

PEI Curling Association General Meeting
Crapaud Community Curling Club
7pm Monday, January 12th
Minutes

Action items from meeting:

Action: Greg to send to send out a note to the clubs regarding ice availability the weekend of March 21 or April 4 for hosting the Junior Mixed.

Action: Greg to draft a letter of support from the PEICA to the UPEI President for special funding for the University Championships.

Item I: Call to order and roll call

President Ray McCourt call the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

Roll Call

Present: Greg Lucas (Executive Director), David Murphy (Past President), Bob Leard (Montague), Kim Matters (Crapaud), Bill Hope (Ch'town), John DeLuca (Cornwall), Bev McCormick (Treasurer), Melody Beck (Vice President), Shirley Lank (Curl Atlantic), Roger Gavin (Western), Audrey Callaghan (Vice President), Ray McCourt (President), Derek MacEwen (Secretary),

Gayle Johnston (Tech Director), Nancy Sinclair (Silver Fox), Ralph Sweet, O'Leary

Absent: Darrell Doucette (event coordinator)

Item II: Review Agenda

Melody moved and Audrey seconded the evening's agenda.

Sport PEI Award item added by Dave Murphy.

Ray adding reports on upcoming events, rules.

Item III: Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Dave submitted a correction to the Wal*Mart representative's name. Should be Gibbons, not Givens

Audrey moved and Melody seconded adoption of these minutes. Motion carried.

Item IV: Business Arising From the Minutes

- Financial statements needed for possible government grants: Montague's is still outstanding, but should be on the way. The department of Community and Cultural affairs knows that they are coming.
- Dave provided a follow-up from the Disability Curling meeting in Ch'town. Not much action on this front, as the person looking into disability curling, Chris Dawe, is laid up, and can't do facilities inspections.

Item V: New business:

- a) Dominion Championship eligibility rules

Much discussion took place on this. Shirley provided a draft.

It was agreed that:

- 1-Teams are to be made up from paid members from one PEI curling club. One women's and one men's team may be sent from each PEI curling club. Clubs have sole responsibility for deciding how to choose their representatives.
- 2-Replacement players must come from the same club, can play any position but skip, and cannot play any position higher than the position being replaced.
- 3-Clubs are responsible to ensure that eligibility criteria are met.
- 4-The PEI Curling Association has the sole authority to accept or reject any entry. On the national level, The Dominion reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to exclude any team that violates the intent and spirit of the competition. The rules of the national event may differ slightly from the provincial rules, and will be in effect for the national event.
- 5-The PEI event is open to men's and women's teams of four curlers from the same curling club. Teams may include no more than one player who has competed in the final four of a PEI Curling Association Provincial Championship event in the current and previous two seasons, or has competed in a championship outside the province, in the current and previous two seasons, as a result of winning a PEICA championship event.
6. Curlers from the former Intermediate championship and the Stick curling championship, and from championships not conducted by the PEICA, may compete, regardless of placement in those events, and provided that all team members belong to the same curling club.
7. Each team will be allowed a maximum of 2 players between the ages of 15 and 20, as of December 31st of the year prior to the Canadian championship. Curlers under the age of 15 are not eligible to compete.
8. The PEICA can reject any entry
9. PEICA rules of play are to be followed.

Motion: rules as stated were moved by Nancy, and seconded by Audrey. Carried.

b) Round Table Meetings

It was agreed that an additional meeting or meetings would be held in March, and would be advertised in advance.

c) Junior Mixed

This event was postponed earlier due to a shortage of entries. It was agreed to poll the clubs to find an available date. Proposed dates are March 21 or April 4th weekends.

Action: Greg to send to send out a note to the clubs regarding ice availability for this event.

d) Hall of Fame inductions location. This event has proven to be very costly. One of the big expenses has been catering. It was agreed that a variety of locations, not just curling clubs, be considered, and that food costs be reduced (no sandwiches, etc.)

e) Provincial Draw Formats

These are being reviewed as part of the Round Table discussions. Ray suggested reviewing some items, such as practice time lengths, and looking at whether the Scotties Round Robin

draw needs to qualify four teams into the Page playoffs. Also to consider are separate events for Senior men and women. Of note is continually declining enrolment for Tankard Open. Perhaps a different format may be needed in the future.

f) Revised Senior Women's Draw

Bill Hope introduced a motion to accept the modified triple knockout to a Page playoff format for this year's Senior Women's championship, based on the findings of the Round Table and the number of teams participating. As had been proposed at the Round Table, this would be a pilot to investigate the feasibility of adopting this format, popular at cashspiels, for other events. Bill had surveyed the teams involved, and found six were strongly in favour of the change from a round robin format, and the other two were not opposed.

It was moved by Bill and seconded by Melody. Motion carried.

g) Senior Team ruling

A ruling was requested regarding a situation with respect to a team in the Provincial Seniors Curling Championships. The skip and the other three members of the rink separately wanted to form a team without the other party. The entry deadline had expired, so only one team could retain the position in the roster.

Board members agreed that there was no rule in the PEICA Rules of Play to cover this. They also agreed that the person on the entry form listed as "Contact" did not have this decision, as they were there for contact purposes only, and did not even have to be a team member. It was also agreed that all four members of a team appear to have equal rights, as there is no rule that allocates additional responsibility to the skip or any other player.

In the absence of applicable PEICA rules, the CCA rulebook was consulted. Rule 5.5a on page 32 states that "a team shall include a minimum of two players from the original pool". Since the team being proposed by the skip would not have had that minimum, while the team proposed by the other three players did, it was moved by Nancy and seconded by Audrey that the team which included more than two original players would form the team. Motion carried.

h) University Curling – the University Curling Championships are sponsored by both the CCA and the CIS, and will be held in Montreal in late March. Kathie Gallant and Nancy Yeo are considering entering men's and women's teams respectively. This event is not eligible for varsity team funding at UPEI this year, but they will be asking the President for special funding. Action: Greg to draft a letter of support from the PEICA.

i) Sport PEI Awards – Executive and club delegates were reminded that Sport PEI award nominations are due Friday January 16th.

Item VI: Correspondence

- Greg reported that input from CCA bylaws is due by February.
- An email was received from Helen Chapman of the QEH foundation regarding making a press release for the \$30,000 they received from the Sandra Schmirler foundation. PEICA Secretary offered support and assistance with writing the release, and suggested that Rebecca Jean MacPhee, as both a curler and nurse, might be a good candidate for a photo-op. Followup: shortly after the meeting, received an email that the Executive Director of the Foundation might come to the Island in March. She will defer this item until then.

Item VII: Reports

a) President: no specific report

b) Treasurer: an income statement was distributed, projecting a shortfall of around \$3,000.

c) Technical Director

Gayle reported that a level II course was held in November with 5 people in attendance. Level I courses were held in December, one with 12 people, and one in O'Leary with 5.

Two Canada Games Identification camps were held, September in Summerside, and December in Charlottetown. A Canada Games invitational event will take place 27-28 March in Cornwall.

The Canada Games preliminary playdowns take place in November, with the finals in December.

A Technical Directors seminar was held. Greg was there too.

Two club coach youth training sessions were held. More have been requested.

d) Club Reports

Cornwall: Nothing to report – things going well.

Silver Fox: Nancy reported that an interim manager would soon be in place for a one-year period. The search for a permanent manager has been put on hold. New initiatives are being introduced to increase membership. She noted that volunteers are needed for the Canadian Seniors. There is a \$35 clothing fee required. Tickets are also on sale for the event. They are all set for the Scotties in two weeks.

Western: Roger reported that Legion Provincials are on all week. Club membership is stable.

Charlottetown: Bill reported that they are gearing up to host the Canadian Firefighters in March.

Crapaud: Kim mentioned that they are looking for new members, and are using a number of ways to help attract them. Kevin Smith ran a successful Junior Bonspiel, with 16 teams, during the Christmas break. Also running a Hotshots competition. Most weekends are full with events.

e) Curl Atlantic: Shirley reported that Hugh Curry from NS is the president, and Roy Hodder from Newfoundland is the vice-pres. They want to assemble a wish list of what CA is to do. They are also looking at hiring an executive director. Minutes from their December 30th Board meeting, held via teleconference, were distributed.

f) Past President: Dave Murphy distributed a report on the Provincial 20 and Under, reporting a very successful event, despite a storm delay. Financial report to follow later.

Item VIII: Adjournment and Next Meeting.

Derek moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ray adjourned the meeting at 9:52 pm. Next meeting is February 23rd at 7 pm at the Crapaud Community Curling Club.