



New Brunswick Curling Association/Association de Curling du Nouveau-Brunswick

NBCA Business Session November 6, 2016, 1:00 PM @ Curl Moncton

Curling Centres Represented: Carleton, Curl Moncton, CWC, Gage, Gladstone, Heather, Miramichi, Riverside, St. Stephen, Sussex, TSA.

Meeting Minutes

- **Introductions & Welcome:** NBCA President, Catherine MacLean, extended a welcome to meeting attendees.
- **NBCA Order of Business:** Marg reviewed the Order of Business and informed attendees that Jeremy Mallais will assume the role of "parliamentarian".
- **Curling Canada Brand Video:** The Curling Canada Brand Video, which was presented at the 2016 NCC, was viewed by meeting participants.
- **Curling Canada-Curling Registration & Management System Presentation:** Marg gave a brief presentation on the Curling Registration & Management System which was presented to the participants of the 2016 NCC.
- **NBCA Notices of Motion:**
 - **NB Scotties Prelim:** Paulette Girvan moved that the format of the NB Scotties be amended to include the Scotties Warm-Up as a NBCA event with mandatory participation as outlined in the Notice of Motion. Joan Christie seconded the motion. Very little discussion followed. Motion was carried without amendment to be brought to the SAGM.
 - **NB Seniors 5th Players & Coaches:** Paulette Girvan moved that the Seniors format be amended to include 5th players as outlined in the Notice of Motion. Joan Christie seconded the motion. Peter Christie of St. Stephen asked about 5th players attending the National event as an event spare. It was also asked if an NB team can replace a player who falls ill prior to the National event. Ellery Robichaud stated his opinion that there should be no 5th players for Seniors. Motion was carried without amendment to be brought to the SAGM.
- **Physical Literacy Presentation (NBCA/CCE):** Rick Perron gave an overview of the newly developed NBCA/CCE Physical Literacy Program that will enhance our existing Little Rocks program to the best in the country. All NB curling centres will be contacted with an invitation to become involved. The NBCA will assist with grant opportunities to pay for program equipment for each curling centre and to cover expenses involved with training Little Rocks coaches. It is expected it will take three seasons to have every NB curling centre fully engaged.
- **Rocking the House Proposal (NBCA/CCE):** Due to time constraints, this program proposal has been tabled to the SAGM.
- **Little Rocks & Junior Age Categories:** Brian Dalrymple would like to see Little Rocks maximum age amended to 10 years...or so, in keeping with LTAD. He also believed that Little Rocks that

have played up should not be able to return from a Jr. event and go back to Little Rocks. Catherine reported that with regards to age maximums, we are currently in keeping with what is going on in most provinces. Brian mentioned that in SK they use granite rocks right away (as granite rocks used in the Little Rocks program but not with lowering the maximum age restriction. Jonathan Goodine supports no kids returning to Little Rocks after having played in a Jr. event. He is concerned that we are losing curlers after Little Rocks because there is not as much FUN stuff available at the Jr. level as most Jr.'s are focused on competition. It was also brought up that there is concern that the NBCA, the governing body, doesn't appear to assume any responsibility with decisions made by the Jr. Committee. Catherine assured those present that decisions made regarding Jr. events are made by a committee consisting of 6 representatives from throughout the province. These concerns will be brought to the attention of the Junior Committee.

ACTION: Concerns mentioned above will be brought to the attention of the Junior Committee.

- **Date Changes for Provincial Events:** Brian Dalrymple expressed his concern with the recent change in dates. He feels that once date are made, they should not change, regardless of issues that arise. Ellery stated that the NBCA Board needs to ultimately assume responsibility for the Junior Committee.
- **Adjourn to SAGM**

Respectfully submitted.
Marg Maranda