



New Brunswick Curling Association/Association de Curling du Nouveau-Brunswick

**Semi-Annual General Meeting
November 6, 2016, 2:00 PM @ Curl Moncton**

Curling Centres Represented: Carleton, Curl Moncton, CWC, Gage, Gladstone, Heather, Miramichi, Riverside, St. Stephen, Sussex & TSA.

Meeting Minutes

- **Call to Order:** President, Catherine MacLean, called the meeting to order at 2:18 PM.
- **Ratification of Agenda:** Paulette Girvan moved that the Agenda be accepted as submitted. Anna Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Carried.
- **Appointment of Scrutineers:** Catherine named Ron Hutton & Jeremy Mallais as meeting scrutineers.
- **Moment of Silence for Departed Members:** Catherine called for a moment of silence in memory of departed members.
- **Adoption of Minutes from the May 1, 2016 AGM:** Tim Grattan moved acceptance of the May 2016 SAGM as submitted. Joan Christie seconded the motion. Carried
- **Business Arising From Minutes**
 - **High Performance League:** High Performance League did not materialize as they were unable to meet the requirements set out in the motion. Catherine expressed her gratitude to all who worked on this initiative.
 - **Curl Atlantic Update:** Catherine provided an update on the termination of Curl Atlantic. which becomes effective October 31, 2016.
- **New Board Approved Administrative Policy:** Incorrect Administration Policy was in Participants Guide. Marg to forward correct one to curling centres.
- **Motions Approved at the 2016 Curling Canada AGM:** Catherine reviewed the approved motions which are also contained in the meeting Participants Guide.
- **Greeting From Curling Canada-Ron Hutton:**
 - The firstst meeting of MA Presidents, ED's, Governors & CC Staff, held in October, was very successful.
 - Congratulations to Curl Moncton & CWC who will both host a national championship this season.
 - There have been some changes to CC Staff. As such, there is currently no Events Manager.
 - A complete review of Events Management is currently underway. This began with a survey of all stakeholders that provided the committee with a wealth of information as they move forward. Ron provided much information from the committee update that was provided at the October CC/MA meetings along with recommendations.
 - A curling centre representative asked if CC has considered "blackouts" in an effort to increase attendance at National/World Championships.

- **Greetings From 2017 National U18 Committee:** Jacques Robichaud, chair of the Inaugural Canadian U18 Championships urged members to support this event by purchasing tickets and becoming an event volunteer.
- **Greetings from 2017 National Seniors Committee:** Mike Flannery addressed the audience and also urges members to sign up as an event volunteer.
- **Review 2015-16 NBCA Budget/Actual Results:** Catherine, Chair of the NBCA Finance Committee, reviewed the 2015-16 financial statements. Wayne Tallon (TSA) questioned the significant difference to the Audit budget vs actual. Catherine explained that it was only after the budget had been drafted and approved that we were informed of the GNB requirement to have a FULL audit performed every 4 years.
- **Adoption of 2016-17 NBCA Budget:** Dave Burpee moved for approval of the 2016-17 NBCA Budget. Mike Flannery (CWC) seconded the motion. Carried.
- **Motions Brought Forward From NBCA Business Meeting:**
 - **NB Scotties Prelim:** Moved by Paulette Girvan and seconded by Anna Fitzgerald that the NB Scotties format be amended to include the Scotties Prelim, regardless of the number of teams, will be mandatory for all registered teams.

Shelly Graham (CWC) read e-mails she received from individuals against the motion. Rick Perron (Curl Moncton) responded from a host club perspective whereby a curling centre agrees to host the Scotties Prelim only to find less than 9 teams registered and only a handful of them agreeing to participate in the currently voluntary warm-up event. Brian Dalrymple (Gage) reiterated Rick's position and explained what happened with a Jr. team, last season, that only registered for the 2nd Jr. Prelim and then didn't have to play to get to finals. The team was seeded at bottom but was actually one of the top teams. Ellery Robichaud (Curl Moncton) suggested a competitive team who doesn't want a chance to practice is not serious.

Motion carried without amendment.

- **NB Seniors 5th Players & Coaches:** Moved by Paulette Girvan and seconded by Anna Fitzgerald that teams be allowed to register a 5th player of NB Seniors with the restrictions outlined in the Notice of Motion.

Mike Kennedy (CWC) would like to see 5th players recognized at both the provincial and national levels.

Motion carried without amendment.

- **Appointment of Nominating Committee:** Catherine reported that she, Tim Grattan & Gail Samaan will make up the 2017-18 NBCA Nomination Committee.
- **Appointment of Site Selection Committee:** Catherine reported that Board Members Dave, Joan, Jeremy & Marg will make up the 2017-18 Site Selection Committee.
- **Report From November 6 Board Meeting:**
 - **Need for Umpires:** Catherine reported that there is a desperate need for qualified umpires. She encouraged members to consider registering to take the Level 1 & 2 Officials Courses which are offered each season.
 - **Centre for Curling Excellence:** CCE is the NBCA Training Centre and has worked very hard to develop programs & camps that are very well attended by athletes from across Canada and the US. Most camps have waiting lists. Rick Perron, CCE Executive Director, presented a video and gave report on the training centre.

- **NBCA Nomination for Sport NB's 2016 Outstanding Media Coverage Award:** Csaba Domokos and his Five tv1 (Bell) team were nominated by the NBCA and won this award.
- **Door Prize Draw:** Thank you to Ganong for providing meeting door prize.
- **Adjournment to Reception:** Tim Grattan moved the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Marg Maramda