



**New Brunswick Curling Association/Association de Curling du Nouveau-Brunswick  
Semi-Annual General Meeting  
Curl Moncton-Beausejour  
November 3, 2013-2 :00 pm**

**Curling Centres Represented**

<b>Carleton</b>	<b>Curl Moncton</b>
<b>Capital Winter Club</b>	<b>Gage Golf &amp; Curling Club</b>
<b>Gladstone</b>	<b>Grand Falls</b>
<b>Heather</b>	<b>Riverside</b>
<b>St. Stephen</b>	<b>Thistle St. Andrews</b>

**Meeting Minutes**

- **Call to Order** : NBCA President, Damien Lahiton, called the meeting to order at 2 :14PM.
- **Ratification of Agenda**: Joan Christie moved approval of the agenda. Shelly Graham seconded the motion. Motion carries.
- **Appointment of Scrutineers**: Roland Fraser and Chris Smith were appointed Scrutineers for the meeting.
- **Report on Credentials**: Report on Credentials were read by Marg prior to the beginning of the meeting.
- **Moment of Silence for Departed Members**: A moment of silence was observed for departed members.
- **Adoption of Minutes from May 5, 2013 AGM**: A copy of the minutes were included with the Participants Guide. Shelly Graham moved acceptance of the minutes. Joan Christie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- **Strategic Planning-Regional Development Incentive**: As mentioned at the May 5<sup>th</sup> AGM, the NBCA Board of Directors had approved the continuance of the Regional Development Incentive for 2013-14. An invitation was sent out to curling centres, however, no one responded by the deadline date. In May 2014, CCA, through Curl Atlantic, will be holding a Curling Summit in Sackville, NB. The summit will be followed by the NBCA-AGM. As the NBCA has already budgeted funds for regional development for the 2013-14 season, we will set aside the budgeted funds and will, if finances permit, add to this pot for the 2014-15 season. These funds will be used to assist curling centres with the expense of attending the May 2014 Curling Summit. More information will be passed along as it becomes available.
- **Board Position Vacancy**: There remains a vacancy for the position of Zone Director for the Moncton, Sackville and Rexton area. Interested parties are asked to contact the NBCA office.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **2014 CCA Curling Convention/Symposium and AGM**: Marg reported that, in lieu of the 2014 National Curling Congress, the CCA will be hosting an International Curling Summit, open to the entire Canadian and World Curling Communities. The summit will be held towards the end of August. As more information becomes available, it will be forwarded to curling centres, posted on the NBCA Facebook page and the CCA Web Site. The CCA Business Sessions, Annual General Meeting and Election of Governors will be held directly following the Summit.
- **Greetings from CCA Governor, Yves Maillet**: Yves brought greeting from the CCA. He strongly recommended that curling centres submit nominations for their annual awards, spoke briefly about the FWWCC to be hosted by the Saint John curling centres and encouraged all to consider attending the 2014 International Curling Summit.
- **CCA Curling Assistance Program**: This program will not be offered this fall due to lack of funds.
- **Review/Adoption of 2013/14 NBCA Budget** : Ellery asked about clothing expense. CWC asked how lack of CAP impacts NBCA budget. Shelley asked about declining participants and

increasing fees. Marg responded that concerns regarding increased participation will be covered further down the agenda. Ellery commented that all types of events have lower participants. It is a trend.

- **Board Adoption of Board Code of Conduct and Board Conflict of Interest Policies:** At the 2013 National Curling Congress, all member associations were asked to create a Board Code of Conduct, if they didn't already have one. This project was to be completed by the end of September. As such, the NBCA Board of Directors have adopted both a Board Code of Conduct and a Board Conflict of Interest Policy. Although copies are contained in your participants guide, they are permanently contained under the NBCA By-Laws at the back of the NBCA Guidelines Manual. Marg asked if it would be considered a conflict to have a NBCA sponsor who is family of a NBCA Board Member. Damien responded that not if due process was adhered to. CWC asked if the Code impacts the way in which the Board communicated/does business with clubs. Marg responded that, without going through the document in its entirety right now, she seems to recall that item being covered.
- **Increasing Participation at Provincial Events:** In answer to Shelly's concern about dropping numbers, Damien gave an overview on the committees in place to work on increasing participation at the grass roots and provincial levels of play. As work continues in these areas, it is the intention of the Board to provide an update at the May, 2014 AGM.
- **Revised NBCA Guidelines Manual:** An ad hoc committee of the Board has completed a comprehensive review of the Guidelines Manual and, as such, has made several enhancements. It is strongly recommended that the executive committees of all curling centres make themselves familiar with the revised document. Athletes participating in NBCA Provincial Playdowns are REQUIRED to read the document as there are several amendments relating directly to them. The Juniors section of the Guidelines Manual will be reviewed/amended in due course.
- **Russ Howard Induction to Canada's Sports Hall of Fame:** As many of you know, Russ Howard was recently inducted to Canada's Sports Hall of Fame. As such, the NBCA is in the process of arranging a public acknowledgement of this achievement. It is expected the general NB curling community will be invited to attend. We are hoping to have the media in attendance also. An e-mail will be sent out once arrangements are finalized.
- **Appointment of Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee for the 2014 NBCA Board Elections consists of Damien Lahiton, Dave Burpee and Roland Fraser. A call for nominations for available positions will be forwarded to curling centres in early April. Curling centres are requested to share this information with their membership.
- **Appointment of Site Selection Committee:** The 2014-15 Site Selection Committee consists of Sue Lankisch and Darren Eaton. An invitation will be forwarded to curling centres in early January with a submission deadline date of February 12, 2014.
- **Report from November 3<sup>rd</sup> NBCA Board Meeting:**
  - Provincial Rocks:** Damien reported that there has been ongoing conversations among the Board regarding the acquisition of Provincial Rocks. Further discussions are to be held with the Players' Committee to determine what, if any, next steps are to be taken.
  - Provincial Coach:** Damien reported that the NBCA had been approached by Curl Moncton to look into the possibility of hiring a Provincial Coach. Marg has done some investigating and, as such, the Board has come to the conclusion that Curl Moncton would need to submit a formal proposal, including a job description and funding opportunities before the Board can consider this matter further.
  - Players Survey:** Results of the 2013 Players' Survey are as follows:
    - 58% of "Seniors" respondents preferred to have the finals on Monday as opposed to Sunday. Marg reported this was done in 2013 only because of ice availability at the host curling centre.
    - 93% responded favourably to the format change of the Mixed Championship
    - 55% preferred 5 qualifiers from the Men's Prelim with only 3 from the Wildcard. Marg reported that this would be unfair to the host curling centre of the Wildcard as curling centres who agree to host our Provincial Events need to see as many participants in their centres as possible. Although the idea to reduce the qualifying rounds of the Men's championship from two to one has been rejected by the Board, the results of this survey may suggest that the players' themselves would prefer only one qualifying event.
    - 100% of respondents would like to see the Men's and Women's championships return to an arena.
- **Adjournment and Reception:** Joe Mason moved the meeting be adjourned.

**Off the Record:** The NBCA Board of Directors would like to thank all who participated in the “off the record” session that took place immediately following adjournment of the SAGM. This was an excellent opportunity for participants to openly and unofficially discuss items of concern.

Respectfully submitted.  
Marg Maranda.

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