

PEI Curling Association General Meeting
Crapaud Community Curling Club
7pm Monday, March 9
Minutes

Action items from meeting:

Action: Greg to provide information on grants and other sponsorship from PEI government for website.

Item I: Call to order and roll call

President Ray McCourt call the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

Present: Greg Lucas (Executive Director), David Murphy (Past President), Kim Matters (Crapaud), Bill Hope (Ch'town), John DeLuca (Cornwall), Bev McCormick (Treasurer), Roger Gavin (Western), Audrey Callaghan (Vice President), Ray McCourt (President), Derek MacEwen (Secretary), Cliff Poirier (Silver Fox), Marilyn Sutherland (Master Course Conductor)

Absent: Darrell Doucette (event coordinator), Gayle Johnston (Tech Director), Nancy Sinclair (Silver Fox), Ralph Sweet, O'Leary, Bob Leard (Montague), Melody Beck (Vice President), Shirley Lank (Curl Atlantic),

Item II: Review Agenda

Two items were added:

April/May Deadlines (Ray)

17 and Under.

Ray moved and Audrey seconded the evening's agenda.

Item III: Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Bill moved and John seconded adoption of the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried.

Item IV: Business Arising From the Minutes

Financial grants to clubs

- Greg reported that John Morrison at Recreation and Amateur Sport has now received the grant requests/financial statements from all PEI curling clubs

Item V: New business:

(A) Junior Mixed

It was reported that Brenda MacMillan had looked into it, and found ice available over the Easter weekend at Charlottetown for \$750. As other clubs had not been approached for their prices for that weekend, the Board agreed that it should be held at the club with the lowest bid.

Derek moved that the event be held in the April 10-13 timeframe at the lowest-bidding club, and that all clubs be given until midnight, March 11 to provide their bids. This offer is for this year only, with regular rates in subsequent years. The PEICA reserves the right to back out three weeks before the

event, if they do not get a minimum of 8 teams. Electronic entries ONLY would be accepted due to the short timeframe.

(B) Funding for CCA/CIS University curling teams going to championships in Montreal

- it was agreed to provide the two teams in the CIS/CCA University Curling Championships with donations of \$300 per team. This donation was in consideration of the fact that the teams received no funding at all from UPEI. Audrey made the motion, which was seconded by Kim. Motion Carried.

(C) Round Table Meetings

- Bill Hope reported that he is holding meetings in Charlottetown regarding changes to the adult events. He wants to boil the concepts down to three items for AGM.

1-He wants all entries to be received 6 weeks prior to the event. Electronic entries only would be accepted.

2-He says that the club-picking process has to provide competitive curlers with the best ice.

3-The rules have to allow the clubs in the rotation to negotiate with other clubs, so the event could be held elsewhere if advantageous to the club.

Ray asked Bill if he would come to Summerside as well. Bill agreed to hold a session there during the Canadian Seniors, where he would be attending as an official, and said that he would also accept comments via email.

Derek asked if there would be changes to the junior events as well. Bill replied that only the adult events were being looked at.

(D) Dates 2009-2010

Discussion was held using a calendar provided by Bev. The Juniors and the Scotties women's events had to be moved up due to national events being held earlier due to the Olympics.

Action: Greg to send dates to clubs for their approval prior to the AGM.

Venues for Sr. Mixed and Stick were not provided. Silver Fox and Crapaud have expressed interest in the Senior Mixed, while Crapaud is interested in the Stick. These clubs have not yet hosted these events.

Stick has been at Montague, Western and Cornwall so far.

Sr. Mixed has been at Cornwall, Charlottetown and Western so far.

Derek had sent an email to Gayle regarding the dates for the December PEI Canada Games selection finals and any conflict with the Juniors. [Update: Nancy Yeo has since reported that the Canada Games dates are being changed to eliminate any conflict]

The following dates were arrived at:

Senior Mixed, Location TBA, Dec 10-13

Juniors, O'Leary, Dec 18-22

Junior Mixed, Summerside, Dec 26-29

Scotties, Montague, Jan 2-5

Men's Open, Summerside, Jan 21-24

Masters, Crapaud, Jan 25-28 (Jan 29 was proposed. It's normally Monday through Thursday – week listed is same week as this year)

Men's Final 8, Alberton, Feb. 2-7 (Feb 5-8 was listed. It's specified in rules of play as Tuesday through Sunday)

Stick, Location TBA, Feb 15-17

Seniors, Ch'town, Feb 18-22

17 and Under, Summerside, Feb 18-22

Mixed, Crapaud, Mar 4-7

15 and Under, Alberton, Mar 4-7

12 and Under, Alberton, Mar 12-14

The Dominion, Cornwall, Mar 18-21

(E) Curl Atlantic Update

(normally covered under reports)

(F) Time clock repairs

It was reported that Garry Campbell is working on some of the time-clocks, and there will be a small charge for their repair.

Discussion took place, with Cliff saying that the remotes for the clocks are hard to use, although the blue remotes do work better than the others. He suggested that if clocks and timers are not available for all four sheets, they should not be used at all, and that they should just tell the curlers to speed up. He also said that the PEICA should follow the national rules of 73 minutes a game.

Bill said that the clocks are good, as they keep the draws on time.

(G) Budget mtg.

Greg said that he wants to have all the events final budgets on file so that they can be reviewed.

(H) Committees needed.

It was mentioned that the following committees are needed

- Officiating ctee.

- Rules of Play. Cliff suggests looking at other provinces' Rules, most of which are available on the internet.

- Policies for events (events), and general policies and procedures.

(I) April/May Deadlines

Board members were reminded that nominations for executive members are required for the AGM.

The date for the AGM was set for Thursday May 28th at 7 pm at the Crapaud Community Curling Club.

Executive and Committee chairs were reminded to send reports in advance for website.

The deadline for submission of motions is April 29th, while written reports are due to Greg two weeks before the AGM (May 14th).

(J) 17 and under in Alberton

A complaint was received regarding the postponement of the first day of the event . The team was not informed until they were en route, and it cost them an extra night and extra meals, and they were seeking compensation. The Board agreed that no refunds are provided in this situation

Item VI: Correspondence

– nothing pressing was received.

Item VII: Reports

President: Ray reported that he is looking for a replacement next year, and that it's been a challenging year, but he has learned a lot. He thanked the executive for their help.

Past President: Dave provided a written report on the junior events, reporting that, with help from many people, all events went well.

Treasurer: Bev reported that she is looking for a replacement too, as it is impossible for her to keep up. She feels that the position needs an actual curler. She says that the job has increased her understanding of the PEICA. On financial matters, she distributed an income statement, but said that it does not have much info to indicate our current financial state. Of great concern is the fact that association dues from member clubs are down 10% this year, which will have an impact on the bottom line. It was reported that an audit of the previous year was done at SportPEI, and that they were satisfied with the numbers. Technical Director: Gayle was absent, but Greg reported that she was currently very busy with coaching clinics.

Executive Director:

It was reported that Ted Lawlor at Amateur sport wants us to show our provincial grants in more detail on our website and elsewhere. Action: Greg to provide information on grants and other sponsorship from PEI government for website.

He also reported that the Event Coordinator had decided not to continue with the final events of the season. Greg felt that the job has a big learning curve, and requires more money, due to the hours spent.

He mentioned that annual ADL awards, saying that the call for nominations should go out soon. He said they were adding a team category, and wondered if we need lifetime achievement awards now that we have a Hall of Fame. He mentioned the Sport PEI AGM, May 22-23.

Curl Atlantic update: – no report was provided as Shirley was not in attendance. It was reported that a job description was sent out.

Club reports:

Crapaud: Kim reported that things were going well, with The Dominion set for the weekend. They held a big bonspiel a few weekends ago, with 28 teams taking part. The Meltdown bonspiel is set for April. The 20th annual Summer Spud will take place 11-14 August, followed by the Junior Summer Camp.

Bill reported that Charlottetown was having a good season, with the Canadian Firefighters taking place at the end of month.

Roger from Western reported that things were very busy, with the provincial championships over including the Lions last weekend. 2 more funspiels remain in the season.

Cornwall: John reported that the Rodd/Greco open spiel is coming up, and although they have participation from Crapaud, they would like more entries from other clubs. The Stick event was successful. Coming up - an Open house, and the 55+ Games. He reported that electrical costs took a 35% increase this year.

Silver Fox: Cliff reported that their costs are up, too. The Canadian Seniors are taking place in two weeks time. They may need more volunteers. He also mentioned that Matt McCarville can be contacted regarding getting an energy grant for a club. He would do an energy assessment, and the club would pay 25% of the required changes.

Item VIII: Adjournment and Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next General meeting would not be held, but an Executive meeting would take place in advance of the AGM, to be scheduled at the call of the chair.

Derek moved the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 pm.