



**New Brunswick Curling Association/Association de Curling du Nouveau-Brunswick  
SEMI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Carleton Curling Club  
November 2, 2014-2 :00 pm**

**Curling Centres Represented**

<b>Curl Moncton</b>	<b>Carleton</b>
<b>Miramichi</b>	<b>Capital Winter Club</b>
<b>Sussex</b>	<b>Rexton</b>
	<b>Thistle St. Andrews</b>

**MEETING MINUTES**

- **Report on Credentials:** Report was read by Marg.
- **Call to Order:** NBCA President, Sue Lankisch-Lister, called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm. Sue thanked all for attending especially in light of the poor weather conditions.
- **Ratification of Agenda:** Sue asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Marg requested the item "From the Gym to the Ice" be added.  
Wayne Cooper moved acceptance of the amended agenda. Tim Grattan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Appointment of Scrutineers:** Ron Hutton and Ellery Robichaud have been appointed as scrutineers of the meeting.
- **Moment of Silence for Departed Members:** Sue asked all to stand for a moment of silence for departed members.
- **Adoption of Minutes from May 4, 2014 AGM:** Minutes were posted on NBCA Web Site and are included in Participants Guide.  
Tim Grattan moved acceptance of the minutes as presented. Wayne Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- **Curl Atlantic Symposium/NBCA-AGM:** As mentioned at the May, 2014 AGM, Curl Atlantic will be hosting a Business of Curling Symposium, presented by CCA, in May 2015. This event will coincide with the NBCA - AGM and both will be held at Mount Allison University.  
--Curling Centres will be forwarded a survey with list of potential topics and asked to rank them.  
--Ranked listing needs to be returned to the NBCA no later than Friday, November 28th  
--Symposium topics will be determined based on survey results  
--Once we receive the details of the symposium, including pricing, NBCA will forward to affiliated curling centres along with the amount of financial assistance being offered by the NBCA to participating curling centres.
- **Little Rock Helmet/Headgear:** At the May 2014 AGM, Al Gauvreau of Gage Golf and Curling Club inquired about the NBCA's policy regarding mandatory use of headgear. Ellery asked what happens if clubs insist headgear be used by specific age groups. Sue informed those present that until such time that there is a CSA approved product for curling, the NBCA can recommend the use of headgear, but not make it mandatory. Ron stated this was a topic discussed during a session at the CCA summit. He suggest we contact the lawyer, Steven Indig, to get proper wording. Goldline has a product but it has not yet been approved by CSA.

- **Board Position Vacancy:** The NBCA is still in need of a Zone Director for the Central Zone. Damien Lahiton has tried to find someone but has had no success.
  - Clubs within the Central Zone are: Gage, CWC, Gladstone, Doaktown and Nashwaak
  - Marg recently sent a request to these clubs to assist with recruitment and she has posted it for a second time on our Facebook page
  - It is in the best interest of these curling centres to have representation at all NBCA Board Meetings.
  - Anyone interested is asked to contact Marg at the NBCA office.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Rocks and Rings-from the Gym to the Ice:** Marg reported that the NBCA has received a grant from the Province of NB and Sport Canada to fund this initiative. This is a program that will be made available to all affiliated curling centres in an effort to help increase membership. Program details will be forwarded to curling centres once they have been finalized.

- **2014 CCA Annual General Meeting Report:** Minutes of the CCA AGM are attached for your information. A few items of particular interest/importance to NB curling athletes and curling centres are:
  - Age eligibility for the Juniors has been amended. Beginning with the 2015-16 Championship season, participants must be 20 years of age or under on June 30th of the year prior to the National Competition.
  - The new Rule Book for Curling will be implemented for the period of 2014-2018.
  - Individual Membership Fee: CCA is looking to amend its affiliation model by introducing an Individual Membership Fee instead of using the existing the current per sheet assessment. The motion, as it was presented, has been set aside pending distribution of more detailed information. The NBCA Board of Directors will keep affiliated curling centres fully apprised of this issue as it evolves.
  - Format For the Canadian Mixed and Seniors: There will be two pools of 7 teams and games will be reduced to 8 ends. This will eliminate the need for a relegation round.
- **CCA Curling Assistance Program:** Marg forwarded, to all NBCA affiliated curling centres, the information required to apply for a CAP grant. Deadline for submission is January 9th.
- **Greetings from CCA Governor, Yves Maillet:** Yves announced the induction of Ron Hutton to the CCA Hall of Fame.
  - Yves recommends curling clubs go to the CCA web site and nominate members, etc. for CCA awards.
  - WCF has announced the implementation of the new World Mixed Curling Championship
  - CCRC: should begin seeing something soon as this committee has begun its review of Canadian Championships.
- **Review/Adoption of 2014-15 NBCA Budget:** NBCA 2nd Vice President, Catherine MacLean, presented the 2014-15 NBCA Budget which was included in the participants guide. Dave Burpee moved the budget be accepted as presented. Paulette Girvan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Appointment of Nominating Committee:** 2015-16 Nominating Committee will be Sue Lankisch-Lister and Joan Christie.
- **Appointment of Site Selection Committee:** 2015-16 Site Selection Committee will consist of Marg, Darren Eaton and Catherine MacLean. This committee will consult with the Players' Committee if applicable.
- **NB Players Committee:** As communicated to the NB Players, Chris Smith has stepped down as Chair of the NB Players' Committee. The NBCA prepared and distributed a letter to all NB Players (through the NB Players E-mail Distribution List) communicating the benefits of having representation at NBCA Board Meetings and encouraging this group of athletes to seriously consider appointing a replacement. The letter was read to those in attendance.
- **Pepsi & Bell Aliant Community One Partnerships:** As per the e-mail that was circulated to curling centres, the NBCA has partnered with both corporations for a 5 year period.
  - Curling centres are encouraged to meet with a Pepsi rep when contacted. The pricing/equipment deal that was negotiated on behalf of our curling centres is very aggressive and well worth the time to discuss.
- **Event Registrations (PayPal vs Check or e-Transfer):** The NBCA and NB Junior Program has been losing a fair amount of revenue due to the cost of using PayPal. Therefore, those paying through this method are now going to have to absorb this cost. Registration fees can still be paid by cheque and now through e-transfer without incurring the additional cost.
- **Report from November 2, 2014 NBCA Board Meeting:**
  - discussions regarding the seniors format and men's seeding have been delayed pending the replacement of the Players Rep. on the NBCA Board.

--CCA Ice Tech., Jamie Bourassa, was here in September to provide a one day session to interested NB Ice Tech's. The NBCA Board is considering having him return for another session but is not sure yet. Will be looking at the resource we have within the province first.

- **Ron Hutton requested opportunity to speak.** Ron thanked the NBCA for its support during his years on CCA Board. He spoke on the importance of acquiring new sponsors. He also spoke of the success of the CCA Curling Summit and how our curling centres should have, by now, received information from the two NBCA attendees.
- **Dave Burpee moved the meeting adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted.**

**Marg Maranda**