



CURLING CANADA

2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

**CURLING CANADA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
VILLAGE CONFERENCE CENTRE,
BLUE MOUNTAIN RESORT, COLLINGWOOD, ONTARIO
FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015**

Meeting Chair: Hugh Avery

ATTENDANCE:

Member Association Voting Delegates

Susan Curtis (NF and Labrador)
Harold Walters (NF and Labrador)
Catherine MacLean (New Brunswick)
Ron Hutton (New Brunswick)
Marion Clark (Northern Ontario)
Michael Szajewski (Northern Ontario)
Dale Curtis (Ontario)
John Shea (Ontario)
Kim Warburton (Manitoba)
Sam Antila (Manitoba)
Dan Kleinschroth (Alberta)
Don Dumont (Alberta)
Peter Mackey (Nunavut)
Karen Costello (Nunavut)

Harry Daemen (Nova Scotia)
Chris Manuge (Nova Scotia)
Angela Hodgson (Prince Edward Island)
Amy Duncan (Prince Edward Island) *-carried proxy for George Koke.*
Serge Brazeau (Quebec)
Marc-André Robitaille (Quebec)
Dennis Smith (Saskatchewan)
Patricia Yeske (Saskatchewan)
Paul Addison (British Columbia)
Terry Vandale (British Columbia)
Ellen Johnson (Yukon)
Laini Klassen (Yukon)
Maureen Miller (Northwest Territories)
Kyle Kugler (Northwest Territories)

Curling Canada Board

Hugh Avery (Vice Chair)
Cindy Maddock, Governor
Lena West – *carried proxy for Chair Marilyn Neily*

Peter Inch, Governor
Shirley Osborne, Governor
Scott Comfort, Governor

Observers

Jeremiah Anderson (NSCA)
Craig Baker (Curl MB)
Jennifer Ferris (OCC)
Marg Maranda (NBCA)
Amber Holland (SCA)
Dixie Blackmore (NACA)
David Burpee (NBCA)
Steven Indig (Parliamentarian)
Donna Stuike (Candidate for Election)

Amber Holland (SCA)
Leslie Kerr (NOCA)
Stephen Chenier (OCA)
Gord Gark (OCA)
Scott Braley (Curl BC)
Laura Eby (YCA)
Laura Lochanski (WCF)
Cathy Hughes (Candidate for Election)
Resby Coutts (Candidate for Election)

Curling Canada Staff

Pat Ray
Karen Ryan
Allen Cameron

Gerry Peckham
Danny Lamoureux

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Vice Chair Hugh Avery called the 2015 Curling Canada Annual General Meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

Pat Ray, Chief Operating Officer, reported that the official Notice of Meeting had been emailed to all concerned on May 1, 2015.

2.0 REPORT ON CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES AND QUORUM

Pat polled the meeting for voting delegates and a total of 35 votes were recorded (including 2 proxies):

Amy Duncan carried a proxy for George Koke (PEICA)

Governor Lena West carried a proxy for Chair Marilyn Neily

It was confirmed that a simple majority of 18 positive votes would be required to pass a motion.

3.0 MINUTE OF SILENCE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS

A moment of silence was observed in respect for members of the curling fraternity who had passed away since the last AGM.

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: AGM 2015.01
Moved by Terry Vandale (Curl BC), seconded by Chris Manuge (NSCA), that the meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A call for errors or omissions in the Minutes brought forward the following:

- Page 3, Article 8, 2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes:
Name change required - from Chair Ron Hutton to Chair Hugh Avery.
- Attendance Record for March 27, 2015 Special Meeting:
Add Peter Mackey (voting delegate for Nunavut Curling Association).

MOTION: AGM 2015.02
Moved by Ron Hutton (NBCA), seconded by John Shea (OCA), that the Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting held on August 29, 2014 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

MOTION: AGM 2015.03
Moved by Serge Brazeau (Curling Quebec), seconded by Ellen Johnson (YCA), that the Minutes of the December 15, 2014 Special Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

MOTION: AGM 2015.04
Moved by John Shea (OCA), seconded by Kim Warburton (Curl MB), that the Minutes of the March 12, 2015 Special Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

MOTION: AGM 2015.05
Moved by Dennis Smith (SCA), seconded by John Shea (OCA) that the Minutes of the March 27, 2015 Special Meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Chris Manuge (NSCA) asked whether a report would be forthcoming regarding the resources to be accessible only to teams who play in the qualification round at the Tournament of Hearts and Brier as referenced in AGM Motion 2014.12. Hugh Avery advised that, as discussed at the NCC, this matter has been put on the Board's Action List and will be discussed with senior staff. Member Associations will be updated accordingly.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

It was reported that Curling Canada's correspondence is handled on a daily basis through the national office in Ottawa.

8.0 INTERIM REPORT OF THE CHAIR *(See Addendum)*

9.0 INTERIM REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Each Governor gave a verbal interim report on their activities during the past season.

10.0 ELECTION OF GOVERNORS TO THE CURLING CANADA BOARD

The elections were conducted under the supervision of Curling Canada's Governance Committee Chair Lena West. She informed the delegates that Bob Cunningham and Neil Valois had been appointed as scrutineers.

ELECTIONS: FEMALE GOVERNORS FOR THE BOARD:

Election of Female Governor (4-Year Term)

Candidates: Cathy Hughes (QC), Maureen Miller (NT) and Donna Stuike (BC)

Ballots were distributed and Maureen Miller was elected.

Election of Female Governor (Replacement Position: 3-Year Term)

Candidates: Cathy Hughes (QC) and Donna Stuike (BC)

Ballots were distributed and Cathy Hughes was elected.

ELECTIONS: MALE GOVERNORS FOR THE BOARD

Governor Lena reported that, as of the deadline date, one nomination had been received for each of the three Male Governors' positions available on the Board. As a result, no elections were necessary; however, motions to accept each candidate's nomination were brought forward:

Male Governor (4-Year Term)**MOTION: AGM 2015.06**

Moved by Kim Warburton (CurlMB), seconded by Karen Costello (NCA), that the nomination of Resby Coutts to serve on the Curling Canada Board for a 4-year term be accepted.

CARRIED

Male Governor (Replacement 2-Year Term)**MOTION: AGM 2015.07**

Moved by Catherine MacLean (NBCA), seconded by John Shea (OCA), that the nomination of Ron Hutton to serve on the Curling Canada Board in the replacement position for a 2-year term be accepted.

CARRIED

Male Governor (Replacement 1-Year Term)**MOTION: AGM 2015.08**

Moved by Chris Manuge (NSCA), seconded by Kim Warburton (Curl MB), that the nomination of Hugh Avery to serve on the Curling Canada Board in the replacement position for a 1-year term be accepted.

CARRIED

Newly elected Governors Maureen Miller, Cathy Hughes, Resby Coutts, Ron Hutton and Hugh Avery were congratulated and presented with their crests. Each of the candidates spoke to the MA representatives and thanked the delegates for their support.

MOTION: AGM 2015.09

Moved by Don Dumont (ACF), seconded by Paul Addison (Curl BC), that the election ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

11.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM NATIONAL CURLING CONGRESS**1) CHANGE TO BYLAWS****MOTION: AGM 2015.10**

Moved by Peter Inch (CC Governor), seconded by Paul Addison (Curl BC), that the Constitution and Bylaws of the Canadian Curling Association be amended as follows:

I. INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

c) "Association" means the Canadian Curling Association/l'Association Canadienne de Curling (hereafter also known as Curling Canada), a corporation without share capital incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act.

CARRIED

2) CHANGE TO BYLAWS

MOTION: AGM 2015.11

Moved by Cindy Maddock (CC Governor), seconded by Shirley Osborne (CC Governor), that the Constitution and Bylaws of the Canadian Curling Association be amended as follows:

XII. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS 5. SPECIAL MEETINGS

(b) A Special Meeting called at the request of at least five percent (5%) of the members as provided in Paragraph (a) shall be convened within fifty (50) days of the request being received at the head office of the Canadian Curling Association and shall be convened by telephone conference call if specified in the request for the Special Meeting. The Association must also give notice to the auditor of every meeting of members, at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting. The costs incurred in convening a Special Meeting shall be the responsibility of and equalized among the Member Associations requesting the meeting.

CARRIED

3) CHANGE TO BYLAWS

MOTION: AGM 2015.12

Moved by Dale Curtis (OCA), seconded by John Shea (OCA), that the Constitution and Bylaws of the Canadian Curling Association be amended as follows:

V. MEMBERSHIP, 5. OBLIGATION OF MEMBERS

(f) Good Standing

(v) Is not subject to a disciplinary action of the Association, or if subject to disciplinary action of the Association previously, has fulfilled all terms and conditions of such disciplinary action to the satisfaction of the association;

CARRIED

4) CANADIAN MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

MOTION: AGM 2015.13

Moved by Terry Vandale (Curl BC), seconded by Ron Hutton (NBCA), that the Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship continue to be held in the 2015-2016 curling season, therefore, extending the two-year trial originally approved under AGM Motion 2012.08 and further extended for an additional year under AGM Motion 2014.05, for one more year. Be it further resolved that this event not be subject to competitor fees applicable to other championships.

CARRIED

5) NEW AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION (MOTION TO TABLE)**MOTION: AGM 2015.14**

Moved by John Shea (OCA), seconded by Laini Klassen (NCA) that a motion to accept Family Curling as an Affiliate organization of Curling Canada be tabled to the September 30, 2015 Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

6) RULES**MOTION: AGM 2015.15**

Moved by Serge Brazeau (Curling Quebec), seconded by Catherine MacLean (NBCA), that Rule 21 - Chief Umpire (7) in the Rules of Curling - Officiated Play be revised as follows:

The Chief Umpire may expel a player or coach from the game or competition area for what they consider to be abusive or unacceptable behaviour including refusal to comply with the rules and direction provided by an umpire.

The ejected person must leave the competition area and take no further part in that game. When a player is ejected from a game, an alternate player may not be used in that game for that player, unless the team loses a subsequent player(s) and is, therefore, placed in a default position as per Rule 5(5)(a).

CARRIED

7) AGE REQUIREMENT FOR BRIER, TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS AND MIXED (FOURS)**MOTION: AGM 2015.16**

Moved by Sam Antila (Curl MB), seconded by Chris Manuge (NSCA), that the age restriction for the Men's (Brier), Women's (Tournament of Hearts) and Canadian Mixed (fours) national curling championships be removed, effective immediately.

CARRIED

8) RESIDENCY**MOTION: AGM 2015.17**

Moved by Kim Warburton (Curl MB), seconded by Harry Daemen (NSCA) that, effective immediately and until 2018, the Residency Policy for the Men's (Brier) and Women's (Tournament of Hearts) national curling championships, be amended to allow for a team to be comprised of residents of the same province/territory with the exception of now permitting a maximum of one (1) free agent from any other Canadian location to be part of the team. The spirit and the intent of all the other articles in the current Residency Policy would be strengthened prior to the 2015-2016 curling season.

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MOTION TO RECORD VOTE:

Moved by John Shea (OCA), seconded by Dale Curtis (OCA), that the vote on the motion pertaining to Residency be recorded.

Motion to Record the Vote:

CARRIED

Motion:

CARRIED

(See Addendum for Recorded Vote)

9) RESIDENCY (MOTION TO WITHDRAW)**MOTION: AGM 2015.18**

Be it resolved to continue the current Residency Policy for the 2015-16 season, subject to any modifications agreed upon at the National Curling Congress in June, 2015.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW:

Moved by Terry Vandale (Curl BC), seconded by Paul Addison (Curl BC), that Curl BC's motion regarding the Residency Policy be withdrawn.

CARRIED

10) FORMAT - BRIER AND TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS**MOTION: AGM 2015.19**

Moved by Chris Manuge (NSCA), seconded by Harry Daemen (NSCA), that Curling Canada review and amend the current format of play for the Canadian Men's (Brier) and Canadian Women's (Scotties) Curling Championships with a format that involves the 14 Member Associations, beginning in the 2017-18 curling season and, further, that the format be brought for consultation no later than the 2016 NCC.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Moved by Ellen Johnson (YCA), seconded by Amy Duncan (PEICA), that the motion be amended to read:

That Curling Canada review and amend the current format of play for the Canadian Men's (Brier) and Canadian Women's (Scotties) Curling Championships with a format that includes direct entry for all 14 Member Associations and the elimination of the prequalification round, beginning in the 2017-18 curling season and, further, that the format be brought for consultation no later than the 2016 NCC.

MOTION TO AMEND:

CARRIED

MOTION TO RECORD VOTE:

Moved by John Shea (OCA), seconded by Dale Curtis, that the vote on the motion pertaining to the format for the Brier and Tournament of Hearts be recorded.

MOTION TO RECORD VOTE:

CARRIED

AMENDED MOTION

CARRIED

(See Addendum for Recorded Vote)

A question arose regarding the term “prequalification” and its impact directly related to this motion and, by voting consensus, all delegates agreed it is their understanding that all teams enter the tournament at the same level.

11) POLICY

MOTION: AGM 2015.20

Moved by Marion Clark (NOCA), seconded by Peter Mackey (NCA), that the following be added to BG-8: CONSULTATION WITH OWNERS, C. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

2. Accountability:

Ensure there is a mechanism to communicate to the Presidents of the Member Associations any significant changes to Board of Governor Process Policies or Executive Limitation Policies within 10 days of approving the change. The mechanism includes a summary of the change, the rationale for the change and the implications to the MAs as well as any other relevant information. Changes are relayed via mail, email or fax. The revised policy, displaying track changes, is posted on the Governance website for a minimum of 30 days.

Moved by Lena West, seconded by Peter Inch that the motion be revised to read “that the following be added to BG-9: LINKAGES TO OWNERS”.

MOTION TO AMEND:

CARRIED

AMENDED MOTION:

CARRIED

12.0 AWARDS PRESENTATION

On behalf of Curling Canada, Lena West, Chair of the Awards and Hall of Fame Committee, presented a token of appreciation to Marilyn Neily to commemorate her year as Chair of the Curling Canada Board of Governors. Cindy Maddock accepted the gift on Marilyn’s behalf and thanked the members.

13.0 NEW BUSINESS

13.1 Chair and Vice Chair for 2015/2016

It was announced that the Curling Canada Board of Governors had elected Hugh Avery as Chair and Peter Inch, Vice Chair of Curling Canada for 2015 - 2016.

14.0 MEETING RECESSED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Hugh explained that the rules of the current not-for-profit legislation state that audited statements must be sent to the membership at least 21 days in advance of an AGM. To allow adequate time for the audits to take place, it meant the earliest time this financial business of the organization could be dealt with was late summer/early fall. Recognizing this was too close to the start of the next curling season to delay dealing with other important business items, it was agreed that the National Curling Congress and certain items of the AGM should be dealt with at this time of year. Having addressed the motions and other business slated for this portion of the AGM agenda, he called for a motion to recess the AGM until it can be reconvened by conference call on September 30, 2015, when the remaining items on the agenda will be addressed.

MOTION TO RECESS 2015 AGM**MOTION: AGM 2015.21****Moved by Marion Clark (NOCA), seconded by Chris Manuge (NSCA), that the 2015 Annual General Meeting be recessed until it is reconvened by conference call on September 30, 2015.****CARRIED**

ADDENDUM

- RECORD OF VOTING ON AGM MOTION 2015.17 (RESIDENCY)
- RECORD OF VOTING ON AGM MOTION 2015.19 (FORMAT OF PLAY)
- CHAIR'S INTERIM REPORT

VOTING RECORD
2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AGM MOTION 2015.17 (RESIDENCY)

	Name	Prov/Terr.	FOR	AGAINST
1	Susan Curtis	NFLD. & LABRADOR		✓
2	Harold Walters	NFLD. & LABRADOR		✓
3	Chris Manuge	NOVA SCOTIA	✓	
4	Harry Daemen	NOVA SCOTIA	✓	
5	Angela Hodgson	PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND		✓
6	Amy Duncan	PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND		✓
7	Catherine MacLean	NEW BRUNSWICK	✓	
8	Ron Hutton	NEW BRUNSWICK	✓	
9	Serge Brazeau	QUEBEC	✓	
10	Marc-André Robitaille	QUEBEC	✓	
11	Dale Curtis	ONTARIO	✓	
12	John Shea	ONTARIO	✓	
13	Marion Clark	NORTHERN ONTARIO	✓	
14	Michael Szajewski	NORTHERN ONTARIO	✓	
15	Kim Warburton	MANITOBA	✓	
16	Sam Antila	MANITOBA	✓	
17	Dennis Smith	SASKATCHEWAN	✓	
18	Patricia Yeske	SASKATCHEWAN	✓	
19	Dan Kleinschroth	ALBERTA	✓	
20	Don Dumont	ALBERTA		✓
21	Paul Addison	BRITISH COLUMBIA		✓
22	Terry Vandale	BRITISH COLUMBIA	✓	
23	Ellen Johnson	YUKON	✓	
24	Laini Klassen	YUKON	✓	
25	Maureen Miller	NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	✓	
26	Kyle Kugler	NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	✓	
27	Peter Mackey	NUNAVUT	✓	
28	Karen Costello	NUNAVUT	✓	
29	Hugh Avery	CURLING CANADA GOVERNOR	✓	
30	Shirley Osborne	CURLING CANADA GOVERNOR	✓	
31	Cindy Maddock	CURLING CANADA GOVERNOR	✓	
32	Peter Inch	CURLING CANADA GOVERNOR	✓	
33	Scott Comfort	CURLING CANADA GOVERNOR	✓	
34	Lena West - <i>also carried</i>	CURLING CANADA GOVERNOR	✓	
35	<i>proxy for</i> Marilyn Neily	CURLING CANADA CHAIR	✓	

VOTING RECORD
2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AGM MOTION 2015.19 (FORMAT FOR BRIER AND TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS)

	Name	Prov/Terr.	FOR	AGAINST
1	Susan Curtis	NFLD. & LABRADOR	✓	
2	Harold Walters	NFLD. & LABRADOR	✓	
3	Chris Manuge	NOVA SCOTIA	✓	
4	Harry Daemen	NOVA SCOTIA	✓	
5	Angela Hodgson	PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	✓	
6	Amy Duncan	PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	✓	
7	Catherine MacLean	NEW BRUNSWICK	✓	
8	Ron Hutton	NEW BRUNSWICK	✓	
9	Serge Brazeau	QUEBEC	✓	
10	Marc-André Robitaille	QUEBEC	✓	
11	Dale Curtis	ONTARIO	✓	
12	John Shea	ONTARIO	✓	
13	Marion Clark	NORTHERN ONTARIO	✓	
14	Michael Szajewski	NORTHERN ONTARIO	✓	
15	Kim Warburton	MANITOBA	✓	
16	Sam Antila	MANITOBA	✓	
17	Dennis Smith	SASKATCHEWAN	✓	
18	Patricia Yeske	SASKATCHEWAN	✓	
19	Dan Kleinschroth	ALBERTA	✓	
20	Don Dumont	ALBERTA	✓	
21	Paul Addison	BRITISH COLUMBIA	✓	
22	Terry Vandale	BRITISH COLUMBIA	✓	
23	Ellen Johnson	YUKON	✓	
24	Laini Klassen	YUKON	✓	
25	Maureen Miller	NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	✓	
26	Kyle Kugler	NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	✓	
27	Peter Mackey	NUNAVUT	✓	
28	Karen Costello	NUNAVUT	✓	
29	Hugh Avery	CURLING CANADA GOVERNOR	✓	
30	Shirley Osborne	CURLING CANADA GOVERNOR	✓	
31	Cindy Maddock	CURLING CANADA GOVERNOR	✓	
32	Peter Inch	CURLING CANADA GOVERNOR	✓	
33	Scott Comfort	CURLING CANADA GOVERNOR	✓	
34	Lena West - <i>also carried</i>	CURLING CANADA GOVERNOR	✓	
35	<i>proxy for</i> Marilyn Neily	CURLING CANADA CHAIR	✓	

**CURLING CANADA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
CHAIR MARILYN NEILY
2013-2014 INTERIM REPORT**

Please accept this as my interim report as your 2014-2015 Curling Canada Chair.

This has been an extremely busy year with many accomplishments. Our Board Fall Retreat was held in November when curling seasons across Canada are in full swing. This meeting is used to develop the path that the Board will be undertaking over the upcoming months.

Individual Membership Fee

Curling Canada had been the only national sport organization in Canada that did not have an individual membership identification program and structure. This had been identified, as a gap and weakness in the organization and efforts have been underway to rectify this situation for the past ten years. The Board had agreed that this past year we would strive to introduce a pilot program that would hopefully lead to the eventual adoption of a Curling Canada individual membership fee (IMF). In March, our membership agreed to move forward and hopefully this will lead to our organization being even better able, to serve and develop programs and services for our members.

Branding

A new outward facing brand was officially launched on February 28, 2015. This initiative and operational strategy had been in our Business Plan and annually updated to the membership for the past four years and through a significant effort for grant funding, we were able to achieve it. This brand is for our customers to better market our sport, our image and appeal to wider demographics. The Board gave its unanimous approval and support to the new brand graphics and the project was given the green light to proceed.

The legal name of the organization, the bylaws etc. have not changed at all. Over the years, we have changed all sorts of things, from the Brier logo and brand, to the Season of Champions, to the Business of Curling, the Patch, School Programs, Philanthropic program, etc. The new systematic brand overhaul is the latest part of doing business and ensuring we are relevant to Canadians.

Our new brand has received a great deal of both national and international recognition. We have been notified by Applied Arts magazine that the Curling Canada logo was selected for a "2015 Applied Arts Design Award". They plan to include it in their July/August "Awards" issue and in their online awards gallery.

Events

I served as the Championship Liaison to the 2015 Continental Cup held in Calgary, Alberta. Team Canada was successful in capturing the win over Team Europe. I also had the privilege of attending and providing ceremonial support to a number of our Season of Champions events; namely the M&M Juniors held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Labrador; the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; the Tim Horton's Brier in Calgary, Alberta; and the Ford World Men's Championship in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Our hosts for our Season of Champions events as well as those hosting our other national championships have done a fabulous job. It is through the dedicated services of volunteers across Canada that our organization can reap the benefits of our events.

As you have been provided information from the unaudited financial estimates on our Season of Champions curling events, you have seen that overall this has been yet another very successful year financially for our organization. Your final audited reports will be presented later in the year during the second portion of our AGM meeting to be held on September 30, 2015. I think the membership will be extremely pleased with the overall financial results when the final statements are completed.

All our events for the 2015-2016 season have been scheduled and most events for the 2016-2017 season have also been scheduled and announced. A formal RFP process has been initiated by Curling Canada where a thorough evaluation is conducted on all submissions. This standard business practice will help ensure that we consistently apply all criteria for all proposals and a fully informed decision can be made on all future sites.

For each of the teams that emerged as Canadian champions, I congratulate you. For those teams that moved on to the world stage, you served as great ambassadors both for curling and for our country. Congratulations to all.

World Curling Federation

Immediately following the 2014 AGM held last August, I attended the World Curling Federation (WCF) Congress in Reno, Nevada. It was a proud day to have two Curling Canada Past-Chairs win elections for a seat on the WCF Board. Congratulations to both Graham Prouse – Vice Chair Americas and Laura Lochanski, Director at Large.

Curling Canada's international representatives have worked very hard to further our cause at the international level. Consistent representation at the world congress is very important in building lasting relations with our international counterparts.

Finances

Curling Canada is in a very healthy position as a national sport organization. Back in 2007, formal direction was given and efforts were made to have the operations of Curling Canada be treated as a business. Since I have been on the Board, beginning in 2010, Curling Canada has been in a positive financial situation. We have been able to establish a long-term financial reserve and we are the envy of other national sport organizations.

The sport entertainment business can be very fickle and volatile. Curling Canada can attribute our positive financial stability and fortune to our CEO Greg StremLaw and to our COO Pat Ray. Their guidance and stewardship on the finances of our organization has placed us in a very affirmative financial position. You will see that once again, the 2014-2015 season will provide very positive financial results for Curling Canada. In particular, this year will likely be financially, the most successful during my tenure on the Board.

Organizational Support

As an organization, Board members come and go each and every year. Success is built throughout our organization through the collective input of our dedicated staff and the professional consistency they provide.

Later this month, we will see a change in our CEO position at Curling Canada. I would like to recognize and thank Greg StremLaw for his outstanding dedication in building the number one national sport organization in our country. During his tenure we witnessed through his unwavering efforts:

- Turning the organization around financially from a seven-digit deficit in 2007 to a multi-million dollar surplus and financial reserve;

- Solidified curling's long-term television stability with TSN and RDS, showcasing over 300 hours of live television right through until 2020;
- Established a current sold out sponsorship portfolio for the Season of Champions events including long-term partnerships with Tim Hortons, Kruger Products, Bell, World Financial Group, Home Hardware, New Holland, DuPont Pioneer and Travelers Insurance;
- For the second year in a row, helped guide Canada to the #1 ranking of our sport worldwide in all three disciplines in men's, women's and wheelchair. The first time a nation could claim such a feat and we have done it two years in a row.
- The development of our new national philanthropic program, For the Love of Curling, with the recent great news announced regarding the largest donation;
- Posting of the best-in-class scores in Canada's National Sport Organization audit conducted by Deloitte as part of the Canadian Olympic Committee's Enhancement Initiative for national sport organizations. Curling Canada has posted the highest reported overall score among the nation's national sport organizations.

There are many more accomplishments, but I am sure you all get the message, as an organization we have been extremely fortunate to have him as our CEO. He has worked wonders and he will be missed. We would like to thank him and wish him all the best in his next chapter.

Our Curling Canada staff and numerous contracted individuals have all had a role in building and maintaining the high profile and successes of our organization. Thank you to each and every one of you that collectively work to build a successful organization.

Conclusion

As this is an interim report as provided by in the AGM agenda, there will be additional comments that will be provided during the September 30th meeting. Until such time, I would like to reiterate that our national sport organization is a best in class. This rating comes from our collective efforts on our performances on the ice, in the Boardroom and in the business world. Don't ever underestimate or dismiss our accomplishments and the tremendous and unwavering effort that is required to obtain these outstanding results.