



New Brunswick Curling Association/Association de Cruling du Nouveau-Brunswick
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB
May 3, 2015, 1:00 PM

Curling Centres Represented

Carleton	Capital Winter Club	Curl Moncton
Gladstone	Gage Golf and Curling	Grand Falls
Heather	Miramichi	Rexton
Riverside	St. Stephen	Thistle St. Andrews
Woodstock		

MEETING MINUTES

- **Call To Order:** Meeting Chair, Darren Eaton, called the meeting to order. Darren explained that NBCA President, Sue Lister, was unable to attend as she is at a special meeting of the MA Presidents and CCA Board of Governors.
- **Ratification of Agenda:** Darren asked for a motion to accept the agenda. Jerry McCann moved the agenda be accepted as presented. Shelly Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Credentials and Appointment of Scrutineers:** Credentials were read by the Executive Director (Marg Maranda) prior to the beginning of the meeting. Scrutineers for this meeting are Steve Mazerolle and Roland Fraser.
- **Moment of Silence for Departed Members:** A moment of silence was observed for departed members. Curling centre representatives were invited to call out the names of members who passed away during the past season.
- **Adoption of Minutes of November 2, 2014 SAGM:** The minutes of the Nov. 2, 2014 SAGM were posted to the NBCA web site and are contained in the Participants Guide. Joan Christie moved the minutes be accepted as presented. Dave Burpee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Business Arising From November 2, 2014 SAGM Minutes:**
 - Rocks and Rings-From the Gym to the Ice:** Marg reminded curling centres that information on this program, which is sponsored by a grant received from the Province of NB, was circulated to curling centres in December. As we still have funding available, the program will continue into next season. Program details are included in the Participants Guide. Some modifications may be made as our Rocks and Rings facilitator, Cathlia Ward, has graduated from university and may not be available next season. Please contact the NBCA office if your curling centre would like to take advantage of this program.
 - NB Players Committee:** Marg reported that, to date, we still have not been informed that the NB Players Committee has been re-established. This is very disappointing as the Board certainly could have used their input on a few of the 2015 NCC/AGM Notices of Motion along with other items that the Board is currently dealing with. Should NBCA Notice for Consideration #2 be passed today, providing the NB Players Committee Chair with a voting position on the NBCA Board, we are hopeful the NB Players will recognize that the NBCA Board considers their input to be most valuable. Jeremy Mallais addressed the Chair and announced his intent to reach out to the NB Players (competitive curling athletes) and offer to assume the role of NB Players Committee Chair. This announcement was met with an enthusiastic response from those present. Jeremy will connect with previous NB Players Chair, Chris Smith, to have him assist with the process of having this committee re-established. Jeremy will keep the NBCA updated.
 - Curling Canada IMRS and IMF (Individual Member Registration System/Individual Membership Fee):** The minutes of the March 27 CCA Special Meeting are in the Participants Guide. Darren

reported that the proposed IMRS and IMF has been approved for implementation in 2016-17. Next season, a pilot will be performed with the results discussed among all MA's prior to the 2016-17 implementation. Marg stated it is imperative that the NBCA participate in the Pilot so we can determine, first hand, how this new Affiliation Model and Registration System will impact the NBCA and our Affiliated Curling Centres. We still have many unanswered questions and expects participation in the Pilot will help answer several of them. Marg stated she expects detailed information will be presented at the 2015 NCC. She also stated that all NB Affiliated Curling Centres will receive more information once it becomes available. Ellery Robichaud asked if the \$4 NBCA Fee plus the \$2 CCA Fee (per member) is final with no additional fees. Marg acknowledged that this is correct. Jonathan Goodine asked if ALL curling participants were subject to the Individual Membership Fee. Marg responded that all members (adult and youth), along with regular corporate league participants, were subject to the fee.

- **Report from May 3, 2015 NBCA Board Meeting:**

--**Reviewed NCC Notices of Consideration:** Darren reported the Board discussed each NCC Notice for Consideration and will be reporting the Board's recommendations when we discuss them further down in this agenda.

--**High Performance League:** Darren reported that the Board agreed to support the 2015-16 pilot of this league. The Board has instructed a committee be formed that will report to NBCA Board as planning evolves. A great deal of discussion followed with the highlights outlined below:

--Jerry McCann: is concerned about the tight time line and due diligence to ensure all competitive athletes have the opportunity to provide input. Darren says the committee will work to ensure every competitive athlete has the opportunity to compete.

--Jeremy Mallais: due to lack of consultation and information, his team will play only because of the seeds being provided. He doesn't necessarily agree that NB teams, by playing against one another several times, will develop to the point of being better able to compete against teams at the National Championships. Darren say there is wide array of benefits included with this league and, as such, the Board felt it necessary to support it.

--Shelly Graham: met with Damien and Ellery and although seeds were discussed they were not a guarantee. Darren stated the seeds are to be a trial for this season.

--Jerry McCann: stated due process has not been followed. This impacts Provincial Events and therefore needs General Membership approval.

--Shelly Graham: supports Jerry's comments. She also stated that CWC's support of this league was conditional to further information and specifics. It was the understanding of the entire CWC Board that such information would come from this meeting

--Marg Maranda: in light of the comments made here today, the question of due process will need to be reviewed by the Board along with the accuracy of the information provided to the Board.

--Lorne Boulter: If a questionnaire regarding this league is being sent out, please include the Gage.

- **NBCA Board of Directors Annual Reports:** Darren informed the assembly that the NB Presidents and Executive Directors reports are in the front of the Participants Guide and the remaining Board reports are at the back of the Guide.
- **Curling Canada Report (Governor-Yves Maillet):** CCA Governor, Yves Maillet, is unable to attend today as he is attending the special meeting between the MA Presidents and the CCA Board of Governors. He has, however, submitted a report which was read by Marg and is contained in the Participants Guide.
- **Curl Atlantic Report (Gary Wilson):** Gary gave an overview of his report which is contained in the Participants Guide.
- **Province of New Brunswick (Christine Powers-Tomsons):** On December 10, 2013, the Province of NB/Sport and Recreation Branch assigned a new consultant to the NBCA. Christine Powers-Tomsons brought greetings from the Province of NB and complemented the NBCA on the work being done to promote curling in NB, particularly with the creation of the "From the Gym to the Ice" program. She encouraged curling centres to take advantage of this initiative in an effort to grow membership.
- **Appointment of Auditors:** Catherine moved we appoint David Stewart to review the 2014-15 financial records and to prepare the supporting financial reports. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **2015 Fall Technical Calendar:** In an effort to better communicate the courses and clinics lined up for this summer and fall, the 2015 Summer/Fall Technical Schedule was circulated to all curling centres and posted on the home page of the NBCA web site. A copy of the schedule is also in the Participants Guide.
- **2014-15 NBCA Provincial Events Schedule:** A copy of the finalized 2014-15 Provincial Events Schedule is in the Participants Guide and will appear on the NBCA web site within the next several days. John C. spoke of the fact that the 2016 and 2017 Little Rocks Provincial Event will be held on arena ice.
- **Travelers Club Championship-Management:** Travelers has asked Curling Canada to take over management of the National Travelers Club Championship. Travelers will remain the "governing" body of the event and will continue to fully finance it. A Notice of Motion was circulated to all Member Association and a special meeting of Curling Canada and the MA Voting Delegates was called. The motion was carried.
- **National Curling Congress- Notices for Consideration:** The NCC Notices of Motion were previously e-mailed to all NB Curling Centres and are contained in the Participants Guide. Each "Notice" was reviewed, the Board recommendations reported and discussions among curling centre voting delegates took place. Below are the discussion results and the voting instructions that will be provided to National Curling Congress NB Delegates.
 - Rules: Unanimously voted in FAVOR of supporting this motion. (Board recommended voting in favor)
 - Age Requirement for Brier and Scotties: Some discussion took place suggesting that this could increase participation of the NB Tankard and Scotties but could also decrease participation in the NB Juniors, especially if scheduling conflicts occur. Would athletes be eligible to participate in both Juniors and the two adult events? If our older Juniors participate in the two adult events and not in our U21 Championships, we would be sending weaker teams to the U21 Nationals. Concern regarding alcohol at the adult events was brought up. The majority voted AGAINST this motion....12 against and 7 in favor. (Board recommended voted against this motion)
 - Three Motions Regarding Direct Entry: As did the Board, voting delegates unanimously voted to instruct our NCC/AGM Voting Delegates to vote in FAVOR of removing the pre-qualification round and in FAVOR of all 14 MA's having direct entry to the entire Championship.
 - Mixed Doubles Trials: As did the Board, there was a unanimous vote in FAVOR of this motion.
 - New Affiliate Organization: As did the Board, there was a unanimous vote in FAVOR of this motion as long as it is Revenue Neutral.
 - Residency (Free Agent): As did the Board, there was a unanimous vote AGAINST this motion.
 - Residency (Curl BC): AS did the Board, there was a unanimous vote in FAVOR of this motion. NOTE: The policy may be slightly modified at the NCC.
 - Policy re consultation (NOCA): As did the Board, there was a unanimous vote in FAVOR of this motion.
 - Change to Bylaws (Interpretation..): As did the Board, there was a unanimous vote in FAVOR of this motion.
 - Change to Bylaws (Membership..): AS did the Board, there was a unanimous vote in FAVOR of this motion.
 - Change to Bylaws (Meetings of Members): As did the Board, there was a unanimous vote in FAVOR of this motion.
- **2011-2015 NBCA Strategic Plan:** Marg reported that the 5 year NBCA Strategic Plan expires at the end of 2015. Copies of the plan, along with the results of each item on the plan, were handed out to those present at the meeting. Marg stated that the Board will now have to look at creating a new Strategic Plan and will seek the assistance of our PNB rep, Christine Powers-Tomsons. Further information will be circulated as it becomes available.
- **NBCA Board Elections:** The names of those who have agreed/offered to run for the open NBCA Board Positions, with the exception of Gail Saaman, who has offered to run for the position of South Zone Director, are contained in the Participants Guide. Darren called out the names of each nominee and asked that they stand to be recognized. Darren then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Bearing none, the following positions will be filled by acclamation:
1st VP: David Burpee, 2nd VP: Joan Christie, Central Zone Director: Dmitri Makrides, South West Zone Director: Anna Fitzgerald, South Zone Director: Gail Saaman.

- Incoming President, Catherine MacLean, assumed the Chair's seat and thanked Darren for
- **NBCA Notices for Consideration:** In keeping with the NBCA Constitution, NBCA Notices for the Participants Guide.
 - Notice #1 was read. Jerry McCann moved approval of the notice. Stephen Mazerolle seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Notice #2 was read. Jerry McCann moved approval of the Notice. Stephen Mazerolle seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Notice #3 was read. Jerry McCann moved acceptance of the Notice. Roland Fraser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - **Awards & Presentations:** Marg presented plaques to Board Members who have completed their terms of office and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to curling in New Brunswick. (Darren Eaton, Joan Christie and Sue Lister. Joan will remain on the Board in the 2nd VP Position and Sue will remain in the Past President position)
 - John Larsen has served as a NB Curling Volunteer for 38+ years. For the past several years, he has held the position of Technical Co-ordinator. John is retiring from this position and the NBCA Executive Committee is pleased to induct him as a NBCA Honorary Life Member.
 - The 2015 Les Harrison Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Brian Dalrymple of Gage. As Brian was unable to attend this AGM, the presentation was made at the Gage Closing Banquet.
 - **Adjournment:** Jerry McCann moved the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.
Marg Maranda