



**ANNUAL GENERAL METING**

**May 6, 2012**

**Curl Moncton-Beausejour**

**Meeting Minutes**



**New Brunswick Curling Association/Association de Curling du Nouveau-Brunswick  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Curling Beausejour Inc., 80 Lockhart St., Moncton, NB  
May 6, 2012-2:00 P.M.**

**Curling Centres Represented**

<b>Curl Moncton</b>	<b>Carleton</b>	<b>Capital Winter Club</b>
<b>Gage</b>	<b>Gladstone</b>	<b>Fredericton Curling Club</b>
<b>Heather</b>	<b>Miramichi</b>	<b>Thistle St. Andrews</b>
<b>Rexton</b>	<b>Riverside</b>	

- 1. Call to Order:** NBCA President, Yves Maillet, called the meeting to order.
- 2. Ratification of Agenda:** Yves asked for a motion to accept the agenda as submitted. George Caissie moved that the agenda be accepted as submitted. Phyllis Cooling seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Credentials and Appointment of Scrutineers:** As previously communicated to curling centres, each affiliated curling centre is entitled to two voting delegates and two official observers. Although other members are welcome to attend general meeting in an unofficial capacity, only the four official representatives have speaking privileges.  
Yves reported that Nicole McCann and George Caissie have been appointed as Scrutineers for this meeting.
- 4. Moment of Silence:** A moment of silence was observed for departed members.
- 5. Adoption of Minutes from November 6, 2011 SAGM:** Yves reported that the minutes of the Nov. 6, 2011 SAGM had been circulated. He asked if there were any errors or omissions. As none were brought forward, he asked for a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Damien Lahiton moved that the minutes be accepted as submitted. Stephen Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 6. Business Arising From Minutes:**  
**Strategic Plan:** In an effort to continue to respond to the concerns of NBCA membership, the Board is currently working on a plan to assist curling centres with growth and development. It is anticipated that curling centres will be invited to participate in this program PRIOR to the beginning of next season.  
**Centre for Curling Excellence:** Yves reported that a five year partnership has been signed between the NBCA and the Centre for Curling Excellence. This partnership has been formed in an effort to better meet the needs of NBCA affiliated curling centres, coaches, officials, ice technicians and athletes. The CCE and the NBCA Technical Committee will work hand in hand to ensure the NBCA Technical Mandate is upheld.  
**Position Vacancies:** The following positions remain vacant: Officials Co-ordinator and North West Zone Director. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Executive Director.
- 7. Appointment of Auditors:** Sue Lankisch moved that David Stewart be appointed to prepare required financial reports for the 2011-12 season. Joe Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**8. Annual Reports:**

**Annual Reports:** Yves reported that all annual reports (submitted by the NBCA Executive Committee, Zone Directors, and Various Committees) are included in the Participants Guide.

**CCA:** NBCA Liaison, Ron Hutton delivered his report on behalf of the CCA Board of Governors:

--CAP update: F.C.C., Sackville and Gage Golf and Curling Clubs all received CAP funding this year. This is a vast improvement from last year as no NB curling centres were granted funding in 2011.

--Ron spoke of some issues that are causing concern at the National level. First are the required changes to the CCA Constitution due to the Federal Government amendments for Non Profit Organizations. Also, there is much concern about the possibility of weighted voting and weighted representation at National events. He also spoke of the championships ad-hoc committee document. As such, it is pertinent that the NBCA is well represented at the 2012 NCC.

--This year will mark the 1<sup>st</sup> Hall of Fame luncheon which will coincide with the NCC.

--CCA is considering cutting the Board of Governors from 10 Governors to 6 Governors. Ron expressed concern regarding this matter as Governors already have a full work load. Cutting four positions would cause considerable strain to the members of the Board.

--In response to Ron's comments regarding strong representation at the 2012 NCC, Marg assured NB Affiliated Curling Centres that they will be adequately represented this year with representation of both the out-going President, Yves Maillet and in-coming President, Anna Brinson.

**Province of NB:** Yves recognized Jeff LeBlanc, NBCA's liaison from Wellness and Sport. and Jeff provided a brief overview of his connection with NBCA and the role he plays. He also made mention of funding that is available at the district and club levels.

**Curl Atlantic:** Brian Rice reviewed the Curl Atlantic Report.

Ellery had some questions regarding the invitation strategy of the Curl Atlantic Championship. Chris Smith, NB Players' Committee Chair, mentioned that the players were surveyed in an attempt to come to an agreement regarding the ranking system for the purpose of inviting teams to this event.

- 9. 2012-13 Site Selection:** Everyone was provided a copy of the 2012-13 Site Selection for their information. In an effort to respond to the requests of our membership, once the chair information has been obtained, Marg will be posting this document under the Curling News section of the web site. This will allow everyone the option to view and print the Provincial Events Calendar as a single document. John Corbin mentioned he would like to see the entire Junior Schedule added to the web site. Marg said she would have this schedule added under the "Juniors" section of the site.

- 10. NBCA Notices for Consideration:** Marg was asked to read the Motion for Consideration regarding amendments to the NBCA Constitution and By-Laws. This document was forwarded to all NB Affiliated Curling Centres and is included in the Participants Guide. Damien Lahiton moved that the entire document, Notices for Consideration, Amendments to the Constitution, May 6, 2012, Revised Copy, be accepted as presented. David Burpee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11. **Report of Nominating Committee:** Yves announced that Joan Christie and Gary Wilson have agreed to allow their names to stand as Zone Directors for their respective areas. Yves asked if there were any other nominations.
12. **Election of Officers:** As there were no more than one person running for any available positions on the NBCA Board of Directors, the 2012-13 Board will consist of the following:
  - President:** Anna Brinson
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Damien Lahiton
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Ed Haggerty
  - Central Zone Director:** Gary Wilson
  - North East Zone Director:** Phyllis Cooling
  - North West Zone Director:** Vacant
  - South East Zone Director:** Pierre Fraser
  - South West Zone Director:** Joan Christie
  - South Zone Director:** David Burpee
  - Junior Development Director:** John Corbin
13. **New Business:**
  - Membership Distribution List:** Marg is in the process of creating a Membership Distribution List which will enable the NBCA to communicate directly with the General Membership when applicable. Members are welcome to have their names added to the list by going to the link under the Curling News section on the web site home page. Marg will also add the e-mail addresses submitted by the curling centres. Please note: this list cannot be viewed by anyone other than Marg and, in an effort to protect the privacy of our members, will not, under any circumstances, be made available to anyone else.
  - NCC Notices for Consideration:** Yves reported that the NCC Notices for Consideration are included in the Participants Guide. Laura Copeland asked that we review the Notices and let everyone know where the Board stands as of now. This activity took place. The most notable concerns were as follows: Dave Burpee wanted to know if all participants of the NB Police Curling Association would have to be Full Curling Members of a NB Affiliated Curling Centre and if the NBCA would have to sanction the Provincial Championship should the Motion to accept the Canadian Police Curling Association as affiliate members of the CCA be accepted. Ron Hutton was able to assure us that this would not be the case. Gary Wilson expressed concern about the Juniors' having to be included in the Equitable Accessibility to National Championships which was passed at a previous CCA-AGM. Ellery does not agree with Gary's concern as it is his opinion that the athletes will have to work harder to earn their spot in the Round Robin event. The NBCA representatives will take this concern under advisement should it be tabled at the NCC.
  - Les Harrison Volunteer of the Year:** Yves invited Karen Langille and Les Harrison to present the Volunteer of the Year award to John Corbin.
  - Honorary Life Members:** Yves invited Nicole McCann to present the Honorary Life Membership award to Ben Smith.
  - Presentations to Out-Going Board Members:** Damien and Marg presented awards to the following out-going Board Members: Sue Lankisch, Karen Langille and Yves Maillet.

**Rewarding Performance At Provincial Events:** Ellery requested this item be added to agenda. Ellery say there is no reward for performance by host clubs, ice technicians, etc. If the Ice Technician makes bad ice, he gets paid the same as if he made excellent ice. Ellery proposed that the hosting grant and ice technician pay be performance based.

Motion: Ellery Robichaud of Curl Moncton moved that both Host Curling Centres and the Provincial Ice Technician be awarded on their performance to provide curling conditions, for provincial events, that would be determined by the Player's Committee and the NBCA Board of Directors with ½ of the hosting grants/ice technician salary paid up front and the remaining ½ paid if the conditions meet the set conditions.

This motion was met with a great deal of concern, and, as such:

Motion to Table: Sue Lankish of Heather Curling Club moved that the aforementioned motion be tabled due to it's importance, and reviewed over the summer by the NBCA Board of Directors and Players Committee, and recommendations be presented at the Nov. 2012 SAGM. Marcel LeBlanc seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Adib Saamon of Riverside voted against this motion)

**14. Meeting Adjourned.**

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Marg Maranda**

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