



**New Brunswick Curling Association/Association de Curling du Nouveau-Brunswick
Semi-Annual General Meeting
Rexton Curling Club
November 8, 2015-2 :00 pm**

Curling Centres Represented

Campbellton	Carleton	Curl Moncton
Capital Winter Club	Heather	Miramichi
Rexton	Riverside	St. Stephen
Susses	Thistle St. Andrews	

MEETING MINUTES

- **Report on Credentials/Order of Business:** NBCA Executive Director, Marg Maranda, read the Report on Credentials and the Order of Business.
- **Call to Order:** NBCA President, Catherine MacLean, called the meeting to order.
- **Ratification of Agenda:** Catherine asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Hearing none, Joan Christie (St. Stephen) moved approval of the agenda. Paulette Girvan (Rexton) seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Appointment of Scrutineers:** Catherine appointed Ron Hutton and Don Teakles as meeting scrutineers.
- **Moment of Silence for Departed Members:** A moment of silence was observed for departed members.
- **Adoption of Minutes from May 3, 2015 AGM:** Shelly Graham (CWC) moved approval of the May 3, 2015 AGM Minutes. Damien Lahiton (Curl Moncton) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- **High Performance League:** Marg explained to meeting participants that discussion on this item at the 2015 AGM resulted in the support of the High Performance League, by the Board, being reversed pending receipt of more information/details. (Curling Centres were provided details in an e-mail dated June 2, 2015) The NBCA has been provided the information they were seeking and has, as such, approved support of the League. Marg also explained that later in this meeting, the High Performance League Committee will provide a presentation and, presumably, look for a motion regarding the issuance of NB Tankard and Scotties qualifying spots.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Board Approved Administrative Policies:** As mentioned at previous General Meetings, the NBCA Board has been working on policies which will assist with both administration and governance. In the Participants Guide are copies of the first 4 Board Approved Administrative Policies. All Administrative Policies will appear in the NBCA By-Laws.
- **2015 Curling Canada NCC & AGM:** Minutes of the Curling Canada NCC and AGM are on the NBCA web site and are contained in the Participants Guide. Catherine provided a brief report on the 2015 NCC and approved motions.

- **NBCA Long Term Athlete Development Brochure:** Although this has been a long time in the making, we are very pleased to present the NBCA Long Term Athlete Development Brochure. This brochure is to compliment the much lengthier Curling Canada document but with a NB twist. Many thanks to John Corbin, John Larsen, Brian Rice and Gary Wilson for their work in providing the brochure content.
- **NBCA From the Gym to the Ice Program:** Marg reminded meeting participants of the Gym to the Ice program and encouraged curling centres to take advantage of the program while funds are still available.
- **Greetings from CCA Governor, Ron Hutton:** Ron Hutton brought greeting from Curling Canada. He addressed the following:
 - Curling Canada is in the process of hiring a new CEO and Events Manager
 - A comprehensive review of Curling Canada finances and Championships is underway. Changes can be expected as there is no longer a U21 Championship sponsor, the implementation of a Canadian U18 Championship is being strongly considered and the Masters continue to request that Curling Canada assume responsibility of their National Championship.
 - For the first time in eight years, the Curling Canada Board met with the Curling Canada Senior Staff.
- **Review/Adoption of 2015-16 NBCA Budget:** Catherine explained that following the AGM, where we appointed Dave Stewart to prepare the 2014-15 Financial Documents, we were informed by the Province of NB that we needed to have a formal audit of financials and association documents. AS such, Sport NB recommended the accounting firm of Teed, Saunders, Doyle & Co.. The audit went very well and there are a few copies here should anyone wish to look it over. The 2014-15 final figures along with the budget for 2015-16 are contained in the Participants Guide. Shelly Graham (CWC) requested the audit be made available on our web site. Marg will look into this. Rick Perron (Curl Moncton) asked how much impact the CCE athlete development camps had on funding. Marg reported that there was a positive impact but not as great an impact as Coach Development. Dave Burpee (Carleton) moved acceptance of the 2015-16 NBCA Budget. Wayne Cooper (CWC) seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Appointment of Nominating Committee:** Catherine MacLean and Sue Lister will make up the 2016-17 Nomination Committee.
- **Appointment of Site Selection Committee:** Dave Burpee, Joan Christie and Marg will make up the 2016-17 Site Selection Committee.
- **Report from November 8, 2015 NBCA Board Meeting:** Catherine brought forward the following items from the Board Meeting:
 - Curling Canada has announced that the CAP has been put on hold until completion of the financial review.
 - A Curling Canada Special General Meeting is to take place on Nov. 16th for the purpose on voting on revised Mixed Doubles rules. The NBCA Board has voted in favour of adopting the revised rules should the Nov. 16th vote be favourable.
 - MOTION:** Wayne Cooper (TSA) moved that the NBCA Delegates vote in favour of the spirit of the motion regarding Mixed Doubles at the Nov. 16th meeting. Anna Fitzgerald (Heather) seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Curling Canada and the WCF are in the process of making a ruling regarding the issued Brush Head Moratorium and whether or not it is to remain in effect for the season. Once we have been notified, the NBCA will make ensure players and curling centres are informed.
- **High Performance League Committee Presentation:** Damien Lahiton made a presentation to the meeting participants on the creation of the NB High Performance League. He concluded the presentation requesting the NBCA provide the League with 1 qualifying spot to the NB Tankard and NB Scotties for every 3 participating teams. Catherine provided the NBCA Board

recommendation which is the same as what is being requested by the League. Much discussion followed including the following:

-- Ellery Robichaud stated that any centre can apply to host a league weekend

--Wayne Cooper asked who would own the provincial rocks that the League will be working towards purchasing. Damien said it would likely be the league. Jeremy Mallais stated it will take some time to save enough to buy them and would deal with ownership, etc. closer to when they can be afforded.

--Wayne Cooper asked if teams had to attend all 4 League weekends in order to be counted as a participating team. Ellery replied that he worried about this issue being watered down and the League losing Curling Canada support of the development portion of the League.

--Lee Patterson of Sussex expressed concern about there being more focus on competitive events than grass roots curling. Her talk with Sussex athletes suggested they wouldn't participate in Provincials because they wouldn't be participating in the League. She can't see how this will increase participation.

--Mike Flannery (CWC) stated there is a lot of concerns but we need to give it a chance. Mike asked if CWC can bring in a few extra teams during the weekend the League will be using CWC. He is concerned about the lack of income the curling centres make as competitive athletes tend not to purchase many bar products.

--Jill Logan (TSA) is concerned about the lack of competition playing same teams. She also asked why qualifying spots to the NB Provincials are needed if the League is such a great idea and what control does the NBCA have if the League is not being run the way we'd like.

--Gail Saaman (Riverside) stated that this League appears to be replacing current curling centre events that may have drawn teams from out of province.

--Shelly Graham (CWC) asked about the cost for teams to enter all four League weekends. Damien say \$400/weekend. Shelly does not see the benefit to teams playing the same teams over and over again. She is concerned that not all teams will be able to commit to all four weekends. She would like to see an A&B division as this would increase participation and bar sales.

MOTION: Wayne Cooper of TSA moved that 1 qualifying spot for every 3 teams that compete in all four weekends of the League be awarded to the League, to a maximum of 4 seeds. Rick Perron of Curl Moncton seconded the motion. Wayne amended the motion to add this motion be in effect for the 2016-17 season and then be reviewed before committing further. Rick agreed with the amendment. Mike Flannery or CWC asked if Wayne would agree to further amend the motion to read "1 seed for every 3 teams competing in 3 of the 4 weekends, Wayne objected the suggested amendment. Rick seconded.

AMENDED MOTION: Wayne Cooper of TSA moved that one qualifying spot for every three teams that participate in all four weekends of the High Performance League, up to a maximum of four qualifying spots, be awarded to the League for the 2016-17 season and, following that season, a review of the League take place before further committing to provide qualifying spots to the League in future seasons. Rick Perron of Curl Moncton seconded the motion.

Motion Carried. (Voting was done by private ballot, supervised by Scrutineers Ron Hutton and Don Teakles)

Following the vote, Dave Burpee moved to destroy the ballots. Wayne Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ballots were destroyed by Ron and Don.

- **Adjournment and Reception:** Meeting adjourned.