

PEI Curling Association General Meeting
Cornwall Curling Club
7pm Monday, January 25, 2010
Minutes

Action items from meeting:

Action: Derek to change online entry form to indicate who the skip is and send out a notification.

Action: Notifications to be send out on revised Mixed deadline and Junior Mixed dates.

Action: Shirley/Stephen to prepare next year's proposed event dates.

Call to order and roll call

President Shirley Lank called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

Present: Glen Betts (Maple Leaf), Bill Hope (Ch'town), Paul Durant (Cornwall), Susan McInnis (Treasurer), Roger Gavin (Western), Audrey Callaghan (Vice President), Shirley Lank (President), Derek MacEwen (Secretary), Gayle Johnston (Technical Coordinator), Bob Leard (Montague), Roddie MacLean (2nd VP), Rod MacDonald (Silver Fox), Dave Murphy (Curl Atlantic rep.), Stephen Marchbank (Executive Director), Vanessa Hamming (Crapaud), Jerry Muzika (Hall of Fame)

Absent: Darrel Kirev (Events Coordinator), Cliff Poirier (Official), Gayle Johnston (Technical Director)

Review Agenda

Agenda approved. No new items.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Moved as approved by Rod MacDonald. Seconded by Paul Durant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 2 - Business Arising from Previous Meetings

Action items from last meeting:

Rod to call Dave Mitchell at Labatt re their bill: Done.

Susan to resend invoices to CCA, Special Olympics. Done.

Agenda Item 3 – Reports

President:

President Shirley provided a written report. Attached.

Highlights and other comments: Scotties contract signed. Marion Dockendorff award given out to Phyllis Stretch. Sport PEI awards: submitted nominations Official announcement was made for national The Dominion. Senior Mixed – Event actually made a small profit, as event was coordinated by Executive members and there were no officials – Shirley recommends it be removed –as the was a very small turnout (5 teams). She also participated in the management of the Juniors in O'Leary (closing ceremonies, trophies, officiating. To be done: Sports Fair, wrap

up dues collection, Rotation Committee, organize PEI participation in annual May Symposium at Mt. A.

First Vice President: no report

Second Vice President: no report.

Executive Director: Stephen reports that he is very busy with day to day activities, including support for Gayle at least once a day, along with emails to Susan, mail, jackets, crests, pins, travel cheques, etc.

Technical Director: absent, no report

Events Coordinator: absent, no report.

Curl Atlantic –Dave Murphy reported that they met on the 13th of December, but the January meeting was deferred as coordinator Leslie Anne Walsh, and Paul Brayshaw of NB were at the national Juniors. He reported that the Business of Curling and Coaching Symposium (April 30 to May 2 at Mt. A.) is coming together. A Memorandum of Understanding is being sent to Shirley/Stephen to cover National events, as Curl Atlantic want a percentage of the profits.

Treasurer's Report:

Susan reported that we have approximately \$27,000 in the bank, with about \$10,500 in receivables. Bills for dues have been sent to Silver Fox, Crapaud, and Western, and Cornwall have sent in their membership reports. Still waiting for membership reports from other clubs. Several club representatives brought up issues with the club/member dues.

Sponsorship: Susan reported that Rod had got the Labatts amount collected. Dominion are paying \$4000. Scotties and Pepsi each have a 3 year contract, with Scotties paying \$10,000 per year, Pepsi \$2400 per year, and Labatt \$2700 per year. She mentioned that sponsors have to be given more visibility at clubs, who should be encouraged, especially during the sponsor's events, to feature and use the companies' products. Island Petroleum is continuing. Jet Ice has not been in touch with us recently, so their sponsorship is not in for this year. The Medicine Shoppe is putting in \$500 for the Masters. She reported that we had approval for all government programs applied for, including \$4430 in travel support, \$4200 for other projects, and \$800 for an ice tech course attended by 3 people, two from Fox, one from Crapaud.

She promised a financial report on the Senior Mixed, Juniors, and Scotties for the next meeting.

Web sites for the events: It was noted that there is no allocation in the budget for a person to update the website results at the event. This is to be covered by the club or volunteers.

Club reports

Silver Fox: It was reported that the Tankard open was successful, with a good crowd on hand.

Bill Hope mentioned that the ice was fantastic.

Crapaud: Vanessa had nothing to report.

Cornwall: Paul mentioned that they have a new defibrillator, paid for by a generous sponsor and a government grant. Construction may be starting soon on the new club house, and a new ice plant.

Charlottetown: Bill reported that things are going well. They are hosting the Seniors next month. He also spoke about the defibrillator, noting that every club needs one, as we have some of the oldest active participants of any sport.

Maple Leaf: Glen reported that the 20 and under went well.

Western: Roger reported that the Provincial Legion event was a great time, and he hoped they return again next year. They are hosting the Final Six, the 15 and Under, and the 12 and Under.

Montague: Bob reported that they did an excellent job with the Scotties, but crowds were so good that they should have had more chairs and risers. He noted that there is another Wheelchair curling session scheduled for the 31st in Crapaud, and that he is happy to lend and customize sticks for wheelchair curlers.

Adoption of reports.

Rod MacDonald moved reports acceptance. Roger Gavin seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4: Club / Member Dues

Issues on per curler prices. Clubs are to pay based on last year's membership rates, but memberships are declining at many clubs. Also, the price was raised, but clubs were not made aware of it until the season had started. Susan informed them that the clubs will eventually have to pay the amount due, but could leave a portion of the amount as a receivable until next year, and raise their next year's dues accordingly to cover the shortfall. It was recommended that next year's fees be discussed in March, and ratified at the AGM.

Agenda Item 5: Food and banquet Costs.

Complaints have been received about lack of food at events. There was no Juniors banquet this year. Scotties have a banquet. It was generally agreed that \$15-\$16 is a reasonable amount per meal these days. It was suggested that the Juniors banquet should be brought back for next year. It was noted that several of the events gave out \$6 food vouchers.

Agenda Item 6: Correspondence

Correspondence was received from the Schmirler foundation, requesting donations. There was some discussion on what charities should be supported. It was noted that the Canadian Paraplegic Association is the charity for The Dominion. A letter was received from Diane MacKay re the seniors, and another letter was received re behaviour problems noted last year at the 12 and Under event, and suggesting that there should be on-ice adult chaperones at junior events. It was agreed that this was a great idea, but it might be difficult to find enough volunteers to cover all draws.

This discussion triggered a more general one on comportment at events. There were at least two broom throwing incidents noted at the Tankard this year. It was agreed that officials should bring the issue up at the pre-tournament meeting, and that reports of such activities should be sent in by the presiding officials after completion of each event.

Agenda Item 7 – Ice Rental for Practice.

The clubs were polled as to their policies on whether or not competing teams has to pay for practice ice before a championship event. It was reported that the Silver Fox and Charlottetown do not charge, while Cornwall, Montague, and Crapaud do charge, depending on the specific circumstances. It was noted that it is considered courtesy not to charge, but clubs also need to recover ice time costs. Clubs should bring this up with their Boards and develop policies.

Agenda Item 8 – Sponsorship Money

Covered in Treasurer's report

Agenda Item 9 – Shelves for monitors

It was noted that the new monitors, used for event timing, are large, and require shelves to allow them to be properly supported. The clubs are responsible for the shelving as each club is different, and moving shelves from club to club would not be practical.

Agenda Item 10 – Pepsi agreement

It was noted that a new three year agreement had been signed, continuing Pepsi's many decades of sponsorship of the junior curling championship.

Agenda Item 11 – Labatt sponsorship

Rod MacDonald had contacted Labatt, and confirmed their continuing sponsorship of the Men's championship.

Agenda Item 12 - Who's Responsible – Trophies / Monitors & Laptops / Engraving

It was generally agreed that the event coordinator is responsible for the trophies (moving them from club to club, getting the engraving done, making repairs), while the clocks (laptops and monitors) are the shared responsibility of the officials and the event coordinator.

Agenda Item 13 – Change PEICA Entry form

Derek requested that the PEICA entry form be changed so that we could determine who the skip is on each team, as the CCA define skip as the person who calls the game, who sometimes is not the person who throws last. It was agreed that the form would be changed. Action: Derek to change online entry form and send out notification.

Agenda Item 14 – Provincial Mixed Deadline.

Motion: It was moved by Bill Hope and seconded by Rod MacDonald that the Provincial Mixed deadline be moved from February 4th to February 10th, to allow members of the men's teams to enter. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 15 – Junior Mixed Dates

Ice time was found at the Silver Fox March 19-21, at the end of March break.

It was agreed that the event would go ahead on the new dates, and that an announcement be sent out immediately.

Agenda Item 16 Marion Dockendorff Awards

There are no records of the Dockendorff award winners for 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005. If anyone can find out who they were, report back.

Agenda Item 17 -- Other business:

Rules of Play

Rod reported that that some rules were removed from the men's rules of play, and need to be put back in. The women's triple knockout rules on who gets hammer have to be added back, too.

Rod suggested improvements to The Dominion club playdowns, to possibly have western and eastern playdowns. Susan, who is on the organizing committee said that this is not what The Dominion is looking for – their vision is one team/club and one provincial championship.

Paul had some questions on the rules of play, saying that it is not mentioned in the minutes that the rules can be changed without changing the constitution. He asked why our specific rules of play for the mixed are different from the CCA rules.

It was mentioned that Sport PEI were organizing a Sports Fair, for adults, on Saturday from 9-4. There will be a PEICA booth, and volunteers are needed.

Hall of Fame

Jerry Muzika reported that this year's event was very successful. Due to the generous sponsorship of D. Alex MacDonald Ltd. Ford/Lincoln, it didn't cost the PEICA any money. He requested a change to the bylaws for the Hall of Fame, so that they have their own bank account, and donations can go to the Hall and not to the PEICA. Susan mentioned that, if they did this, they would have to submit an annual financial report to the PEICA. He also wants to remove the rule that Hall entrants have to be 50 years of age or over, but leave in that we have to wait five years before nominating. Nominations should be made for March 31, not the fall.

Motion: A motion was made to ignore the normal lead time for a bylaw change. This was moved by Dave Murphy and seconded by Roddie MacLean. Carried.

Motion: Jerry then made a motion to modify the bylaws, so that the Hall of Fame would have a separate bank account and treasurer, the age limit would be removed, and the nomination deadline would be moved from December 31 to March 31. Seconded by Dave Murphy. Motion carried.

Shirley mentioned that, as 2011 is the final year for the current rotation, a 7 year Rotation Committee needs to be struck. Also, next year's dates should be discussed at the next meeting.

The following rotation committee members were decided upon:

Vanessa Hamming from Crapaud, George Koke from Montague, Roger Gavin from Western, Rod MacDonald from the Silver Fox, Bev McCormick from Cornwall, Bill Hope from Charlottetown, Glen Betts from Maple Leaf.

Bill mentioned that the committee needs a head, and they have to think “outside the box” of different ways of doing the rotation. A PEICA Executive member is needed on the committee, too.

Shirley handed out a Calendar of National events, and said that a proposed schedule for next year is needed by the next meeting. She noted that, due to the drop in entries, there may be no Tankard Open event next year.

Motion: Susan moved to delete the Senior Mixed from PEICA-run spiels, as there were only five teams this year. Seconded by Audrey. Motion carried.

Next meeting:

Feb. 22nd at Cornwall. [subsequently postponed to March 1st]

Adjournment:

Rod moved to adjourn at 9:03 pm.

Presidents Report

Meetings Ottawa Scottish Tour information—Sheila Compton going
Participant's cards---discussion re cost

Executive Meetings – Budgeting – event fees-per capita-ice assessment-
Job Descriptions- review with people and put in
Manual

Stephen Clean up Files / Start up

Prepare Budgets- Susan, Stephen & myself
Funding Applications Gayle, Stephen & myself
Request for ice course- Applied for funding

Curl Atlantic David Murphy on Board

Annual meeting- hosted

Danny here- Six clubs attended –new ads-360 hours
CCA will be looking for numbers For Sport Canada.

Guardian Ad Special deal Sport PEI

Letters / meetings Summerside- re Nationals

Kim Dolan – Scotties have signed contract

Sponsorship Thank to Ralph Yeo – Medicine Shop
Any suggestions welcome

Awards Jerry Hall of Fame
Marion Dockendorff (Phyllis Stretch)
Sport PEI to be done

Dominion Susan & I Co-Chairs
Announcement with city (Surf Fund)
Leigh Armstrong here for two days

Manual Stephen /office, meeting Nov. ongoing
Project for changes necessary

December—Report on Senior Mixed

Juniors O'leary—officiated, and did both closing ceremonies.

Did papers and sent to CCA, for both

Returned all equipment

Took trophies to be engraved

Picked up trophies.

Scotties in Montague

Marion Dockendorff Award looked after.

Attended opening Banquet

Did closing

Took back equipment

Trophy to be engraved

Had Papers & stuff done

Stephen finished them

I have tried to answer as quickly as possible all inquires.

Gotten lots of e-mails

NEED TO DO

Report on Sport Fair

Report on money and names from CLUBS

Establish committee for looking at ROTATION

Symposium Sackville.

Get out information on Joyce Myers Trust Fund.

Conference calls- Report on

List of people to work on any changes needed (Rules etc.)

To bring to Annual Meeting

Prepare dates for next year.

GOING FORWARD

Meet with all clubs

Awards – look at what is available – keep list club

Rocks & Rings

Sport Fair – January

Dominion Committee

Work with Five Event Committee

Cooperation from all clubs, curlers, officials, etc

With all of staff and volunteers.