

PEI CURLING ASSOCIATION AGM MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008
Crapaud Community Curling Club

Roll call

Present: Ray McCourt Vice-President, Past President Alfred (Chick) Morrison, Derek MacEwen, Secretary and Webmaster, 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, Gayle Johnston, Technical Coordinator, Melody Beck Cornwall, Angus Davies, Cornwall Curling Club representative, Nancy Sinclair, Silver Fox representative, Jerry Muzika, PEI Curling Hall of Fame.

Absent: President Dave Murphy, Kay Atkinson, Head Official, Mark Butler, Charlottetown Curling Club representative

Other attendees: Leah Harris, Maple Leaf Curling Club, Donna Callaghan, Western Community Curling Club, Barry Pineau, President, Crapaud Community Curling Club.

Special Guest: Al Forsythe, President, Canadian Curling Association

Item I: Call to Order

In the absence of the President, Vice President Ray McCourt called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, opening by welcoming all members, and guests, including Al Forsythe, President of the Canadian Curling Association.

Report of credentials was good. Agenda was approved with the addition of the 75th anniversary of the PEICA being added by Jerry Muzika, (Jerry). The addition of the item was moved by Jerry, and seconded by Audrey Callaghan.

Item II: Recognition of Deceased Curlers.

Vice President Ray asked for a moment of silence, to remember those curlers who passed away this year, including Ann Currie and Evelyn McClure.

Item III: Minutes of 2007 AGM

The minutes of last year's annual general meeting were reviewed.

Errors and omissions:

The spelling of Karen Ouelette and Gayle Johnston was corrected.

Ann Doucette moved and Shirley Matheson seconded that the corrected minutes be accepted.

Item IV: President's Report

In his absence, President Dave Murphy's report was submitted in written format.

There were questions on why new event binders were created. It was reported that the previous ones could not be located.

Audrey moved and Jerry seconded the acceptance of the report. Motion carried.

Item V: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bev McCormick presented her report.

Highlights: the annual revenue and expenses were close to what was budget (within .75 percent).

The report will be audited by Sport PEI.

In response to questions, \$21,000 was received this year from private sponsors.

The \$849 interest amount is from both last and this year.

There was a question from Shirley Lank regarding grants from the PEI government. Bev responded that it is covered under bonspiels.

It was noted that the report was down about 5K in cash assets over last year.

The adoption of the report was moved by Bev and seconded by Ann Doucette. Motion carried.

Item VI: Reports

Vice President Ray submitted a written report.

Junior Coordinator Ann submitted a written report, and noted that all events all enjoyed everywhere. She added that police checks would be enforced for next year. Discussion took place on the Optimist 18 & Under national event.

Technical Director Gayle Johnston provided a written report. She noted that much time spent on implementing the new coaching certification format.

Master Course Conductor Marilyn Sutherland provided a written report.

Awards Banquet: it was reported that three new life members would be announced at the June 12 awards banquet.

PEI Curling Hall of Fame: Jerry Muzika reported that there will be 6-8 new inductees this year, plus 3 inductees who are already members of the CCA Hall of Fame.

Curl Atlantic: Shirley Lank reported on ideas from the recent Atlantic Curling Symposium, including the idea of clubs selling crossover memberships of 4 weeks in the spring and 4 weeks in fall – deduct from full member price. Earl Morris of Ottawa has organized a getting started program. Email earlmorris@rogers.com for more info. It uses spare ice time – and paid instructors, and has been very successful. A session on Icemaking 101 talked about sanding rocks, storage, scraping patterns, the importance of always having spare blades, and keeping a log of scraping. She reported that Guy Hemmings was the guest speaker, and there were two attendees from Crapaud, two from Western, one from the Silver Fox, one from Montague, plus Gayle, Chick, and herself.

Executive Director: – Greg Lucas provided a written report

A motion to accept the reports was moved by Ann Doucette and seconded by Shirley Matheson. Carried.

Item VII: Proposed amendments to bylaws

Motion to approve changes to the policy manual:

It was moved by Shirley Lank and seconded by Jerry to accept changes up to but not including article 3 in Policy manual. Carried.

Article 4: It was moved by Shirley and seconded by Ann to accept changes. Motion carried.

Articles 5-9 were withdrawn.

Changes to Article 16 (rules of play, first part) were moved by Shirley Lank and seconded by Roger Gavin. A revised motion by Jerry Muzika to amend the Constitution to require approval of 70 percent of voting delegates at any general, annual, or special meeting was seconded by Marilyn Sutherland. The motion was defeated, with four opposed. Original motion carried.

Item VIII: Announcement of Sites and Dates for Provincial Playdowns in the 2008-2009 Season.

20 and Under mixed

Ann Doucette moved that a Junior Mixed championship be added for next year, subject to finding a suitable venue, dates, and a sponsor. Seconded by Roger Gavin. Motion: Carried.

Event	Site	Dates
Senior Mixed	Alberton	Dec 11-14
20 & Under Jr Mixed	TBA	Dec. 27-30
Juniors	Charlottetown	Jan 2-6
Seniors	Cornwall	Jan 15-19
Scotties	S'side	Jan 22-26
Masters	O'Leary	Jan 26-29
Men's Open	Alberton	Jan 29-Feb 3
Final 8's	Montague	Feb 10-15
17 & Under	Alberton	Feb 19-23
15 & Under	Montague	Feb. 26-Mar 1
Mixed	O'Leary	Feb 26-Mar 1
Stick	Cornwall	Mar 2-4
*12 & Under	Montague	Mar 5-8
Intermediate	Crapaud	Mar 13-15

Ann Doucette moved and Shirley Matheson seconded the sites and dates for the upcoming season. Motion carried.

Item IX - Election of officers

Nominating committee chair Chick Morrison presented the slate of officers for the upcoming year.

Chick nominated Ray McCourt as President. This nomination was moved by Shirley Matheson and seconded by Bob Leard. Carried.

Chick nominated Derek MacEwen as secretary. Moved by Audrey Callaghan and seconded by Shirley Matheson.

Chick nominated Audrey Callaghan as 2nd vice president. Moved by Shirley Matheson and seconded by Bob Leard.

Chick nominated Melody Beck as 1st vice president. Kim Matters moved and Audrey Matheson seconded the nomination.

Past President – Dave Murphy.

The Treasurer position is a paid appointment, to be voted on at the next Board meeting. Chick noted that Bev McCormick plans to re-offer for the position.

Chick asked for nominations from the floor three times. Nominations ceased as no additional nominations were received, and all positions were acclaimed.

Item X New Business

75th Anniversary

Jerry Muzika noted that the PEICA should be honouring its 75th anniversary next year. This will be look at in upcoming meetings.

Report on history websites: Jerry mentioned that much work had been done in documenting the history of curling on PEI on the Association's website, and much work remains.

Webmaster Derek MacEwen noted that, beginning in September, an online Entry form and optional payment by Paypal or Credit Card would be added to the website.

Remarks by CCA President Al Forsythe.

Al said that since he is from nearby Moncton, he serves as the PEI liaison at the CCA. He said that he is glad to be at the PEICA meeting, as these meetings are the "true grassroots" of curling in Canada. He congratulated the new executive and noted that there is "Lots going on". He noted that one of the PEICA's past presidents, Shirley Lank is running for a position on the CCA Board. He noted that the World Men's is coming to Moncton in 2009, and that the Scotties will be "somewhere in the Maritimes" 18-24 months out. He noted that Summerside has the 2009 Seniors, and that he was in Crapaud, curling in the Meltdown bonspiel.

He stated that there is lots going on at the CCA, too, with everyone working hard to implement the "new direction" governance model. He reported a really good year financially -- a \$2.6 Million turnaround over last year. He sold the rights to the Olympic Trials and the Pre-Trials, to the highest bidder for \$1.3M and \$300K respectively, representing new-found money. Holding the Mixed in Nunavut this year received a positive reaction from teams and from governments at all levels. He noted that sponsorship by an airline made it feasible, and that it actually cost less to hold it there than elsewhere. He told us that this is his 5th and last year as president, and that June 22nd will be his last day. He said that the CCA is in good hands, under Stremlaw new CEO – dedicated board.

Item XI CCA AGM

Shirley Lank, David Murphy, Ray McCourt, and Greg Lucas were selected as PEICA representatives at the CCA's Annual General Meeting in Gatineau QC.

Item XII Appointment of Auditor

It was moved by Bev McCormick and seconded by Ann Doucette that Sport PEI do the audit of the PEICA books. Carried.

Item XIII Vote of Thanks from outgoing president.

Dave Murphy could not be in attendance, but sent along a vote of thanks to everyone who helped out over the year.

Item XIV Installation of new president.

In his remarks, incoming president Ray McCourt said that he is not going to reinvent the wheel, and will try to have a smooth operation next year. He remarked that there is good representation from all areas, and would be looking for their opinions and thoughts. His management style is to oversee, but not get involved in others' business.

Item XV - Ratify dues

Shirley Lank moved that member dues be raised by \$1 to \$6 per club member. Seconded by Bob Leard. Carried.

Ann Doucette moved that the 20 and under entry fee be raised to \$35 per player. Seconded by Kim Matters. Carried.

The entry fee for the new Junior Mixed was set at \$25.

It was moved by Shirley Lank to ratify the existing dues, plus the Junior Mixed rate. It was seconded by Audrey Callaghan.

Carried.

Item XVI Adjournment

Ann Doucette moved that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Derek MacEwen