



**New Brunswick Curling Association/Association de Curling du Nouveau-Brunswick
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Curl Moncton-Beausejour, 80 Lockhart St., Moncton
May 4, 2014-2:00 P.M.**

Curling Centres Represented

Capital Winter Club	Curl Moncton
Gladstone	Gage
Grand Falls	Heather
St. Stephen	Sussex
Thistle St Andrews	

- **Call to Order:** NBCA President, Damien Lahiton, called the meeting to order.
- **Ratification of Agenda:** Damien asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Al Gauvreau of Gage requested "Helmet Standards" be added. Joan Christie moved the agenda be approved as amended. Dave Burpee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Credentials and Appointment of Scrutineers:** Marg read the Credentials prior to the beginning of this meeting. Scrutineers for today's meeting are Catherine MacLean and Les Harrison.
- **Moment of Silence for Departed Members:** Damien asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence for Departed Members.
- **Adoption of Minutes of November 3, 2013 SAGM:** Minutes of the November 3rd SAGM have been available for viewing on the NBCA web site and are included in AGM Participants Guide. Sue Lankisch-Lister moved the minutes be accepted as submitted. Shelly Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **NBCA Board Reports:** Damien reported that all NBCA Board Reports are contained in the Participants Guide for the pursual of all delegates.
- **CCA Report:** CCA Governor, Yves Maillet, brought greetings from CCA Chief Executive Officer, Greg StremLaw and CCA Board of Governors Chair, Hugh Avery. Yves spoke about the CCA Curing Summit being held in August at Niagra Falls.
- **Curl Atlantic Report:** Brian Rice spoke of Curl Atlantic as being funded by 4 provinces and CCA. It's fundamental purpose is to help improve curling in the region. Brian reviewed the Curl Atlantic annual programs : Whitecap Development Camp, U18 Atlantics, Curl Atlantic Championship, Podium Project (which is funds received from CCA to assist with the development of our junior athletes and coaches), Joyce Meyer Fund for Capital Works Grant and Scholarships, Rocks and Rings, Atlantic University curling, which NB was represented at for the first time this year, and the support Curl Atlantic provides to Wheelchair curling in our region.
- **Business Arising From November, 2013 SAGM Minutes:**
 - Curl Atlantic/NBCA Curling Summit (postponed):** At the November, 2013 SAGM delegates were informed that Curl Atlantic and CCA were going to provide a Curling Summit in Sackville, NB which was to be held in conjunction of this meeting. Due to the 2014 CCA Summit, the Atlantic Summit has been postponed. Further information will be forwarded to curling centre when received from Curl Atlantic. Jerry McCann of Gladstone asked if NBCA was going to provide assistance to curling centres planning to attend the CCA Curling Summit. Marg suggested the NBCA Executive/Finance Committee would need to meet to make a decision. She reported the NBCA did have funds set aside to assist clubs to Curl Atlantic Summit that was supposed to happen this year. Shelly Graham and Ellery Robichaud suggested these

funds would likely be better spent in supporting the Atlantic Summit which Brian stated would go forward next season. Marg assured that both points would be taken under advisement.

--**CCA Summit 2014:** Damien reported that it isn't too late to register to attend the 2014 CCA Summit. A link to the Summit web site is available on the NBCA web site. This event is open to anyone interested in curling, not just for club managers, presidents, ect.

--**Increased Participation Update:** This was mentioned at the November SAGM. Damien reported that this is a work in progress and that more information will be provided as it is made available.

- **Little Rock Helmets:** Damien invited Al Gauvreau of Gage to speak. Al reported there were a few incidents where athletes were injured on the ice. As such, Gage will be introducing mandatory helmets for Little Rocks. He wanted to know where the NBCA stood on the use of headgear. Damien asked Ron Hutton if there is a CCA standard regarding this issue. Ron suggested this be brought up at the next CCA and MA Presidents Conference Call and at the 2014 NCC. If enough MA's want to proceed with setting a standard then the CCA will get involved. Ellery Robichaud reported that he has spoken to Doug Flower of Goldline regarding this and Doug has informed Ellery that he is having problems getting a product CSA certified. Damien and Yves will initiate discussions at the CCA levels and will report back to this assembly.
- **Report from May 4 NBCA Board Meeting:**
 - 2014 Players' Survey Results:** The results of the 2014 NBCPA Survey are included in the Participants Guide. Shelly Graham asked why the NBCA thinks we needed Provincial Rocks and how many events would these Rocks actually be used at. Damien answered that this is an issue that has come to the NBCA from our competitive athletes and through the Players Committee. Both rocks and ice have an impact on how close to national conditions we can get our Provincial Events. Gerry McCann and Jeff Lacey spoke to the cost of rocks. Ellery spoke to how sanding rocks will also greatly improve performance. As it may take a great deal of time before NB is in a position to purchase rocks, sanding is a good interim fix.
 - Available Province of NB Grants:** Marg reported that Participants Guides include information on grant opportunities available through the Government of NB, Healthy and Inclusive Communities. She encouraged all curling centres to review the information and take advantage of the available grants.
- **2014-15 Provincial Events Schedule:** The 2014-15 NBCA Provincial Events Schedule is included in the Participants Guide. Marg requested all host curling centres provide Marg with the names and e-mail addresses of events Chairpersons as soon as possible.
- **Appointment of Auditors:** Sue Lankisch-Lister moved that accountant David H. Stewart be appointed to audit the 2013-14 NBCA finances and prepare required financial reports. Jerry McCann second the motion. Motion carried.
- **NBCA Board Elections:** Damien reported that the following individuals have agreed to let their names stand for election of the listed positions:
1st VP: Darren Eaton, 2nd VP: Catherine MacLean, NE Zone Director: Tim Grattan, South Zone Director: Dave Burpee. There are currently no nominations for the positions of Central Zone Director, NW Zone Director and SE Zone Director. Damien asked if there are any further nominations from the floor. As there are none, Damien declared the afore mentioned nominees have won by acclamation. The vacant seats will remain vacant until such time as we can find individuals to assume the positions. At this time, Damien introduced incoming President, Susan Lankisch-Lister.
- **Awards & Presentations:** Jeff Lacey, Chair of the 2014 Ford World Women's Curling Championship, was presented with the Les Harrison Volunteer of the Year Award. Marion Taylor, long time volunteer of the NBCA Technical Program, was inducted as an Honorary Life Member.
- **Ron Hutton**, outgoing CCA Governor, asked to address the assembly. Ron spoke to the new relegation rounds being introduced at the 2015 Scotties and Tankard. Ron reminded everyone that this issue has been in the making for the past 5 years but it seems that concerned parties have waited until now to express their displeasure. Ron reported that fans attending championship events has dwindled significantly over the past several years, thereby decreasing, and in some cases eliminating, income earned at these events. CCA pays our athletes to participate at National and World Championships. We are not only the only sport that does this, we are also the only curling association that does this. Due to declining

income, things have to change. Les Harrison asked Ron where the issue between the CCA and OCA (Ontario) now stood. Ron reported that this most difficult situation has been resolved.

- **Adjournment:** Joan Christie moved the meeting be adjourned. Attendees were invited to remain for refreshments and social time.

Respectfully submitted.

Marg Maranda, Executive Director

NBCA Mission: The NBCA is a non-profit organization designed to bring together all curling centres in the province for one purpose: to provide opportunities for all residents, of any age, to participate in the sport of curling throughout their lifetime for fun, fitness and/or competition.

Mission de l'ACN-B: L'ACN-B est un organisme sans but lucratif dont l'objectif est de rassembler tous les centres de curling de la province afin de donner l'occasion à tous ses résidents de jouer au curling, quel que soit leur âge et peu importe s'ils pratiquent ce sport pour leur amusement, leur conditionnement physique ou la compétition.

NBCA Vision: The NBCA envisions to be a leading sports force within New Brunswick and throughout the Atlantic Provinces by providing growth, promotion and development opportunities to all curlers, regardless of age or physical ability, from the grassroots to the highest levels of competitive play.

Vision de l'ACN-B: L'ACN-B veut être une organisation sportive de premier plan au Nouveau-Brunswick et dans les Maritimes. Elle entend atteindre cet objectif en facilitant la croissance, la promotion et le développement du curling au bénéfice de tous ses membres, sans distinction d'âge ou de handicap, des premières glisses aux plus hautes sphères de compétition.