



CURLING CANADA

ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 17, 2017

MINUTES

**ANNUAL MEETING - CURLING CANADA
NAV CENTRE, CORNWALL, ONTARIO
SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017**

Meeting Chair: Peter Inch

ATTENDANCE:

Member Association Voting Delegates

Harold Walters (NF and Labrador)	Harry Daemen (Nova Scotia)
Mark Noseworthy (NF and Labrador)	Cathy Dalziel (Nova Scotia)
David Burpee (New Brunswick)	Sandy Matheson (Prince Edward Island)
Joan Christie (New Brunswick)	Amy Duncan (Prince Edward Island)
Jean Lamère (Quebec)	Rick Meraska (Ontario)
Andre Bellavance (Quebec)	Doug Kreviazuk (Ontario)
Michael Szajewski (Northern Ontario)	Debbie Schween (Manitoba)
Mitch Minken (Saskatchewan)	Brenda Asmussen (Alberta)
Christy Walker (Saskatchewan)	Ellen Johnson (Yukon)
Paul Addison (British Columbia)	Laini Klassen (Yukon)
Peter Muir (British Columbia)	Stephen Moss (Northwest Territories)
Bruce Morgan (Nunavut)	Nick Saturnino (Northwest Territories)

Curling Canada Board

Peter Inch, Chair	Resby Coutts, Vice Chair
Lena West, Governor	Shirley Osborne, Governor
Ron Hutton, Governor	Cathy Hughes, Governor
Maureen Miller, Governor	John Shea, Governor
Scott Comfort, Governor	Angela Hodgson, Governor

Curling Canada Staff

Katherine Henderson, CEO	Karen Ryan
Gerry Peckham	Danny Lamoureux
Justin Perry	Brodie Bazinet
Bill Merklinger	Al Cameron
Nolan Thiessen	

Other Attendees:

Leslie Kerr (ED - NO)	Virginia Jackson (ED - NS)
Scott Braley (ED - BC)	Stephen Chenier (ED - ON)
Craig Baker (ED - MB)	Ashley Howard (ED - SK)
Marc-André Robitaille (ED - QC)	George Cooke (Candidate for Election)
Graham Prouse (WCF Executive)	Hugh Avery (CC Past Chair and Hall of Fame Inductee)
Glenn van Gulik (Past staff member)	Lisa Weagle (Athlete)
Collinda Joseph (Athlete)	

Parliamentarian

Steven Indig, Sport Law

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Peter Inch called the Annual Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Katherine Henderson, CEO, reported that on May 3, 2017 notice that the Annual Meeting would be held commencing at 9:00 am ET on June 17, 2017 was emailed to all voting delegates, Member Association Presidents, Member Association Executive Directors, CC Board of Governors, CC Staff, Affiliate Organizations, Nicole Mulligan (Sport Canada), Joe Wattie (Collins Barrow) and Steven Indig (Parliamentarian). Background information was included with the distribution of the notice of meeting.

2.0 REPORT ON CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES AND QUORUM

CEO Katherine Henderson polled the meeting for voting delegates and a total of 14 votes were recorded. She advised there was a quorum for the meeting and that a simple majority related to voting is 8.

3.0 ELECTION OF GOVERNORS TO THE CURLING CANADA BOARD

The elections were conducted under the supervision of Curling Canada's Governance Committee Chair Maureen Miller. She stated that Past Chair Hugh Avery and Parliamentarian Steven Indig would serve as scrutineers for the election.

Election to the Board of Governors (2 Positions for a 4-Year Term)

It was reported that two nominations had been received to date:
Brad Gibb nominated by the Alberta Curling Federation; and
George Cooke nominated by the Ontario Curling Association.

Calling three times for nominations from the floor and receiving none, a motion was brought forward to close nominations:

MOTION: AM 2017.01
Moved by Rick Meraska (ON), seconded by Ellen Johnson (YK), that nominations for positions on the Curling Canada Board cease.
CARRIED

The election was held and both George Cooke and Brad Gibb were elected to the Board of Governors for a four-year term. Congratulations were extended to both candidates and George Cooke, who was on site, came forward to accept his crest and thank the Member Association delegates for their support.

MOTION: AM 2017.02
Moved by Paul Addison (BC), seconded by Jean Lamère (QC), 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 Annual Meeting.

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: AM 2017.03
Moved by Stephen Moss (NT), seconded by Jean Lamère (QC), that the meeting agenda be approved.

CARRIED

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No errors or omissions were brought forward related to approval of the following minutes:

MOTION: AM 2017.04
Moved by Ellen Johnson (YK), seconded by Debbie Schween (MB), that the Minutes of the June 18, 2016 Annual Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

MOTION: AM 2017.05
Moved by Paul Addison (BC), seconded by Rick Meraska (ON), that the Minutes of the September 30, 2016 Continuation of the Annual Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

MOTION: AM 2017.06
Moved by Mitch Minken (SK), seconded by Harry Daemen (NS), that the Minutes of the May 30, 2017 Special Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

7.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

It was reported that Curling Canada's correspondence is handled on a daily basis through the national office in Ottawa.

9.0 INTERIM REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Report of Chair Peter Inch (see addendum)

10.0 INTERIM REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Each Governor had provided a written report in the meeting's information link.

11.0 BUSINESS FOR THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING - MOTIONS

1) Articles of Incorporation of Curling Canada

MOTION: AM 2017.07

Moved by Harold Walters (NF & LABRADOR), seconded by Paul Addison (BC):

Be it resolved that, subsequent to the approval of new Curling Canada By-laws in a Special Meeting of the Members May 30, 2017, the Articles of Incorporation of Curling Canada be amended to align the Articles with the By-laws by:

- Removing the Officer Member category and all references thereto;
- By amending the stated minimum number of Governors from ten (10) to eight (8), AND
- By increasing the stated maximum number of Governors from ten (10) to twelve (12).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Number of Governors

MOTION: AM 2017.08

Moved by Debbie Schween (MB), seconded by Mike Meraska (ON):

Be it resolved that, based upon the recommendation of the Constitution Review Committee in consultation with Legal Counsel, the number of Governors comprising the Board of Governors be set at ten (10).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) Endorsement of Helmet Recommendation and Future Investigation

MOTION: AM 2017.09

Moved by David Burpee (NB), seconded by Steve Moss (NT):

Be it resolved that, based upon the unanimous suggestion of the Curling Canada Operations Advisory Council, the Member Associations endorse the immediate release of a Curling Canada statement to encourage Canadian curling clubs and facilities to acknowledge a concern about Head Injuries and Concussion and urging clubs and facilities to implement helmet use initiatives in beginner and novice curling programs, and that helmets are strongly suggested for all in the U 12 age category.

And that, based upon the preliminary findings of an Advisory Council committee presented and discussed during the 2017 National Curling Congress, the Member Associations endorse a thorough investigation of the development of a Curling Canada policy in regard to the wearing of CSA-approved headgear or ice sports by U12 and beginning and novice curlers;

And that Curling Canada also investigate the potential for a national insurance program for curlers;

And, furthermore, that the timeline for the required investigations and, if deemed appropriate, for the introduction of said policy be developed in consultation with the Member Associations and reported at the 2018 Curling Canada Annual Meeting, or earlier.

CARRIED

4) Affiliate Organization

MOTION: AM 2017.10

Moved by Jean Lamère, seconded by Harry Daemen (NS):

Be it resolved that, at the 2017 Annual Meeting, the Canadian Branch of the RCCC (Royal Caledonian Curling Club) be approved as an affiliate organization of Curling Canada.

CARRIED

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Chair and Vice Chair for 2017-2018

For the meeting record it was noted that the Curling Canada Board of Governors had elected Resby Coutts as Chair and Maureen Miller as Vice Chair of Curling Canada for 2017-2018.

13.0 MEETING RECESSED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Current not-for-profit legislation states that audited statements must be sent to the membership at least 21 days in advance of an Annual Meeting. To allow adequate time for the audits to take place, the financial business of the organization cannot be dealt with until late summer/early fall.

Having addressed motions and other business slated for this initial portion of the Annual Meeting, the Chair called for a motion to recess the meeting until it is reconvened by conference call on September 30, 2017. At that time the remaining financial-related items will be addressed.

MOTION TO RECESS THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

MOTION: AM 2017.11

Moved by Rick Meraska (ON), seconded by Ellen Johnson (YK), that the 2017 Annual Meeting be recessed until it is reconvened by conference call on September 30, 2017

CARRIED

**CURLING CANADA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
CHAIR PETER INCH
2016-2017 REPORT**

As my year comes to an end I would like to thank my fellow Governors, all the Member Association Presidents and their staff and our CEO Kathy Henderson and the Curling Canada staff for making this a year of memories. Also, to the volunteers, stakeholders and curling fans across our great nation - you hold a very important role with curling in Canada.

These are just a few of the memories that will stay with me for many years to come:

- all of the hard work done over the last two years by the Constitution and Governance Review Committee;
- the work the Finance & Audit Committee did in restructuring our reporting system and developing one set of financials for all of Curling Canada;
- the Events Model Review Committee's efforts to move Curling Canada in a better direction and make our events great again;
- the establishment of the Curling Sustainability Committee and the successful movement to reduce the cost of cable bills to our local curling centers; and, finally,
- to the Hall of Fame Committee - congratulations on the wonderful number of nominations secured for Volunteer of the Year Award as well as this year's inductions into the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame. I was very pleased to be on hand for the induction of Brier Bear (Reg Caughie) and Brian Cassidy at this year's Brier in Newfoundland and to be able to honour Past CC Chair, Hugh Avery, at his induction during last night's Celebration Dinner.

On a personal note, I will always remember the year we were perfect in both the Women's and Men's World Championships and I got to present the gold medals to Team Homan and Team Gushue. I wish you all could have been in Beijing and Edmonton to feel the enormous sense of pride for both of these teams and Canada as a whole. We should never forget the work that goes into becoming a World Champion, not only the effort put forth by the team itself, but also the work that our Team at Curling Canada does to make sure Canadian teams achieve success.

To Kathy Henderson and all the wonderful Staff of Curling Canada - thank you for your dedication to the sport of curling and for all your patience as we turn the ship to start sailing with the wind at our backs. Change is never easy but it is necessary if you want to keep a company energized and focused on the new directions in our sport and all sports.

It has been an honour to serve as Chair of Curling Canada and I hope our organization is in a better place than it was 12 months ago when I started my tenure.

Our future start now and it looks very bright.

Thank You.