



**NEW BRUNSWICK CURLING ASSOCIATION  
SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 2:00 P.M.

Moncton Curlers Association, 358 Lutz St., Moncton, NB

**CURLING CENTRES REPRESENTED**

**Curl Moncton**  
**Fredericton Curling Club**  
**Heather**  
**Thistle St. Andrews**

**Campbellton**  
**Gage Golf and Curling Club**  
**Moncton Curlers Assoc.**

**Carleton**  
**Gladstone**  
**Riverside**

**Capital Winter Club**  
**Grand Falls**  
**Sussex**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to order:** NBCA President, Yves Maillet, called the meeting to order.

**Ratification of Agenda:** Yves called for a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Marg requested an addition to the agenda. "Membership Lists" has been added. Sue Lankish moved that the amended agenda be approved. Ed Haggerty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Appointment of Scrutineers:** Yves reported that Maxine Craig and John Larsen have been appointed as scrutineers for this meeting.

**Report of Credentials:** Yves reminded those in attendance that each Affiliated Curling Centre is entitled to two voting delegates and two official observers. Although other members are welcome to attend in an unofficial capacity, only the four official representatives have speaking privileges.

**Minute of Silence for Departed Members:** A minute of silence was observed for departed members.

**Adoption of Minutes from Nov. 7, 2010 SAGM:** Minutes of the Nov. 7, 2010 were circulated electronically and were available on the NBCA Web Site. Yves asked for any errors or omissions. As there were none, he then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. George Caissie moved that the minutes be approved and Roland Fraser seconded the motion. Motion carried

**Unfinished Business:**

**Strategic Planning Update:** As noted in the July Zone Directors report, the NBCA Board of Directors is in the process of acting on items that were previously put forward by Curling Centres. An example of this is the Monthly Zone Directors Report. The Strategic Planning Committee is currently in the process of preparing a formal Strategic Plan document which, once completed, will be circulated to all affiliated curling centres.

**Events Management Committee:** Anna Brinson reported that although things are moving slowly, this initiative remains in progress.

**New NBCA Web Site:** The new web site is up and running and most curling centres have taken the opportunity to add their calendar entries.

**Masters Sanction Request:** A sanction agreement has been made between the NBCA and the Masters.

**2011-12 Site Selection:** Thank you to the curling centres and the host committees who have offered to host the 2011-12 Provincial Events. All events are listed on the NBCA Calendar and registration forms are now accessible on the NBCA web site.

**Wheelchair Curling:** Yves Maillet and Ed Haggerty are currently working to find four athletes to represent New Brunswick at the National Wheelchair Curling Championship. This will be the first time NB will be represented at this event.

**Reports:**

**CCA:** Ron Hutton reported that, based on survey results, new guidelines have been developed for the CAP program. There will be \$300K available for distribution this season. Ron provided some guidelines and hints on completing the application forms. Ron also reported that nominations for awards available through CCA do not need to be submitted through the NBCA but can be submitted by

affiliated curling centres. He also encouraged curling centres to explore information available on the CCA web site, such as information on how to engage volunteers and what is provided for members.

**Curl Atlantic:** Marg read the Curl Atlantic report submitted by NB representative, Gary Wilson. Included in this report:

..Rocks & Rings is now available in NB and Jaclyn Crandall has been hired as the instructor. She will be available to travel to schools and promote the game of curling.

..The first annual Curl Atlantic Championship was held in Sackville this fall. NB's Team Grattan captured the men's title and will head overseas to participate in an international event.

..Halifax hosted this years Whitecap Curling Academy. This is a great development opportunity and the results are evidenced by several attendees have gone on to represent their province at Jr. Nationals, Canada Games and U18 Atlantics.

..Curl Atlantic is excited to launch the new "Podium Project". This is a new incentive set in place to identify young curlers who have the potential to compete at the national and international levels. Stay tuned for more information.

**Technical Director:** Technical Director, John Larsen, reported on the events attended by the NBCA Technical team and announced the dates for upcoming courses.

**Junior Development:** Junior Development Director, John Corbin, submitted a Fall Report. Included in this report:

..A sub-committee has been formed to review all coaching certifications for Little Rocks and Juniors in the province. Any subsequent adjustments to current requirements would see transition taking place during the 2012-13 season and requirements effective for the 2013-14 season.

..A sub-committee has been formed to study the potential implementation of Mixed Doubles.

..Junior Competitive fees have been reduced to \$4 from the previous \$8.

..A weather policy for Provincial Junior events has been drafted and expected to be approved prior to the 2011-12 Junior Championships. ..Kevin Kyle is the chair of the 2015 Canada Games Selection Committee.

**Officials:** Officials Co-ordinator, Catherine McLean, has resigned her position due to personal commitments. As a result, Marg was left with the responsibility of securing officials for the 2011-12 Championship Events. Marg expressed her appreciation to the Level 3 officials who have committed themselves to take on the responsibility of Head Official at this year's events. She also offered thanks to the Level 1 and Level 2 officials who will assist at these events. Marg reported that at least two current Level 2 officials will work towards their Level 3 certification this year and is hopeful there will be more Level 3 certifications awarded next season.

**Treasurers/Auditors Report:** NBCA Treasurer, Nick McCann, presented the annual Auditors Report and the 2011-12 Budget. Alex Craig moved the budget be approved as submitted. Damien Lahiton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Player's Update:** Chris Smith, Players' Committee Chairperson, gave a brief report. This committee is forwarding the concerns of NB Players to the NBCA and is in the process of creating a "Players Distribution List" in an effort to better communicate with the players. This will enable the Players' Committee to, among other things, ensure all players are notified of potential surveys on issues that directly effect them.

**Position Vacancies:** Yves reported that the positions of Officials Co-ordinator and North West Zone Director are currently vacant. Individuals interested in assuming these positions are encouraged to contact Marg.

**2012-13 Site Selection:** An invitation to apply to host a provincial event during the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons will be sent to all curling centres shortly. This years' Site Selection Committee will consist of Anna Brinson, Damien Lahiton and Ed Haggerty.

**Appointment of Nominating Committee:** The 2012 Nomination Committee will consist of Yves Maillet, Karen Langille and Sue Lankish. Positions that will be vacated at the end of this season will be displayed on the NBCA Web Site along with an invitation to submit nominations. Notice will also be forwarded to curling centres.

**O'Leary Referral Incentive Program:** Marg announced the implementation of the O'Leary Auto/Curling NB Development Fund. This is an incentive program developed by O'Leary Auto Group in an effort to support the development of curling in NB. For each vehicle purchased/leased, through this program, from an O'Leary Auto Dealership, O'Leary will contribute \$150 to the fund. Details regarding the program can be found on the NBCA web site, through the special site set up by O'Leary and on the posters distributed to all NB Curling Centres. Referral Forms are also located on the NBCA web site.

**NBCA Line of Clothing (Curling Spiritwear):** Scott Archibald of Colour Pro is in the process of designing a line of Curling Spiritwear. Details will be provided once they are received.

**Motions Brought Forward by the NBCA:** Two Notices for Consideration have been circulated to all curling centres. Yves instructed the voting delegates to use their white paddles to vote in favour of a motion and their red paddles to vote against a motion.

Notice #1: **Change the word "club" to "centre"**. The notice was read by Marg. Yves asked for a motion. Sue Lankish moved that Notice #1 be approved as submitted. David Burpee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

Notice #2: **Member Affiliation Model and Affiliation Benefits.** The notice was read by Marg. Yves asked for a motion. Nick McCann moved that the noticed be approved as submitted. Anna Brinson seconded the motion. The President opened the motion for discussion. There was a great deal of discussion regarding this motion, most of which was for clarification of who is to be considered a "full curling member" for the purpose of participating in Provincial Events. At the recommendation of CWC President, Robert White, the following definition of "full curling member" was created:

**FULL CURLING MEMBER:** an individual who purchases a full season membership which entitles them to participate in ALL curling centre operated activities. Individuals participating in NBCA Provincial Events must carry a FULL CURLING MEMBERSHIP from a NBCA Affiliated Curling Centre for the current season. Once the discussion was completed, the motion, as amended with the addition of the above mentioned definition, was put to a vote. The motion, as amended, was carried unanimously.

**Membership List:** Marg reminded everyone that Curling Centre Participant Details are required again this year by all curling centres. She reminded everyone of the importance of submitting the requested information. There was some discussion among the attendees regarding the necessity of this list and the suggestion that this request could present a "privacy" issue. Marg reminded that we are among the only sports that have not already been collecting this information. She also assured everyone that this list will NOT be made public and is for the sole use of the NBCA. We cannot offer insurance protection to if we don't know who is insured. CCA representative, Ron Hutton, supported this requirement. He also went on to explain the necessity of providing Participant numbers. Provincial and National Sports Associations receive government funding based on numbers. Both levels of government recognize the link between active living and better health. As a result, funding is provided to sports organizations based on the number of active Participants. Although we are in no imminent danger of losing our provincial funding, failure to provide accurate numbers, perhaps lower numbers, will certainly take a toll. There was also a discussion regarding the definition of "participant". This definition is in keeping with what both levels of government require as a participant. Participants are not only those who carry curling centre memberships, but also, any other individual who participates in the sport of curling on a regular basis. The best example of this are League Curlers.

A Curling Centre Participant Details form has been included in the posters package that all curling centres will receive within the next week. (Curling centres represented at this meeting have been handed their package. The rest will be mailed out this week)

**NBCA Annual General Meeting:** Yves reported the AGM will be held at Curling Beausejour Inc., Sunday, May 6, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.

**Adjournment:** Yves asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Maxine Craig moved the meeting be adjourned. Jane Arseneau seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted  
Marg Maranda  
NBCA Executive Director

**ATTACHMENT TO SAGM  
NOVEMBER 6, 2011**

## **NOTICES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE NBCA EXECUTIVE**

**NOTICE #1: Change the word “club” to “Centre”**

**Be it resolved:** within the entire document entitled “NBCA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS” the word “club” will be replaced with the word “centre”.

**Rationale:** In keeping with the ideal of the Canadian Curling Association that the word “club” suggests a “members only” facility whereas the word “centre” suggests the facility is available for use by the entire community.

**NOTICE #2: Member Affiliation Model and Affiliation Benefits**

**Be it resolved:** That the proposed NBCA Membership Affiliation Model and Affiliation Benefits be approved as presented or amended at the 2011 SAGM and become effective with the 2012-13 NBCA Affiliation Fee invoices.

**Rationale:** Given that the exiting NBCA Membership Affiliation Fee Structure and Benefits Model have been outdated for quite some time, it has been the task of the Executive Committee to develop an Affiliation Model that is fair, in keeping with several other CCA Member Associations and in keeping with almost all sports in Canada. The proposed Model has been designed so as not to significantly increase NBCA revenue but rather to ensure fairness to all NB curling centres and participants. The NBCA currently charges among the lowest affiliation fees across Canada and will remain doing so.

**Current Affiliation System:** Under the current provincial affiliation system, the NBCA has a “per sheet” assessment which was designed several years ago. This system was designed based on membership at that time and per sheet fees range from \$105 to \$400. As such, the NBCA currently receives affiliation fees to a maximum of \$25,295.

**New Affiliation System:** \$85/sheet (this amount is forwarded directly to the CCA)  
\$ 4/participant (this amount will remain with the NBCA)

Based on the membership numbers provided to the NBCA during the 2010-11 season, this system represents a potential slight increase to the NBCA of approximately \$1,546.

**Calculation of annual invoice:** Invoices for the 2012-13 season will be based on the numbers submitted for the 2011-12 season and, going forward, will continue to be calculated on the prior years’ participant numbers.

**Participant:** As defined by the CCA for the purpose of Membership Identification is any individual participating in any regularly scheduled curling activity. PLEASE NOTE: this includes commercial league participants.

**What Affiliation Provides For Curling Centres and Leagues:** In keeping with the proposed amendment to Membership Affiliation Fees, the following will replace the current Benefits Model:

- Participation in events leading to Provincial, National and World Championships (\*)
- Participation in the Dominion Club Championship (\*)
- Access to volunteer and athlete awards nominations (Ex: NBCA's Les Harrison Volunteer of the Year Award, Sport NB's/Pitney Bowes various Volunteer, Athlete and Team of the Year Awards) (\*)
- Access to awards for 8-enders, outstanding achievements, etc. (\*)
- Access to Curl Atlantic's Joyce Meyer Scholarships (\*)
- Opportunity to sit on the NBCA Board of Directors/Executive Committee (\*)
- No Fault Medical Insurance (\$2,500 per registered participant/year)
- Access to rules of the game
- Access to learn-to-curl clinics
- Access to technical courses for coaching, instructing and officiating
- Access to ice Technician courses
- Access to funding/support for "Business of Curling Clinics"
- Access to funding assistance for junior clinics
- Access to funding assistance for club member technical training
- Access to CCA's Curling Assistance Program (CAP)
- Access to Curl Atlantic's Joyce Meyer Capital Acquisition Grants
- Access to the Atlantic Curling Congress
- Access to the NBCA web-site calendar to post curling related activities/bonspiels
- Access to NBCA Annual and Semi-Annual meetings (each affiliated curling centre may be represented by two voting delegates)

\*Participants must be "full curling members" of a NBCA Affiliated Curling Centre.

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