20 years of age or under as of and including June 30th of the year prior to the Canadian Junior Championships. The age eligibility will be in effect for the 2016 Canadian Juniors and onwards. Therefore, athletes eligible for the 2016 Canadian Juniors will have to be born on or after July 1st, 1994.

CARRIED

4) RULE BOOK FOR CURLING 2014-2018

MOTION: AGM 2014.08

Moved by Bob Osborne (CCA Governor), seconded by Yves Maillet (CCA Governor) that the Canadian Curling Association's Rule Book for Curling be updated and implemented for the period of 2014-2018.

CARRIED

5) CCA COMPETITOR FEE

MOTION: AGM 2014.09

Moved by Shirley Osborne (CCA Governor), seconded by Peter Inch (CCA Governor) that the CCA's competitor fee to participate in any event leading to any national championship be set, per event entered, on the following 5-year plan:

\$36.00 (2015-2016)

\$39.00 (2016-2017)

\$42.00 (2017-2018)

\$45.00 (2018-2019)

\$48.00 (2019-2020)

It is understood that this motion does not apply to the Mixed Doubles Curling Trials.

CARRIED

6) INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

MOTION: AGM 2014.10

Moved by Yves Maillet (CCA Governor), seconded by Bob Osborne (CCA Governor) that the Canadian Curling Association implement a new Membership Affiliation Model that reflects a member fee instead of a per sheet assessment, effective with the 2015-2016 curling season, as follows:

\$3.00 (2015-2016)

\$3.50 (2016-2017)

\$4.00 (2017-2018)

AMENDED MOTION:

Moved by Marion Clark (NOCA), seconded by Gordon Gark (OCA) that the CCA develop a new Individual Membership Fee (IMF) Affiliation Model for implementation for the 2015-2016 season to be presented for ratification of the Member Associations and CCA Board of Governors by December 15, 2014.

CARRIED

7) FORMAT FOR THE CANADIAN MIXED AND CANADIAN SENIORS

MOTION: AGM 2014.11

Moved by Janie Hobart (NWTCA), seconded by Gary Oke (NLCA) that the format for the Canadian Mixed and Canadian Seniors be changed to a two-pool format that would include 7 teams in each pool, reducing the duration of both of the events by a minimum of two days, and for both championships to only play 8-end games during said competitions. With this format change, be it further resolved that a team from each of the 14 Member Associations of the Canadian Curling Association (CCA) be permitted direct entry into the Canadian Mixed and Canadian Senior Men's and Women's Curling Championships. Pending agreement by established Host Committees who have already agreed to a format hosting agreement, this change will be in effect for the 2014-2015 season.

If any Host Committee that is already under contract is unable to accommodate this change for the Canadian Mixed or Canadian Seniors, the revised format will be implemented at the next available championship year onwards.

CARRIED

8) RESOURCES FOR RELEGATED TEAMS

MOTION: AGM 2014.12

Moved by Maureen Miller (NWTCA), seconded by Janie Hobart (NWTCA) that the Canadian Curling Association investigate resources to be accessible only to the teams who compete in the territorial/provincial championships leading to the relegation event at the Scotties and Brier. The resources would be used for, but not limited to, assistance with travel to spiels, specialized coaching, entry fees and for other identified team development. The CCA shall report back to the membership on this matter at the 2015 NCC.

CARRIED

12.0 MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2013-2014 AUDITED STATEMENTS

MOTION: AGM 2014.13

Moved by Cindy Maddock (CCA Governor), seconded by Yves Maillet (CCA Governor) that the audited financial statements for 2013-2014 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

13.0 CONFIRMATION OF AUDITOR'S APPOINTMENT

MOTION: AGM 2014.14

Moved by Cindy Maddock (CCA Governor), seconded by Peter Inch (CCA Governor) that Collins Barrow, Chartered Accountants, Ottawa, be appointed auditors of the Canadian Curling Association for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

CARRIED

14.0 MOTION TO RATIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE CCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

MOTION: AGM 2014.15

Moved by Dale Curtis (OCA), seconded by Jean Lamère (Curling Quebec) that the actions of the CCA Board of Governors for 2013-2014 be ratified.

CARRIED

15.0 AWARDS PRESENTATION

On behalf of Association members, Shirley Osborne, Chair of the Awards and Hall of Fame Committee, presented tokens of appreciation to Governors Elaine de Ryk and Ron Hutton, who were completing their tenure on the CCA Board. Both Governors were given the opportunity to speak to the assembly. Hugh Avery was also presented with a token of appreciation to commemorate his year as Chair of the CCA Board of Governors.

16.0 NEW BUSINESS

16.1 Chair and Vice Chair for 2014/2015

It was announced that the CCA Board of Governors had elected Marilyn Neily as Chair and Bob Osborne, Vice Chair of the Canadian Curling Association for 2014 - 2015. Both Marilyn and Bob addressed those in attendance confirming their commitment to work hard on behalf of the membership and the sport during the next year .

17.0 DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chair Hugh Avery reported that during discussions held with the voting delegates at yesterday's private meeting, it was decided that the next CCA AGM (to conduct the order of business as outlined in the Bylaws including the appointment of the auditor) would be held via teleconference on Wednesday, September 15, 2015.

The 2015 National Curling Congress will be held mid to late June (specific date and location to be confirmed by the CCA in the coming weeks).

18.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hugh thanked everyone for their attendance and participation at the 2014 National Curling Congress and AGM.

Having completed all business on the agenda, Elaine de Ryk (CCA Governor) moved and Karen Costello (NCA) seconded that the meeting adjourn.

ADDENDUM

- CHAIR'S REPORT, CCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
- RESIDENCY POLICY

**CCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
CHAIR HUGH AVERY
2013-2014 REPORT**

What we traditionally do for this report is tell you what we have done throughout the year and, at the top of my list is, I did not prepare a report to give you today so I am going to wing it.

Obviously, as Chair, you have an incredibly busy season – you are going from one place to another. I have attended the Continental Cup in Las Vegas, where Warren and his group put on quite a show. Having Vegas show girls take out the teams was something I'd never seen in a curling venue before so that was interesting! They did a fabulous job there. I went to the Juniors in Liverpool where the folks down there put on an incredible show. The Scotties were in Montreal – it was nice to take an event to Quebec and it was great to be there. Jean Lamère helped me with my limited French so I say to my official translator, Jean, thank you. Before that we had a tremendous event, the Curling Trials, in Winnipeg where I got to hang out with my friends Kim and Rob. You did a tremendous job. It was my first time in Winnipeg and now I understand why you have to stay inside when you go from one venue to another – it may have been cold outside but their hearts were very warm so thank you for having me in your community. It was great to be there.

I got to go to the Olympics this year and, as many of you would think, it was a complete dream to be there and then see our teams do as well as they did. As I indicated at the Hall of Fame Banquet, I was getting ill because of the nerves during the Semi Final games. It is scary to watch one of those games but it was incredibly fun. My final event for the year was the Ford World Women's in Saint John, New Brunswick where Jeff Lacey and his team of volunteers put on a great show.

In addition to being Chair of the Board I also chaired the CEO Compensation Committee, the Appointments Suggestion Committee and I've been an international delegate to the World Curling Federation. It gives me a great deal of pride to represent the entire CCA at the world level. It has been a thrill and I thank everyone for that opportunity.

I thank my Governors for all of their support to me as Chair. I will have the opportunity to say a few things more about the Governors later in the meeting so I'll keep this portion of my remarks brief and move on to having the Governors give you their individual reports.

POLICY FOR RESIDENCY **2014 – 2015 CURLING SEASON**

All national curling championships involve the participation of teams that are made up of individuals who are full time residents within the geographic area of each Member Association. To ensure that all individuals are treated equally, a policy has been established that clearly outlines what an individual must be able to provide to be considered a resident for playdown purposes.

It is understood that an individual can only participate in one province/territory in any championship season. (Explanation – an individual may only participate in the playdown process in one Member Association in one championship year – this includes all championships that lead to a national event. These include Masters, Juveniles, The Travelers Club Championship, etc. It is understood that the Canadian Mixed, held in November, will be part of the previous year’s group of competitions even though it is dated in the following year. For example – the 2015 Canadian Mixed held in November of 2014 will be considered a part of the 2013/14 Championship season for residency purposes.)

An individual must provide a minimum of three of the following four items to the Member Association (if requested) whose playdown structure he or she wish to enter:

- ** Current Drivers License (or valid travel picture ID) from that province/territory**
- ** Current Health Care Card from that province/territory**
- ** Letter from employer confirming employment within the province/territory**
- ** Statement from landlord (if renting) or bank (if owned) confirming residency within the province/territory – a copy of a property tax invoice for non-mortgaged property is also adequate. Recommend a statutory declaration be obtained.**

Traditional, on-campus, full time students will be allowed to establish residency by providing a confirmation letter from their school’s Registrar’s Office confirming full time status and class enrollment for the academic year. This policy defers to the institution which the student attends in terms of defining full-time student status.

For Canadian Men’s and Canadian Women’s Championships, individuals **MUST** be permanent residents of the province/territory in which they wish to enter playdowns prior to September 1st of the year preceding the championship season (for example – Sept 1st of 2014 for the 2014/15 championship season). This time frame may be shortened in the following circumstances:

- Transfer due to employment
- School attendance
- Military service and transfer

Exemptions may be made in exceptional circumstances if granted by two Member Associations where:

- Individuals live within a short distance of a provincial/territorial boundary
- Part-time students
- An individual is based in two provinces/territories due to an employment situation

(The individual must provide positive proof that their predominant employment from September 1st to March 31st, of the curling season the exemption is being requested for, will be located with the geographical area of the Member Association they wish to participate in*).

Process for Exemption Requests

- Exemption requests must be received by the CCA and applicable Member Associations a minimum of 30 days prior to the Member Association's entry deadline.
- Detailed information will be required with the exemption request
- The respective Member Associations will review all information and approve or deny the application. If Member Associations cannot agree on a decision, a committee that includes the following three individuals will make the decision and their ruling will be considered final:
 - CEO of the CCA
 - Director, High Performance of the CCA
 - Chair or Vice-Chair of the Operations (ED) Council
- (*) Individuals who have employment in two curling jurisdictions may be required to participate in a formal interview that will include the identified employer, a representative of the Member Associations and the Director of High Performance of the CCA.

For Canadian championships that do not lead to World Championships, there may be unique circumstances that allow a curler to be residing outside of Canada and still be eligible to compete. These will be approved by the respective Member Association (for example – Point Roberts, Washington residents may be eligible to compete in Curl BC events leading to Canadian Juvenile, Master and Travelers competitions if granted an exemption by Curl BC).

Any individual who has provided proof of residency or has been granted an exemption will also provide a signed waiver that will agree to a one year suspension from any CCA sanctioned championship OR championships coordinated by Member Associations in the event it is discovered that any information has been provided in a fraudulent manner.

Process for Challenges

It is understood that this policy will be a national policy and, in the event the policy is challenged, the CCA will assist in the defense of any challenge at the MA level and/or protect the CCA's interest and its costs, as the Associations mutually deem appropriate.