

April 8 2008 General Board Meeting – PEI Curling Association

Action Items from meeting:

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)

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, Ray McCourt vice-President, Gayle Johnston, Technical Coordinator, Angus Davies Cornwall Curling Club representative, Nancy Sinclair, Silver Fox representative
Absent: Kay Atkinson, Head Official, Mark Butler, Charlottetown Curling Club representative

Item II: Review Agenda:

Audrey added “Operational Monies for clubs”

The evening’s agenda was accepted by those present, moved by Audrey, and seconded by Shirley M.

Item III: Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the last General Meeting were accepted with a minor change.

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

Item IV: Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

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

Item being removed

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: Deferred (Jerry is in Florida)

Action item: Update schedule for next year.

The following schedule was presented for review:

Senior Mixed	Alberton	Dec 11-14
Juniors	Ch’town	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
Mixed	O'Leary	Feb 26-Mar 1
Stick Curling	Cornwall	Mar 2-4
15 & Under	Montague	Mar 5-8
12 & Under	Montague	Mar 12-15
Intermediate	Crapaud	Mar 13-15

The only change from the previous version is the Scotties. Waiting on manager Carson Ricketts' approval.

Kim wants to move Intermediate a week later to avoid St. Patrick's Day festivities. 26-30 Mar.

Following discussion, the following changes were requested:

12 and under: move to March 6-8, 15 and Under: Move to 26 Feb to 1 March.

Other events for next year:

A discussion took place re participation in the Optimist International Under 18 Curling Championships. No decision was reached.

Junior 20 and Under Mixed event in Jan.

Dave outlined that we need an inaugural host, dates, and a sponsor. This needs to be brought forward at the AGM – needs to go 30 days prior to AGM on May 28th. Marilyn mentioned that the Silver Fox no longer run a junior cashspiel during the Christmas holidays, so that time is open. Gayle said that a committee is looking into it and will put a proper proposal in place. Shirley Lank suggested a 2-3 year trial.

Action: Ann and Jr. Coordinators to put a proposal together for the AGM.

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

Update: Greg and Gayle met and finalized a Job Description, which will be passed into Ted and Lyle at PEI Fitness and Amateur Sport in order to receive the funding.

Item V Reports:

President: Dave reported that events are complete for the season, and have a positive financial balance. He met with Joanne Wallace re paperwork needs for Sport PEI. Canada Games work has started, with two meetings held to-date. The Provincial Coach is Nancy Yeo; assistant is Marilyn, Manager is Greg. Other positions to come later. He noted that the Provincial Winter games are now replaced by Canada Games trials – there is a 10 week window for each sport. Work is ongoing on CCA governance, with a Conference call set for the 15th. The CCA budget is in a positive position – they are ready to pay down debt.

Treasurer: Bev submitted a written report as of 29 Feb. There is \$23K in the TD Canada Trust account, plus a GIC of \$15K, Lots of things in; need to get everything in. She reported that the PEICA is still within budget.

Vice President: Ray expressed hope that the open round table meeting before the AGM will happen. Competitive curlers want input re formats – part of the solution. He had a question re competitors cards and an issue regarding whether spares should pay.

2nd VP:

Hall of Fame: no report – Jerry in Florida.

Technical Director: Gayle reported that there were 9 participants from 5 clubs at the Club Coaches workshop last week in Summerside. She is looking to collect all paperwork regarding certifications, etc. for Ottawa. She is busy working on the Junior Curling Camp to be held in Crapaud in August. Ten teams from 2 clubs are already verbally committed. Entry deadline is the end of May. She is also looking at the same timeframe to do practical and written instruction/exams for Level 3 certification. Many level II technical participants have not finished their workbooks – she is planning an evening to help them complete these. Within the next two weeks, course conductors will meet to discuss this year's workshops. She says that the new CCA program is confusing, and mentioned that she is available for presentations re this.

She mentioned the Atlantic Coaching Symposium (part of the curling conference at Mount Allison), saying that it may not be held at that time. She and Shirley Lank will be sitting in on a conference call tomorrow night, where the status is to be discussed. She reported that the National Symposium at the CCA AGM is not being held this year.

She said that she will be helping out with the Canada Games and with the Junior Coordinators. She also talked about the Maritime course conductors meetings, mentioning that our turn is in September – it may become a 2 day workshop if the CCA can send someone down.

High-Performance camp – she is talking with Karen Ouellette re this. Helen Radford and Charlie Sullivan are available the 1st weekend of Oct. Possibly there will be a 2-tier camp connected to the Canada Games.

Marketing: No report.

Juniors: Ann reported that all events went very well. There was good attendance at the Junior Coordinators meeting yesterday. April 20 is the date for the next meeting. A discussion ensued re what can be changed via the open round tables without 30 days notice prior to AGM. She also talked about all clubs' progress over the season, reporting that junior numbers are up. Gayle added that clubs should be working together closer on events – especially more for younger age groups.

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 the PEICA 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. Motion carried.

Wheelchair curling: Shirley reported the CCA has organized two Atlantic stops – Halifax and St. Johns NL.

This will be a high-performance session to pick two teams – one 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 separate NB/NS and NL teams.

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 he is busy with paperwork. He is meeting with Lyle at Sport PEI Lyle regarding the technical director program. A date needed for the ADL awards (was in conjunction with AGM last year). He suggested that it should be a separate night. He reported that Canada Games meetings are underway.

Club Reports

Montague – Bob Leard thanked Western for the Stick Curling Championship, but said there were too many games in one day. He reported that it was a tougher time for Cornwall this year, but they still won. He mentioned that the women would like to have a separate division. He reported that the Montague curling membership went to 130 regular curlers this year from 90 two years ago. Their annual banquet will be held in early May, with their AGM in late May. Two representatives from Montague are going to the Symposium. He reported that Stick curling is going well in Montague, with 36 curlers this year at their club. He mentioned that they would be glad to help other clubs get started. He said that Montague has enough money to startup next year

Cornwall – Angus reported that participation is up at spiel, and that he considers that to be a good sign. He mentioned that the Club is doing well provincially, and that he is optimistic for the future of the club.

Charlottetown: no report

Crapaud: Kim reported that the 12 and Under and 15 and Under championships were well attended. The ice will remain until April 20, to accommodate the Meltdown. There are also summer events upcoming, such as the Summer Spud in August.

Western: Roger reported that they had their last spiel last weekend, and reported a good turnout and a great time. The closing banquet is coming up soon. Audrey reported that there is enough money to open next year without borrowing money.

Maple Leaf: Shirley reported that the club closed at the end of March, with the AGM and awards set for early May. She reported that the Intermediate championships had few teams, but the event was successful. She said that club membership is up a bit.

Silver Fox: Nancy reported that the ice is out, and that the banquet and awards were held last weekend. It was announced at the banquet that the CCA has accepted their bid to host the Canadian Seniors, March 21-29 2009. She reported that membership was down a little, and that they will be conducting a telephone campaign and other initiatives in the fall. Their AGM is set for May 6th.

Item VI Correspondence:

None

Item VII New Business

Online registration and payments

Webmaster Derek MacEwen gave a live presentation of a proposed system to allow curlers to signup online for provincial events, and, optionally, to receive payments via credit cards and PayPal. There would be no charge to implement the system. It would be necessary to setup a PayPal account at no charge to collect the funds. Payment processing charged would be 30 cents per entry plus 2.9 percent of the amount collected. There is a 50 cent charge to transfer money out of PayPal to a bank account.

It was moved by Ann and seconded by Shirley M that we proceed with an online registration and payment system for next season. Motion carried.

Open General Meeting

Dave spoke on problems with conflicting rules of play, mentioning that the PEICA needs more input on revisions. He is proposing two open sessions before the AGM, one at the Charlottetown Curling Club, and one at the Silver Fox in order to receive input from players and other interested parties. He cited as an example the Senior Mixed rules which say that they are only allowed two games a day, mentioning that a team would play more games per day in a cashspiel or funspiel. He suggested that competitions where the winning teams are not going to a national, should be doable in one weekend. Proposed dates are the 23rd of April in Charlottetown and the 29th in Summerside. Ray would chair in Summerside and go to the Charlottetown meeting as well. Greg or Dave would chair the Charlottown meeting. Both meetings would start at 6:30 pm and be open to all. Shirley L reported that she has spoken with Mark O'Rourke re suggestions, and said that the "word is out".

Curl Atlantic Symposium

It was mentioned that the deadline is Friday, but that there were few names in, and that we need to know numbers before tomorrow night.

The following participation was discussed:

Cornwall – 1 coach, Alberton 2 regular, Silver Fox – not known – maybe one. Crapaud – 2 (1 is coach). Montague - 2. O’Leary– not known. Charlottetown – maybe Rob Warren. Executive – Audrey, Ray.

Pins

It was moved by Audrey and seconded by Ray that the PEICA order pins with clasps and the new logo. Motion carried.

Website

Webmaster Derek MacEwen lead a discussion, saying that he was hired as webmaster for the site, and that it was intended that content, such as news items and other items be provided by event coordinators, executive director, and others. He said that he does not have time both to keep the website going and to provide the content, and suggested that ways have to be found so that the content can be provided by others He mentioned that he is changing the website over the summer to make it easier to update. There was discussion regarding hiring a journalist trainee from Holland College. Other ideas were discussed, but no solution was found.

Policies Manual Update before AGM

Shirley L reported that she is working on this. There is a need to input all the changes that have been approved since the last published version. She said that there is “nothing else major” to do on this.

CCA Board of Directors

Dave reported that Shirley Lank is offering her name to be a CCA Board of Directors member, and that this nomination requires PEICA support.

Motion: Ray moved that the nomination be supported by the PEICA. Audrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CCA AGM

Dave mentioned that the PEICA needs to send reps to CCA AGM, June 18-22nd. He said that Shirley has to go because she is a nominee, and that he will be going, and maybe Ray and/or Greg. Approximate cost is \$1,000 per person, with a proposed maximum of \$4500. There would be two voting members, plus Greg, and Shirley as nominee. Ray moved, Shirley M seconded that delegates be sent, with costs up to a maximum of \$4500. Motion carried.

AGM Date

The PEICA’s AGM will be held May 28th at 7 pm, at the Crapaud Community Curling Club.

Nominating committee

Past president Chick, along with Greg, comprise the Nominating Committee for next year’s executive.

Ray has agreed to be President, and other Board members have agreed to stay on in their current roles. Still required: a new first vice-president.

Operational Monies for clubs.

A program has been in place for some time where ice hockey rinks receive operational grants from the provincial government. The PEICA is writing a letter requesting that curling clubs receive similar funding. Clubs are requested to send in their own letters to Carolyn Bertram and Joanne Wallace, and to lobby their MLAs. Information is expected by the fall.

Entry Fees for Provincial Events

Shirley L mentioned that entry fee increases for events has not been discussed, and would have to be brought up at the AGM if they were to be in effect for next season. Dave said that he feels the PEICA can't raise prices while the CCA Competitor Card fee is there.

Paying of timers.

There was discussion around this, with some members feeling that this payment is not needed.

Next meeting

AGM, May 28 at 7 pm at the Crapaud Community Curling Club.

Adjournment: Ann moved that the meeting be adjourned.