



NEW BRUNSWICK CURLING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 1, 2011, 2:00 P.M.
Thistle St. Andrew's Curling Club
Saint John, NB

MINUTES AND ANNUAL REPORTS



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**Thistle St. Andrews Curling Club
49 Dufferin Ave., Saint John, NB
May 1, 2011-2:00 P.M.**

CLUBS REPRESENTED

Beaver	Capital Winter Club	Carleton	Gage	Gladstone
Grand Falls	Curling Beausejour Inc.	Harvey	Heather	M.C.A.
Miramichi	Fredericton Curling Club	Riverside	T.S.A.	Woodstock

PRESENT

**President: Roland Fraser
1st V.P.: Yves Maillet
2nd V.P. : Anna Brinson
Treasurer: Nick McCann
Executive Director: Marg Maranda
Master Learning Facilitator: Brian Rice
Junior Development: John Corbin
Officials Co-ordinator: Catherine MacLean**

**S/W Zone Director: Sue Lankisch
N/E Zone Director: Phyllis Cooling
Central Zone Director : Karen Langille
N/W Zone Director: Angie Pelkey
S/E Zone Director: Alistair Syme
South Zone Director: Valerie Laing
Players Committee Rep: Chris Smith
CCA Liaison: Ron Hutton**

ABSENT

3rd V.P.: Damien Lahiton

Provincial Ice Tech : Chris Tapley

- 1. Call to Order**—NBCA President, Roland Fraser, called the meeting to order.
- 2. Ratification of Agenda and Appointment of Scrutineers**—Jerry McCann & Catherine MacLean were appointed as Scrutineers. Items added to agenda were; Molson Club Incentive, Sport Day, Dominion Club Championship and Wheelchair Curling.
- 3. Credentials**—Each NBCA Affiliated Curling Club is entitled to two (2) accredited delegates. No proxies. Fourteen clubs and 24 delegates represented today's meeting.
- 4. Moment of Silence**—A moment of silence was offered and departed members were recognized.
- 5. Adoption of Minutes from the November 7, 2010 Semi Annual General Meeting**—Minutes had previously been distributed electronically. Catherine MacLean moved the minutes be accepted as presented. George Caissie seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 6. Business arising from Minutes/Old Business--**
--Strategic Planning Update—Marg reported that both an NBCA Mission and Vision statement had been created by the Board of Directors. Both statements were read and will appear on the new NBCA Web Site. Marg also reported that although our Strategic Planning is moving along more slowly than we had originally hoped, it is moving along and the Board of Directors remains committed to this initiative.

--Curling Centre of Excellence—Marg, Brian and Anna reported that, as per the motion made at the Nov. 7, 2010 SAGM, a mutually acceptable agreement has been created between the NBCA and the Curling Centre of Excellence (CCE). This agreement will be renewable on a year-to-year basis. The CCE Executive Director will work jointly with the existing NBCA Technical Committee, and handle all technical and coaching clinics/courses. This is in an effort to ensure the needs of all NBCA affiliated clubs/curlers continue to be met.

--Events Management Committee—Anna reported that she and Catherine were going to follow up on this initiative in an effort to have this committee functional next season.

7. Report of Board of Directors meeting of May 1, 2011:

Web Site—Marg reported that the new NBCA Web Site should be rolled up and running around the 1st of June, 2011. She reported that clubs will have the ability to insert their own items to the NBCA Calendar.

Masters—Marg reported that the NB Master have provided the NBCA with a formal request to be NBCA Sanctioned. The Board of Directors have tabled this request for the July, 2011 Planning Meeting as more information is required in order to prepare a proposal.

8. Treasurer's Interim Report—Nick reported that the NBCA did fall within budget this year, a formal report will not be available until the accountant has had an opportunity to prepare his report.

9. Annual Reports—(Annual Reports from the Board of Directors and NBCA Committees are attached for your reading pleasure)

a) **Curl Atlantic**—Gary Wilson has joined Brian Rice as NBCA liaisons. They reported that the White Cap will run for two weeks in Halifax. Curl Atlantic will host a Men's and Women's Championship in Sackville, NB in September. The purpose of this event is to better prepare our teams for National play in an arena setting. The two Championship teams will proceed to Switzerland to participate in an international event. Rocks n Rings should be available in New Brunswick next season.

b) **CCA**-Ron Hutton reported on the 2010-11 CAP program. 12-14 clubs across the country received funding. No funding was provided to any of the three NB clubs that applied. Cut off dates were quick this year but more time should be provided next year. CCA is in good financial shape. Ron spoke on Masters. CCA is in discussion with the National Masters regarding having the National Master added to the Season of Champions.

10. Site Selection—Anna & Yves reported that the 2011/12 site selection will be completed by middle of May. Jerry McCann announced his proposal to host the Men's & Women's Provincial Championship together at the Fredericton Junction arena in 2013. There was a little discussion regarding the potential ice conditions at an arena. Jerry commented that there have been complaints, at one time or another, regarding ice conditions at every club in NB. Overall, Jerry's proposal was provided with positive feedback.

11. Appointment of Budget Committee and Appointment of Auditor—It was reported that the Budget Committee are the members of the NBCA Executive Committee. It was recommended that David Stewart be appointed as auditor again this year. This recommendation was accepted.

12. **Report of Nominating Committee**—Roland reported that two new Zone Directors have accepted but a required third had not been found. As a result, Angie Pelkey has agreed to represent the North West Zone for another year. One nomination has been received for 3rd Vice President. As there were nominations from the floor, this individual will join the NBCA Executive Committee by acclimation.

13. **Election of Officers**---Roland read the names of the 2011/12 Board of Directors; (members new to the Board are highlighted)

President: Yves Maillet
1st V.P. : Anna Brinson
2nd V.P.: Damien Lahiton
3rd V.P. : Ed Haggerty
Treasurer: Nick McCann
Executive Director: Marg Maranda

Central Zone Director: Karen Langille
N/E Zone Director: Phyllis Cooling
N/W Zone Director: Angie Pelkey
S/E Zone Director : Pierre Fraser
S/W Zone Director: Sue Lankisch
South Zone Director: David Burpee

14. **Changes of By Laws and Constitution**—There are no changes to the By Laws or Constitution however, Marg reported that a complete review of these documents will take place prior to the November, 2011 SAGM and Notices of Consideration can be expected.

15. **New Business**--

a) **Les Harrison Volunteer of the Year Award**—Les Harrison presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Vernon Lister. Vernon was nominated by both the Harvey and Heather Curling Clubs for his outstanding contributions to both clubs.

b) **Presentations to Outgoing Board Members**—Roland Fraser, Alistair Syme and Valerie Laing were recognized for their contributions to the NBCA Board of Directors.

c) **Presentation to Outgoing Junior Co-ordinator**—Kevin Kyle was not present. Incoming Junior Co-ordinator, John Corbin will forward Kevin's certificate to him.

16. **Molson Club Incentive**—Marg reported that only three clubs had responded to the Molson Club Incentive and therefore, all three clubs will receive a prize. Curling --Beausejour Inc. will receive \$1,500, Grand Falls will receive \$1,000 and FCC will receive \$500.

17. **NB Sport Day**—Marg reported that NB Curling will participate in the next NB Sport Day. This is an event that urges Provincial Sports Organization to come together to offer the general public an opportunity to try their sport. As this is held in a gymnasium and an outdoor field, we will use Rocks and Rings for this initiative. Nicole McCann has offered her assistance with this promotion. Participants will be provided with a curling brochure.

18. **Dominion Club Championship**--Yves spoke on the Dominion Club Championship and suggested that there may be some adjustments to the age requirement this coming season.

19. **Wheelchair Curling** ---Yves reported that we are looking to improve upon wheelchair curling in our province. He and 3rd V.P., Ed Haggerty, will be working together on this initiative. The goal of the NBCA is to have an NB Wheelchair Curling team attend the National Wheelchair Championships.

20. Club Affiliation Dues—Joe Mason of Gladstone inquired about the fluctuation in affiliation dues from one club to another. Marg explained what we are looking at this and expect adjustments next season.

21. National Masters--Jane Arseneau requested we support the Masters at the NCC should the topic of the National Masters Championship being financially funded by CCA. Marg reported that although there were no Notices of Considerations on the table regarding this matter, she couldn't see why the NBCA Delegates to the NCC would oppose such a consideration.

22. Adjournment—Jerry McCann moved the meeting be adjourned. Catherine seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

23. Social Time

Respectfully Submitted
Marg Maranda, Executive Director

Annual Reports Attached.

ANNUAL REPORTS

President, Roland Fraser

The N.B.C.A. went through a few conflicts this year, but everything turned out all right.

We got some great news when Heidi Hanlon won the Canadian Ladies Senior Championship in Digby, NS. I know she and her team will do well at the World's Championship.

The Executives and board members did a great job this year. Thanks to all of you for your time and dedication.

To our executive director, you did a great job and you kept me abreast of all that was going on. Thanks Marg for a job well done and best of luck in the future.

As my term is done on May 1st, 2011, I would like to thank each and every one of you and wish you all the best in future years.

Roland Fraser
President, NBCA

1st Vice President, Yves Maillet

Curling has seen many changes over the decade and as we look forward to the next decade, we are faced with many opportunities and challenges as we keep curling alive in New Brunswick. Many clubs face financial challenges as a result of declining memberships, aging facilities and increasing operational cost. We continually work with Sports New Brunswick with regard to updating our business model and we constantly look for ways to bring our training and performance standards at a level that allows us to continue receiving support and funding as one of the top provincial sporting associations in New Brunswick.

As we were sad to see Debbie McCann leave our association. We are very pleased to have Marg Maranda join the NBCA as it's new Executive Director. In one year, Marg has had an impact and impressed everyone who has dealt or met her. Her organizational skills and persistence is helping the NBCA's voice be heard. I want to personally thank Debbie McCann for her work as our acting Executive Director and I look forward to watch Margaret continually grow in her role to make the NBCA a force to be reckoned with within the sporting community.

It was a pleasure being part of the executive under the guidance of Roland Fraser. Roland has been a key contributor to the curling community as a board member for the last 10 years and as a volunteer within his curling community for most of his life! He is the reason that the Grand Falls area has produced some of the most impressive curlers in New Brunswick and that his club is alive and well.

As 1st Vice president, I look forward to preparing for my term as president in the 2011-2012 season. Some of the key items I would like to see achieved during my upcoming term are the following:

- Introduction of Wheelchair Curling in New Brunswick and to have national representation
- Development & Growth of grass roots curling initiatives in New Brunswick
- Implementation of our Competitive Management Team platform
- Maximizing sponsorship exposure
- Continuing discussions with regards to the training & development programs for entry level to elite curling, coaching and ice maintenance

- Working closely with Players committee regarding the revision of all competitive events – structure & standards
- University Curling – Preliminary discussions
- And much more....

I will be representing our association at the upcoming NCC congress in Ottawa on June 15 – 18 and I look forward to making sure New Brunswick's voice and opinion matters.

Personally as 1st vice-president I have witnessed some great curling events throughout the province. Our clubs are eager to make curling a success in New Brunswick and are doing a great job in hosting events. Our volunteer stream in the province is second to none, countless hours are being committed by volunteers and they should be congratulated for their great work.

It was a pleasure serving as 1st vice-president and I look forward to keep learning and helping growing the sport of curling. I will continue my commitment to working together with our curling centres and the NBCA Executive to help make curling the sport of choice in New Brunswick.

Regards,

2nd Vice President, Anna Brinson

As always, it was a pleasure to continue serving on the NBCA Executive.

The major events I was involved in where the following

- Seniors Prelim at TSA Curling Club
- Scotties Prelim at Carleton Curling Club

All two events went very well. The clubs did a great job putting on the spiels.

I also been working on the committee with Marg, Damian and Brian for the training center proposal for the Beausejour Curling club.. We have come up with a proposal and will be presented to Beausejour.

Another committee that I'm trying to get under way during the summer months is the Event management hopefully this will be up and working for next session.

As I graduate to 1st Vice President, I am open to all ideas & will be constantly looking for ways to grow curling in New Brunswick. It was a pleasure working with our existing president, Roland Fraser & I look forward to working with Yves Maillet as we continue our mission to promote curling in New Brunswick.

Best Regards,

Executive Director, Marg Maranda

I have truly enjoyed my 1st season as the Executive Director of the NBCA and wish to thank everyone that I have had the pleasure of dealing with for the enormous support you have shown me. Although it would be impossible to name everyone who assisted me in any way, there are a few that need to be acknowledged. First, and foremost, are Debbie & Jerry McCann. In the beginning, Debbie responded to many, many requests of mine and did so with a great deal of patience and kindness. She left this office very organized which made it that much easier to take it over. As for Jerry, again, with a great deal of patience and knowledge, he never failed to offer the advice I was seeking at the time.

The 2010-11 Board of Directors proved to be excellent to work with and very dedicated to the sport of Curling. I believe what impressed me the most is their devotion to the curling centres in our province and to the individual curler, trying to make the best decisions on behalf of all involved.

Something I found most impressive was the effort put into hosting the many Provincial Events that are required each year. I was quick to learn that it takes a great deal of planning and hard work on the part of the host clubs, and the event chairpersons. On behalf of our competitive curlers, thank you. I also congratulate the host clubs who took advantage of this opportunity and came up with some unique ways to increase their club revenue during the events they hosted.

A few challenges that were faced this year were the web-site and the absence of the Events Management Committee. With regards to the web site, although there was not much that was updated this year, the good news is that we will have a new NBCA web-site launched in the very near future. The new site will allow clubs to input their own calendar items along with attached posters. There will be also several other impressive features with the new site so keep your eyes open for upcoming announcements.

With regards to the Events Management Committee, this committee didn't get off the ground this year, as previously anticipated. I am hopeful, however, this will be resolved before next season. When I looked back over the season, I realized I was responding to e-mails very late into the night and wee hours of the morning. The majority of these late night hours were spent dealing with our Provincial Events. Debbie McCann had mentioned, in her Annual Report last year, the work load of this position is extremely high, to the point of sometimes being unmanageable for one person. It is my opinion that the realization of an Events Management Committee would all but solve this issue. It will, nevertheless, require the dedication of those who are prepared to take on this challenge, a commitment that New Brunswick curlers are well known for.

Once again, I thank all of you for your support and patience. An organization such as this can only be successful through the dedicated and hard work of you, its numerous volunteers. It is a privilege to work with each and every one of you.

Regards.

Southwest Zone, Sue Lankisch

The Southwest Zone of New Brunswick was busy over the past curling season despite interference from Mother Nature.

All six clubs had their ice in and were actively curling by the end of November 2010. Mother Nature had other ideas however when it began to rain on Sunday, December 12th. By Monday evening most of Charlotte County was under siege by water with no place to go. In St. George, the Curling Club was under water by approximately 3 feet and their season was finished. In neighbouring Black's Harbour, the Brunswick Curling Club opened their doors and welcomed the St. George Curlers to curl at their facility. In St. Stephen, the ice surface was safe yet the entrance and parking area for the building was submerged. The Junior Preliminary #2, scheduled for December 17-19 had to be relocated not only because of the water but also because the primary accommodations facility – the Winsome Inn was completely closed due to flooding.

Across the Zone, memberships have been declining while operating costs have risen. The seriousness of this became evident when in January, the Board of Directors for the Heather Curling Club in St. Andrews recommended to the members to close its doors on January 15th. The members rejected the recommendation and began a series of fundraising activities for the Club to stay open and fulfill its season of commitments.

The flagship event for the SW Zone this season was the 2011 Dominion Curling Club Championships New Brunswick. Primary host was the Heather Curling Club in St. Andrews and associate host was the St. Stephen Curling Club. 31 teams from across the Province were treated to good curling and great Charlotte County hospitality over the four days and we would be pleased to host the event again in our Zone. The Barry Lewis rink from the Beaver Curling Club claimed their second Dominion NB title while the Beauséjour Club will be hoisting the Ladies Championship banner as the Shannon Williams rink prepares for nationals in British Columbia in November.

A big "THANK YOU" to all of the volunteers and club members across our Zone for a successful and busy season. The clubs and I would also like to extend thanks to Marg Maranda for all of her support and assistance in this, her first year as Executive Director for the NBCA.

See you on the sheets next season!

Northeast Zone, Phyllis Cooling

This year was a learning year for me as it was my first year in the position. I attended meetings in Fredericton, Moncton and Saint John as well as participated in two conference calls throughout the year. I met various individuals who were directly involved with curling in this Province. There are five clubs in the North Eastern Zone, Campbellton, Beresford, Bathurst, Miramichi, and Tracadie. One club, Dalhousie closed this year as they were finding it difficult to sustain membership.

My first objective as Zone director was to compile a mailing list of all North Shore clubs so information could be sent regularly. Secondly, I assisted in the Men's Final event as it was held at the Miramichi Curling Club. This was a valuable experience as I had direct contact with the NBCA almost on a daily basis. I also attended some NBCA events such as the Senior Ladies preliminaries and the Dominion which gave me a greater appreciation for the curling events.

Through discussions with some northern clubs, the subject of Provincial dues seems to be an issue. Three clubs do not feel that it is fair for the NBCA to charge dues based on the number of ice surfaces that a club has. They would like to see it based on membership instead. Another area of concern is junior curling. Three clubs are building a program and would like to keep the same format as the constitution outlines.

In looking ahead to next year, I have some objectives in mind. They are as follows:

- Visit the North Shore clubs and meet the club officials
- Host an official's clinic in this zone
- Supply information to all clubs in the northern zone
- Attend NBCA sanction events in this zone

Respectfully submitted

Central Zone, Karen Langille

It has been another great season for curlers in the Central Zone. It seems like the season was way to short! Where has the time gone?

The Central Zone produced many championship teams in 2010/ 11. What a great accomplishment for these athletes. Teams represented the province with pride and we are proud of their performance.

The Under 21 Co-op Junior Mixed

Skip - Josh Barry
Jennifer Armstrong
Chris MacRae
Krista Finagan

Provincial Junior Women Champions

Skip - Jennifer Armstrong
Abby Burgess
Katie Haley
Shelby Wilson

Molson Canadian Provincial Champions

High School Provincial Champions

Skip - Avery Hughson
Travis Williams
Edward White
Devon Paul

Provincial Junior Men Champions

Skip - Josh Barry
Jon Rennie
Chris MacRae
Andrew O'Dell

Scotties Provincial Champions

Skip - James Grattan
Charles Sullivan
Steve Howard
Peter Case

Provincial Stick Curling

Eleanor Murray
Irene King

Skip - Andrea Kelly
Denise Nowlan
Jillian Babin
Lianne Sobey

Avid curler Grace Donald will be inducted into the NB Sports Hall of Fame on May 28, 2011 at a ceremony in Caraquet, NB. Grace has a great passion for the sport of curling. Grace represented New Brunswick in 1977 at the MacDonald Lassie, now the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, and in 1983 at the Scotties. One of the kindest people you will meet on or off the ice, what a deserving recipient. Congratulations Grace!

Here are some things to look forward to during the 2011/12 season. The Capital Winter Club will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Happy Anniversary CWC! The Dominion Curling Club Championships will be coming to the Central Zone. Hope to see all the clubs there! Before you know it we will be hitting the ice once more so enjoy the summer and see you in the fall.

Regards,

Northwest Zone, Angie Pelkey

The North West Zone is seeing the hard economic times in our clubs. All the clubs are feeling the crunch when it comes to membership. Membership is down.

All the clubs in the Northwest Zone are struggling due to aging buildings and equipment upkeep. Woodstock had major plant issues and because of this, curling did not start until the end of November. This caused low membership and with that hard financial times. Florenceville club had a good year along with Grand Falls and Nackawic. I had the privilege to participate in a bonspiel in Nackawic, and what great ice they have in their 2 sheet facility. Super Fast! The Northwest Zone curling clubs are maintaining their curling facilities and all clubs are striving to stay afloat.

Woodstock had the privilege of hosting the 2010 Lounsbury Junior Provincial Final 8. Woodstock did a great job hosting this event on very short notice and during a very busy time, (between Christmas and New Year's). Grand Falls Curling Club hosted the U18 Northwest Zones, Jan 28 – 30 and the Provincial Senior Mens & Ladies Final 6, Feb 23 – 27. Thank you to Grand Falls for hosting these events.

Property taxes are continuing to be an issue in our clubs and I met with David Alward – Premier of NB to talk to him concerning this growing concern. We need to continue to add pressure on this subject and hope they will finally see we need help in this area.

Have A Great Summer!!

Southeast Zone, Alistair Syme

A busy curling season centered on a good number of NBCA and other sponsored events in the SE Zone. This included an ongoing and very well supported Monctonian spiel, now in an amazing 51st year and still going strong.

The Scotties Final 8 at the Beausejour and Provincial Mixed at Rexton were both very successful due to excellent organizing committees and great volunteer input as usual.

The Beaver had a good entry of teams at the Masters Provincial and a very lively and dynamic Little Rock Jamboree, confirming that curling really is the great sport for all ages. Again, volunteer input was the key to success.

The Maritime Stick Curling Championship held at the Beaver showed what an interesting and competitive format it is. This inter-provincial event has great potential for many curlers who would enjoy the skill and flexibility of a shorter game and no sweeping ! At the moment it seems relatively unnoticed by most stick curlers, hopefully more will give it a try and enjoy it.

Beaver and Beausejour set up a joint business management Board this year under the Curl Moncton banner, with the objective of growing and developing curling as a profitable and attractive sport for all groups and ages. This has worked well to date, and it is hoped to continue.

I would like to acknowledge the willing help and excellent input from Marg as Executive Director.

Regards

South Zone, Valerie Laing

The southern zone held the first Wellington West Charity Funspiel with Jennifer Jones, Nov 26th-Nov 27th. The clubs that participated were Hampton, Riverside, Carleton and Thistle St.Andrews. A great time was had by all. And I understand Jennifer Jones has confirmed her attendance for next year.

Dec 17th-19th Carleton hosted the Ladies Scott Preliminaries. Thank-you for all of your hard work.

The Comfort Inn Senior Men's and Women's Preliminaries were held at Thistle St Andrews, Feb 10th-13th. Thank-you to Rose Donovan and her committee for a great job.

We are also very proud to say that the Southern zone is the home of our newly crowned Canadian Senior Ladies champions! Heidi Hanlon, Kathy Floyd, Judy Blanchard and Janie Arseneau earned this distinction by winning for the first time in history for a NB team , the Senior Ladies Canadian championship. They will be going to the worlds next year representing Canada.

My heartfelt thanks goes out to all of the volunteers. These people give countless hours of their time to dedicate to our sport and without them we would never had been able to host these successful prestigious events.

In closing I would like to thank the board of directors for this opportunity to serve on the NBCA. It was a great experience and I wish them well for the future.

Respectively submitted

Technical Director, John Larsen

Technical Committee:

John Larsen - Technical Director

Brian Rice - Master Learning Facilitator

Charlie Sullivan – Learning Facilitator

Darryell Nowlan – Learning facilitator

Marion Taylor – Learning Facilitator

The Competition Coach Workshop held October 30-31 at Beaver CC drew eleven participants. Facilitators were Brian Rice and Daryell Nowlan.

An Intermediate Clinic was held for members of Thistle St Andrews CC on Nov 6. Thirty adult curlers took part, the instructor was Brian Rice. Brian did a follow up session to this group on Jan.15.

A Competition Coach workshop was held November 27-28 at Bathurst CC. Nine coaches participated. Brian Rice is to be commended for working solo on this one, really an endurance test for a single facilitator.

A total of twenty eight new coaches received instruction this year. The deadline for former Level 2 technical coaches to submit practical assignments is set for May 15 2011

The New Brunswick Junior Development Camp was held at Beaver CC on Dec.3-5, for the 28th consecutive year. Twenty six junior curlers, some as teams and some as individuals took part in this training. The staff included Marion Taylor, Charles Sullivan, Daryell Nowlan and Brian Rice.

A second Intermediate clinic for Thistle-St. Andrews Club of Saint John was held January 15.

A South East zone Intermediate clinic was held January 29 at Beaver Curling Club.

At present there is a tentative plan for a Competition Coach workshop to be held at Riverside in October, and for a Level 3 Technical workshop to be held in the Moncton/Sackville area in October. Whitecap curling camp will operate again this summer in the Halifax area. Curling Beausejour will again host a one week junior/adult curling camp in August

Respectfully submitted

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Master Learning Facilitator, Brian Rice

Once again we had a very busy and successful season. I would especially like to thank John Larsen for the many hours he has spent scheduling and organizing the technical courses for the curlers and coaches of the province. John you have done a great job! I would also like to thank my fellow facilitators: Daryell Nowlan, Charlie Sullivan, John Larsen, and Marion Taylor for their great work and expertise.

Activities for the year 2010-2011:

- In June 2010 I instructed at an adult camp put on by the World Curling Federation in Prague Czech Republic. 16 countries were represented at the camp. It was a great experience!
- Organized and instructed at the junior and adult summer camp held at the Curling Beausejour in August. We had 44 participants.
- Organized and instructed at a Junior Central Zone clinic held at the CWC Thanksgiving weekend.
- Gave three NCCP technical courses for coaches as per John Larsen's report. (3 Competition coach courses) 28 new coaches took the course.
- Organized annual Junior Development Camp which was again held at the Beaver CC. Thanks to the Beaver Curling Club for providing their facility. Seven teams participated. It was again a great success. This was the 27th year for this camp.
- GO N.B. Grant-Three grade 11 Phys-ed classes from Harrison Trimble and Moncton High and 3 Middle schools had curling as an activity 3 times a week for 3 weeks. Thanks to the Department of Wellness Culture and Sport for their grant to run this program.
- Instructed at the annual Whitecap Curling Camp put on by Curl Atlantic. It is held in August at the Mayflower CC. in Halifax.
- Held three Intermediate Clinics (Beaver, and Thistle St. Andrews)

- Organized the Maritime Technical meetings held in Moncton at the Beaver CC. The major theme was the development of facilitators for the new Competition Coach Course.
- Held a number of evaluations for coaches that require it to become certified.

Respectfully submitted.

Junior Development Coordinator, John Corbin

General

The 2010-2011 junior curling season was a success. This success was highlighted by the successes of our junior teams at national and regional events. This was further coupled with the strong numbers of teams entered in different junior events within the province. This success is directly due to our volunteers. These volunteers who coordinate, organize, coach, instruct and do the legwork needed to ensure junior curling is successful.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a few of these individuals:

Kevin Kyle for his contribution as the NB Junior Dev Coordinator for the last two years;

Felipe Garcia for his contribution as South Zone Coordinator over the last several years and his ongoing organization of the Kenny Coates U-15 Provincial Championship;

John & Judy Burgess for their continued sponsoring and organizing of the Simms Home Hardware U-18 Provincial Championship;

Brian Rice and staff whom organize our Fall Junior Development Camp every year;

Larry Trites for his volunteer efforts officiating at the NBCA Final 8 Championship in Woodstock;
and

Marg Miranda for her continued and untiring support from the ED office.

Thank you to all these and the multitude of volunteers who are part of NB Junior Curling.

Provincially

We continue to see steady numbers of curlers at junior events. The South, South East and Central Zones are our strongest numbers for numbers and club activity. Our Little Rock program is strong. We held two Jamborees this year, Moncton and Saint John. Both were successful with 58 teams participating in the Saint John Jamboree.

Nationally

Team Armstrong (Ladies) and Team Rennie (Men's) represented NB at the M&M Junior Nationals in Calgary. Both teams did well. Team Armstrong finished with a 7 & 5 record while Team Rennie lost a close tiebreaker game to NL and finished with at 8 & 5 record. Well done to both teams and their coaches Gary Wilson for the lady's and Dave McCrae for the men's. You have set a good benchmark for other junior curlers in the province.

Regionally

Team Daigle (Ladies) and Team Craft (Men's) represented NB at the U-18 Atlantics held in Charlottetown. Both teams were good representatives of NB Junior Curling. Congratulations to Team Daigle who won the U-18 Atlantic Ladies title and Team Craft who were runners up to PEI in the Men's division.

Looking ahead

We have a full Junior Committee in place with all zones having a Jr. Zone Coordinator. Our Canada Games Committee is in place and is being coordinated by Kevin Kyle. The committee has started preparation for next year's events and should have dates and venues set for mid June. We have begun work on our budget and should have it in place for end May.

We have two major challenges. The first is to secure a sponsor for our Final 8 Championship. This is currently being researched with a potential sponsor reviewing our package. The second challenge is to increase activity in the North East, North West and South West zones. We will be actively investigating measures, in the coming months, to address this situation.

Summary

NB Junior Curling has a good foundation and in some cases I would say the envy of some other provinces. We are sound financially and have a good core group of volunteers. The planning has started for next season and we look forward to another successful season in 2011-2012.

Yours in curling.

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