

February 26 2008 General Board Meeting – PEI Curling Association

Action Items from meeting:

Action: Shirley to call Graham Harris re Joyce Meyers Legacy Fund

Action: Jerry to contact Cornwall Town Administrator Kevin McCarville to investigate use of Cornwall Civic Centre former RCMP office for Hall of Fame and Museum (carried forward)

Action: Clubs to prepare to finalize event calendar, event fees, technical program at next meeting.

Action: Committee to be assembled to review playoff manual.

Item I Call to Order:

President David Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Dave Murphy, President, Derek MacEwen, Secretary, Marilyn Sutherland, Master Course Conductor, Bev McCormick, Treasurer, Shirley Lank, Marketing chair, Greg Lucas, Executive Director, Roger Gavin, Western Community Curling Club representative, Kim Matters, Crapaud Community Curling Club, Bob Leard, Montague Curling Club representative, Ann Doucette, Junior Coordinator, Audrey Callaghan, 2nd vice-president, Shirley Matheson, Maple Leaf representative, Mark Butler, Charlottetown Curling Club representative, Ray McCourt vice-President, Sheila Compton Silver Fox Event Rep., Jerry Muzika, Hall of Fame rep., Gayle Johnston, Technical Coordinator.

Absent: Kay Atkinson, Head Official, Angus.Davies Cornwall Curling Club representative, Nancy Sinclair, Silver Fox representative

Item II: Review Agenda: The evening's agenda was accepted by those present, moved by Shirley L and seconded by Shirley M.

Item III: Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the last General Meeting were accepted with no changes

Motion: approval of minutes – moved by Jerry and seconded by Ray. Carried.

Item IV: Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Action item: Shirley to call Graham Harris re Joyce Meyers Legacy Fund.

Update: contained in Shirley's report.

Action item: Jerry to contact Cornwall Town Administrator Kevin McCarville to investigate use of Cornwall Civic Centre former RCMP office for Hall of Fame and Museum

Update: Jerry reported that he had talked to Kevin before Christmas and followed up by email on January 13. They plan to meet by the end of February. As well, and email was sent to Sport PEI President Nicole Phillips on January 13th, but no answer was received. Carry forward to next meeting.

Action item: Update schedule for next year.

The following schedule was put together, to be finalized at the next meeting (note that some of this info was provided after the meeting)/

Senior Mixed - Alberton Dec. 12-15

Juniors - Ch'town Jan 2-6

Scotties - Summerside Jan 8-12 (confirmed after by Sheila)

Masters - O'Leary anytime 3-4 weeks before Maritime Masters, which (confirmed after) are Feb. 16-18

Tankard Open - Alberton Jan 29-Feb 2

Tankard Eights - Montague Feb. 17-22

17 and Under - Alberton Feb 19-23

Mixed - O'Leary Feb 26-28 and 1 Mar (club would prefer a week earlier, if possible)

Seniors - Cornwall (no date provided)

Stick: Cornwall March 3-4 or 9-10 (confirm)

12 and Under - Montague (no date) – ensure it does not conflict with Milkcan event.

15 and Under - Montague Mar 13-15

Intermediate - Crapaud Mar 13-15

Action Item: Executive to investigate Technical Director Program further and make a recommendation.

Dave reported that the Technical Director program was approved, and the Gayle would receive a \$6,000 salary instead of the current honorarium. More duties would be assigned to this position.

Action Item: It was decided to buy a wireless router (approx. \$65) to use with the PEICA's wireless laptop for results updating.

Dave reported that it has been bought. Complete.

Item V Reports:

President: Dave reported that there is lots of contention when trying to follow the present playoff manual. It needs review to fill loopholes and ensure fairness. Processes have to be in place to ensure that, in the event that a club cannot provide sufficient timers that another club can step in. Dave suggested that a review committee be setup with reps from men, women, Senior male, female, along with Masters and Juniors. The committee would review the present playoff manual and make recommendations that are good for players, clubs and the PEICA. He would like to get recommendations by the April meeting. to go to the May AGM or the first meeting in September. Other committee members would include the Junior Coordinator. Head official, and Tech Coordinator.

Dave reported on the CCA conference call in January – with CCA President Al Forsythe and the other provincial Presidents. It was reported that the CCA governance policy will be on the CCA website. They are on budget, with a positive bottom line anticipated. Revenues will go to pay down the deficit. A joint working committee on programs and services will be meeting in May and will bring their work forward to the June AGM.

Canada Games 2011 in Halifax. Info has been sent in. Nancy Yeo is provincial coach, Marilyn is backup. Gayle to be responsible for development under her Technical Director role. Team to be picked in 2009. Players have to be 15 and Under by 2009 to reach 17 and Under by 2011.

Vice President: Ray expanded and reinforced what Dave said about having more written down, and having it posted on the website for each event. He said that curlers should be part of the solution – not just critics. He said we should have the revised processes ready for the AGM. Jerry suggested sending an email to all team contacts for major events.

2nd VP: Audrey said that Club executives should be part of the discussions. She had concerns that email messages regarding issues with the Intermediate and 17 and Under events were too open, and that there should have been more discussion via phone or in person.

Treasurer – Bev distributed a Revenue and expense statement, but said that it is too soon to know where we sit. She reported that we need to get a bill from Wayne Wright for his services at the Hall of Fame event.

Hall of Fame: Jerry reported that a meeting was held in January. The next Induction ceremony will be Oct 20th 2008 (Monday after Thanksgiving) at the Charlottetown Curling Club. There would be four previous CCA inductees and 4 new inductees.

Technical Director: Gayle reported that turnout for technical programs was not high, but steady.

Theory course: 11 received Certification. Roger Gavin and Leo Stewart are now level II certified.

High performance camp - 2 one day camps were held and were very successful, even though the age 12 and under one was stormed out twice.

The inaugural Club Coach Youth program was recently held, with the second Club Coach next weekend in Summerside with 9 paid already. Officiating courses are still pending – Kay is looking at late March. Work has been done towards organizing the Junior camp, which will hopefully be held again in August. They are again seeking a \$1000 grant from PEICA to be reimbursed by PEI Government.

Gayle said that they need lots of course conductors, to bring them up to speed and maintain continuity. She hopes that clubs will subsidize those who attend courses.

She reported that Certification is currently required for 20 and under and 17 and Under, and it appears that the CCA wants to bring it down to the 15 and Under. She expressed concern that the rules of play currently require a Level I coach to sign on with a team, but there is no regulation stating that they have to be at all the games. She expressed hope that the new rules committee will take steps to resolve that situation.

Marketing: No report.

Juniors: Ann reported that the 17 and Under in Montague went very well.

She suggested that perhaps we need a sub-committee to review the rules for Junior events that don't go to nationals.

She said that a process is needed to make decisions that aren't in the rule book.

She mentioned that some people are complaining about having to be certified.

Curl Atlantic:

Shirley reported that she had an update call with Karen Ouellette.

The 2008 Whitecap Academy flyers are coming out now.

Curling club and coaches symposium – Danny Lamoroux is sending out the posters next week. Deadline for entry is April 11. Dave mentioned that normally the PEICA helps out with fees for this event, and then the government usually reimburses half.

Motion: Shirley moved that we fund the members of the executive at 100 percent and a person at 50 percent and a coach at 100 percent from each club to attend the Curl Atlantic Symposium. Audrey seconded. Carried.

Wheelchair curling – the CCA has organized two Atlantic stops – Halifax and St. Johns NL. This will be a high-performance session to pick two teams – 1 is the NS rep and the other is combined NL and NS and will represent NL with the Curl Atlantic flag. Next year they hope to have NB/NS and NL separate.

Bob Osborne has sent a confidential report regarding the Joyce Meyers Legacy Fund money. They are still working on it.

Executive Director: Greg Lucas reported that most registrations are in. Spelling continues to be an issue. He is busy with paperwork for the Nationals events. Teams are in trying on jackets. Email takes 3 hours per day, and time is spend printing programs, posters, etc. Ann questioned him on the policy on loaner jackets for 17 and under. Greg reported that they are loaners, and you can't sew anything onto them.

Club Reports

Montague – Bob Leard reported that the 17 and Under was run with no serious problems, and that Ann did a “fantastic job”. He would like to see timeclocks – to speed things up, and believes that the club could get the volunteers. He reported that four teams from his club are going to the Stick Championship. He mentioned that they had a big fundraiser last week – with a 750 ticket lobster takeout, plus over 360 breakfasts served last Sunday (Lions and Curling). Bonspiels are held almost every week.

Cornwall – no report.

Charlottetown: Mark Butler reported that the club is very busy. The Char-la-bel continues to be a success. They are having a fundraiser with a 50” plasma TV drawn for on April 12th. A new event, the Corporate Challenge is set for the end of the month.

Crapaud: Kim reported that Final Eight was successful The Meltdown is set for April with 40 teams expected. They are holding a supper in March. Bonspiels held over the holidays went well. Lyndon Mayhew is organizing the PEI Seniors championship.

Western: Roger reported that had 15 teams in the last spiel, and that they have three bonspiels left. They are also hosting the Stick championship next week.

Maple Leaf: Shirley reported that things are going well. The Hemphill had lots of teams. They bought a Pebble Nipper. They are hosting the provincial intermediate.

Silver Fox: Sheila reported that there were 36 teams in the Foxy Lady, quite possibly the biggest women's spiel in the Maritimes.

She said that evening league curling numbers are down, but the Mardi Gras and other bonspiels are doing all right.

The January Jr. spiel will go in Feb next year (exams). They are moving the Christmas Junior Spiel to the 2nd week in December, which will be better for playdown preparation.

Item VI Correspondence:

Correspondence was received from Brenda MacMillan (a former PEICA Junior Coordinator) regarding the 17 and Under. She feels that coaches are needed full time and that teams should be committed to the whole event, including the Atlantics.

The CCA sent along the results of their Seniors survey, with a slight majority in favour of 8 end games, mixed gender participation, and CCA funding of a 5th player or coach. The biggest difficulty they are having is moving to November/December so that the Canadian rep can go to the next Worlds the same season. Issues - Will be seen as 2nd tier event – hard to get club to host. Will come up at the CCA's AGM in June.

A letter was received from the CCA on the 25th regarding a rumour around bringing a Season of Champions event up north. It was noted that the CCA will only contemplate fiscally responsible events. No location involves giving a region an extra entry.

Item VII New Business

None.

Next meeting – April 8th – Tuesday. 7 pm Crapaud.

Adjournment: Derek moved the meeting be adjourned.