



**New Brunswick Curling Association/Association de Curling du Nouveau-Brunswick
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Capital Winter Club, Fredericton
May 1, 2016 @ 2:00 P.M.**

Curling Centres Represented

Carleton Curling Club	Curl Moncton	Capital Winter Club
Gage Golf & Curling Club	Grand Falls Sporting Club	Heather Curling Club
Miramichi Curling Club	Rexton Curling Club	Riverside Country Club
Sackville Curling Club	St. Stephen Curling Club	Sussex Golf & Curling Club
Thistle St. Andrews Curling Club		

MEETING MINUTES

- **Report on Credentials/Order of Business:** Marg read the report on credentials and order of business.
- **Call to Order:** NBCA President, Catherine MacLean, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- **Introduction of Participants:** Catherine asked all in attendance to introduce themselves and to name the curling centre they represent.
- **Ratification of Agenda:** Sue Lister moved acceptance of the agenda. Tim Grattan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Appointment of Scrutineers:** Catherine named Gary Wilson and Brian Rice as Scrutineers of the meeting.
- **Moment of Silence for Departed Members:** Catherine asked all to stand for a moment of silence for departed members and invited them to name recently departed members of their curling centres.
- **Adoption of Minutes of November 8, 2015 SAGM:** Minutes are contained in the AGM Participants Guide. Catherine asked if there are any errors or omissions. Mike Flannery (CWC) noted a required name correction on Pg 3-- from Mike Kennedy to Mike Flannery. Marg recognized the required amendment. Joan Christie moved the minutes accepted as amended. Paulette Girvan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- **From the Gym to the Ice Program:** Marg reminded everyone of the Gym to the Ice Program and informed them there are funds remaining for the program.
- **High Performance League Update:** Jeremy Mallais reported the league committee has now completed the following:
 - League Ice Policy (to ensure the best possible ice conditions)
 - Confirmed the dates of each of the four weekends and the venues
Jeremy also reported that the following points are currently being worked out:
 - The League format
 - Working with Curling Canada on the athlete development portion of the League
 - Working on financial issues including payouts to teams

Wayne Cooper (TSA) asked if the League registration deadline is still set at no later than Sept. 1st. Jeremy confirmed that it is. Anna Acton (Sackville) asked where can she get information regarding the League as she is new to these meetings and hasn't heard anything about it. Jeremy said he would forward updated information to the NBCA to send to clubs. Ellery Robichaud (Moncton) also suggest it be placed on the NBCA web site.

NEW BUSINESS

- **NBCA Presidents Report:** Catherine read the 2015-16 President's report which is also contained in the AGM Participants Guide.
- **NB Junior Curling Development Report:** John Corbin (Junior Development Director) was unable to attend the SAGM due to work commitments however his report is contained in the participants guide.
- **NB Players' Committee Report:** Jeremy Mallais (Players' Committee Chair) presented his report which is also contained in the Participants Guide.
- **NBCA Board of Directors Reports:** Vice Presidents. Zone Directors and ED reports are all included in the AGM Participants Guide. We encourage all to read them.
- **Curl Atlantic Report:** Gary Wilson and Brian Rice presented the Curl Atlantic Report. Most notably is the fact that Curling Canada has pulled back funding of Curl Atlantic and the Curl Atlantic Executive Director, Helen Radford, has accepted a position with Curling Canada. The four Member Associations will be meeting at the June NCC to discuss the future of Curl Atlantic and the programs that have fallen under their control. (White Cap Curling Camp, Curl Atlantic Championship, AUS Championship, etc.) Felipe Marin (Riverside) asked about the cut funding. Gary explained that Curling Canada had initially agreed to help fund Curl Atlantic until it could become self-sustaining. The promised time line has long since past.
- **Curling Canada Report:** Ron Hutton was introduced to bring greeting from CC Board of Governors Chair, Hugh Avery and CC-CEO, Katherine Henderson. Below are the highlights for Ron's report.
 - It took 9 months to hire a new CEO, after interviewing approximately 50 stakeholders in an effort to ensure the right individual was chosen. Katherine Henderson has her eyes set on seeing our sport grow and to ensure financial disclosure of Championships on an ongoing basis. This type of financial disclosure is a new initiative.
 - The NCC Committee would like to see curling centres involved in NCC. Since curling centres can't come to the NCC, beginning this year, there will be on line link for those interested to view NCC presentations. Detailed information will be forthcoming.
 - There is an ongoing total review of all Championships. Funding for these events is diminishing as attendance across the country is much lower.
 - A motion to incorporate a new U18 Canadian Championship has been distributed to all MA's. Because of funds received from an anonymous donor and the stipulations associated with the donation, it is very important that this motion be approved.
 - CC is working on better transparency as requested by the MA Presidents last year. All levels (staff & governance) will be working more closely together to ensure this happens.
 - Head injuries will be up for discussion at this NCC. Someone has died this year in a curling injury. CC is looking to have WCF take the lead on approving specific head gear. Ellery asked the age of individual who died. Ron said it was an adult.
 - Jeremy ask about the Canadian Mixed Doubles team who did not go to the World Championships AND asked about commitment by U18 teams if there are no funds to cover the costs associated with participating in the Canadian U18 Championship. Ron stated that the Mixed Doubles issue backfired. There was nothing put in the Mixed Doubles guidelines requiring the Championship team to represent Canada at the World Mixed Doubles Championship. CC is the only NSO who pays athletes to pay at National level. This cannot continue as funding/sponsors is no longer available. CC was paying the Curl Atlantic ED's salary. No reason why Curl Atlantic cannot continue without this financial support
- **NBCA Notice of Motion:**
 - Marg read the NBCA Notice of Motion regarding the change to the NB Seniors Championship Forma.
 - **MOTION:** Dave Burpee moved acceptance of motion. Joan Christie seconded the motion.
 - **MOTION DISCUSSION:**
 - Felipe Marin says Riverside is not in support of the need to have an undefeated team to be beat twice. Also, TKO for 9+ teams may be too many games if too many teams enter. Adib Samaan

(Riverside) suggested the need to have a better format in place for larger number of participating teams. Ellery (Moncton) doesn't believe we need to be considered about the number of teams until we see more than 16 teams participating. Ellery responded to the concern from Anna Acton (Sackville) agreeing that beginning events on Friday and ending the first of the week would have more audience. Felipe responded to Joan Christie's rebuttal regarding the need for an unbeaten team to be beat twice stating that we may as well not bother with play downs if we have already chosen a team. Mike Flannery responded that we are only trying assure the best team is the one that represents us Nationally. He went on to say that we have had teams who have had 3 losses but won that final game against an undefeated team. Jeremy Mallais asked if a TKO from the beginning would resolve most of the stated issues.

- **MOTION:** Adib Samaan move that the line referring to an undefeated team having to be beat twice be removed for the motion. Ellery Robichaud seconded the motion.

Wayne Cooper asked if removal of the line is intended for all formats included in the motion.

Adib clarified by saying yes.

Sherrill Minns (Moncton) asked about the open format, if anyone can play....Catherine responded that anyone who meets the age requirement can register to play....qualifying event being removed.

Tim Grattan **moved** that an addition to Adib's motion to state the new format be reviewed after the first season. Adib and Ellery agreed with this amendment.

The motion to amend the original NBCA Motion: to remove the requirement for an unbeaten team to be beat twice and to add that the new format be reviewed following the 2016-17 season, moved by Adib Samaan and seconded by Ellery Robichaud was carried with a vote of 12 for and 8 against.

--**The motion to change the format of the NB Seniors Championship, submitted by the NBCA Board of Directors, was amended as directed and carried.** (Approved Motion is attached)

- **2016-17 NBCA Provincial Events Schedule:** The NBCA Provincial Events Calendar is included in the AGM Participants Guide. Please note that the Mixed Doubles WILL be held Feb. 3-5 in Rexton. The NB Junior Committee is still finalizing their Site Selection and it will be made available ASAP.
- **2016 National Curling Congress Notices of Motion:** A Review of the CC Notices of Motion were reviewed along with the NBCA Boards' recommendation for each. Of the six Notices of Motion, the General Membership agreed with the NBCA Board to support four as submitted. The following two required discussion and further direction to the NBCA Voting Delegates:

--*Establishment of a Canadian U18 Championship:* Although there are ongoing conversations between CC and the MA's to ensure any acceptable/requested amendments to the motion are in place prior to the NCC, the main concern of the NBCA Board, at this time, is the cost for teams to participate. (Teams will be responsible to cover all costs with some, not all, allotment for travel.) Felipe Marin informed those present that he took a team to the Optimist and it cost \$7,000. It was an awesome event with opportunities not readily available to teams. Team Marin raised \$4,000 of the \$7,000 and parents paid the rest. Gail Samaan agrees with Felipe that this is an awesome event but can teams hit up the same sponsors year after year. Jill Logan-TSA ask Ron Hutton if CC will try to keep locations central. Ron was unable to answer that question. Ellery Robichaud suggested we hold our Provincial U18 Championship earlier in the year to give teams time to raise funds. Jeremy Mallais stated we need to have something in place in case a team wins a Provincial Championship and then discover they can't raise funds to go to Nationals. Gary Wilson said that rugby divides the total cost of their National events by having all teams pay same the amount regardless of where they live. This would be similar to CC's "Cost Equalization" for MA Delegates to attend the NCC. Sue Lister reminded us that there is still ongoing communication on this issue and that amendments to the motion are likely forthcoming. Ellery Robichaud agrees that, because of costs, this may not be an event for everyone but will be an incredible opportunity for teams who can go.

MOTION: Ellery Robichaud moved that the NBCA vote in favor of this motion in principle. Dave Burpee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOTION: Tim Grattan moved that NBCA Voting Delegates be provided authority to change any directed vote should additional information or motion amendments come forward at the NCC. Motion seconded by Adib Samaan. Motion carried.

--Individual Membership Fee: This motion is basically a request to extend the time frame of the motion that was passed at the March 27, 2015 Special General Meeting. Sue Lister, NBCA President during the time the original motion was carried and having been directly involved in discussions leading up to the approved motion, suggested that the last sentence of the original motion, dealing with a joint review of the pilot and a joint review following the 1st year of implementation, be added to the new motion. Catherine asked for a vote of all in favour of Sue's request. Although not an official motion, all voted in favor of the NBCA Voting Delegates putting forward the amendment to the CC motion and then voting in favor of the amended motion.

- **Appointment of Auditors: MOTION:** Dave Burpee moved to appoint Dave Stewart to complete a review of the NBCA finances for 2015-16 and to prepare the required financial statements. Jill Logan (TSA) seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **NBCA Board Elections:** Marg reported that all six Zone Directors are still completing their terms. Running for the position of Associate Vice President is Joan Christie. Running for the position of Executive Vice President is David Burpee. Marg asked if there are any nominations from the floor for either of these positions. No nominations were made. Running for the position of President is Catherine MacLean. It was explained, as per the NBCA Constitution, that in order to run for the position of President, nominees must have served on the NBCA Board in an elected position for at least one year within the past two years. Marg asked if, bearing this in mind, if there are any nominations from the floor. No nominations were made. Marg further explained that since Catherine would be assuming the role of President for a second one year term, as per the NBCA Constitution, the position of Past President, for the 2016-17 season, would be vacant. That being the case, the 2016-17 NBCA Board of Directors is as follows:

NBCA Executive & Finance Committee

President:	Catherine MacLean
Executive Vice President:	David Burpee
Associate Vice President:	Joan Christie
Past President:	VACANT (non voting position)
Executive Director:	Marg Maranda

NBCA Board of Directors

NBCA Executive & Finance Committee (from above)

Central Zone Director:	Dmitri Makrides
N/E Zone Director:	Tim Grattan
N/W Zone Director:	Jonathan Goodine
S/E Zone Director:	Paulette Girvan
S/W Zone Director:	Anna Fitzgerald
South Zone Director:	Gail Samaan
Junior Development Director:	John Corbin
NB Players' Committee Chair:	Jeremy Mallais

- **Awards & Presentations:** Marg reported that the recipient of the 2016 Les Harrison Volunteer of the Year Award is currently out of the country and that arrangements have been made to present that individual with the award at a later date. Once this has taken place, a public announcement of the recipient's name will be posted on the NBCA Facebook page.

Scrutineers Brian Rice and Gary Wilson were asked to draw for the two door prizes.

The winner of the Ganong Gift Basket, donated by Ganong, was Gail Samaan.

The winner of the "NBCA Provincial Ice Tech For a Day", provided by the NBCA, was Riverside Country Club.

- **Adjournment & Reception:** Tim Grattan moved the meeting be adjourned. Catherine invited all attendees to remain for the reception/social time.

Respectfully submitted by Marg Maranda

NOTE: Approved NBCA motion regarding the NB Seniors Championships format change is on the following page.



2016 AGM Notice of Motion

Submitted by: NBCA Board of Directors

Notice for Consideration:

Be it resolved that the current format for the NBCA Provincial Senior Championships be changed to the following proposed format, effective next season, 2016-17:

- An open Championship event with the format for both the Women's and Men's divisions dependent upon the number of teams entered in each division, as shown below:
 - **Under 5 Teams:**--Double Round Robin
 - Undeclared team declared winner
 - If all teams have at least one loss, top two teams advance to final game
 - **5 Teams:** --Single Round Robin
 - Top two teams advance to final game
 - **6-8 Teams:** --Single Round Robin
 - Top three teams advance to playoff round
 - 1st place team advances directly to final game
 - **9 +Teams:** --Triple Knock Out
 - Team winning A, B & C sections is declared the winner
 - If three different section winners, team who played in most qualifying games advances to the final game with the other two advancing to the semi-final. If a tie, the team who qualified earliest gets a bye to the final while the other two play the semi-final.
 - NOTE: It is possible that teams MAY be required to play more than two games in one day.
- New format to be reviewed following the 2016-17 NB Provincial Seniors Championship.

THIS AMENDED MOTION WAS CARRIED

Rationale:

Over the past several years, participation in the NB Senior Championships has dropped to the point that there hasn't been a need for a Senior Women's Prelim since the 2010-11 season and the 2015-16 Senior Men's Prelim eliminated only two teams. Also, at the July 2014 NBCA Board Planning Meeting, the Players' Committee Chair, Chris Smith, reported that the Players' Committee had received player requests for a format change to the NB Senior Championships. It was suggested that the existing format leaves the door wide open for less qualified teams to win these Provincial Championships and go on to represent NB at the National Championships. The 2014 survey of the NB Players' resulted with 75% voting in favor to change the NB Seniors Championships format with 53% voting in favor of adopting formats similar to that of Newfoundland, as shown in the above proposed formats.

Current NB Senior Championships Format: Preliminary open TKO event to qualify six (6) teams of both women and men to the Championship Round (Final 6). Championship (Final 6) event is a round robin format advancing the three top teams to the playoff round.

