

**PEI CURLING ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, May 28, 2009
Crapaud Community Curling Club**

Item I: Call to Order/Roll Call/Report of Credentials

Call to order:

President Ray McCourt called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
President McCourt opened the meeting by welcoming all members.

Roll Call:

Shirley Lank introduced Stephen Marchbank, the incoming Executive Director for Curling, Basketball, and Rugby, as of the 1st of June.

Other attendees:

Shirley Lank, Nancy Sinclair (Silver Fox), Kim Matters (Crapaud), Gayle Johnston (Technical Coordinator), Jerry Muzika (Hall of Fame and Museum), Bev McCormick (Treasurer), John DeLuca (Cornwall), Rod MacDonald (Silver Fox), Bob Leard (Montague), Dave Murphy (Past President), Roger Gavin (Western), Ray McCourt (President), Audrey Callaghan (1st VP), Derek MacEwen (Secretary), Cliff Poirier (Silver Fox), Bill Hope (Charlottetown), Barry Pineau (Crapaud)

Report of Credentials:

Ray noted that the report of credentials was good, with six of seven clubs in attendance. No representatives were in attendance from the Maple Leaf Curling Club in O'Leary.

Item II: Recognition of Deceased Curlers

President Ray, with help from Hall of Fame President Jerry Muzika, recognized curlers who had passed away in the preceding year, including Ann Currie, Lloyd Lawless, Lloyd Miller and Gen Enman of Summerside, Helen Robbins of Montague, Joe Saunders of Charlottetown, Myrtle Brown, and Barry Malone of Crapaud, and asked for a moment of silence in their memory.

Item III: Minutes of 2008 AGM

The minutes of the 2008 AGM were approved as provided. Dave Murphy moved and Audrey Callaghan seconded the acceptance of the minutes.
Motion carried.

Item IV: Business Arising from 2008 AGM Minutes

It was noted that two items – the PEICA 75th Anniversary, and the addition of \$5 to the Junior event dues had not been actioned during the year.

The 2009 AGM Agenda was approved with the addition of an item to discuss The Dominion Club Championship. This was moved by Kim Matters and seconded by Jerry Muzika.

Item V: President's Report

Attached.

Nancy Sinclair moved and Roger Gavin seconded the adoption of this report. Motion carried.

Item VI: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bev McCormick presented her report, which is attached. She noted that Association dues are not really up, as one club did not pay their last year's dues until this year. This year's deficit is only \$765. She remarked that all Clubs have to send in the list of all their curlers, and that there should be a consistent member definition across the clubs. She indicated that \$468 is owed to the Canadian Paraplegic Association out of next year's budget, as a results of The Dominion Club Championship. Enrolment in Junior events, was up slightly, with one more event, the Junior Mixed, added. Entries for men's, mixed, and women's events were down, while Seniors and Stick were up, and Sponsorship money was up. She reported that the report was within .75 percent of the budget forecast. Sport PEI would be auditing the report.

On an event by event basis, The Dominion made \$3,000, the Tankard Open lost \$2,000, the Junior Mixed made \$86, the Masters lost \$2768, the Mixed made \$533, the Scotties made \$9200, the Seniors lost \$300, the Senior Mixed lost \$683, the Stick lost \$214, the Tankard Final Eight made \$3083. the 12 and Under lost \$170, the 15 and Under lost \$148, the 17 and Under lost \$290. The 20 and Under made \$17. There was discussion over the Masters costs and agreement that the event should be changed to break even, and concern over what would happen if the Scotties sponsor did not renew

Bill Hope moved to accept the Treasurer's report and have the PEICA Executive re-examine the Masters budget. Bob Leard seconded the motion. Carried.

Item VII: Other Reports

Reports are attached from the Past President, Secretary/Web Master, Hall of Fame and Museum, Technical Coordinator, Stick Curling President.

Additional comments:

Ray took the opportunity to personally thank the Past President for taking on the role of coordinating the Junior events.

The Hall of Fame President remarked that the cities of Summerside and Charlottetown are coming on board as sponsors. He thanked D. Alex

MacDonald Ltd. Ford/Lincoln for their sponsorship, and remarked that they will be cutting costs by scaling back on some of the food. Shirley Lank updated the Curl Atlantic report, with information from a conference call held Sunday night, saying that Lesley Ann Walsh is the new Executive Director, and that the Whitecap camp is almost filled. A meeting was held in Ottawa, and it is now expected that Nova Scotia may come back into Curl Atlantic. On the Joyce Meyers Legacy Fund, she noted that the money is now in Curl Atlantic's account, with \$132,000 earmarked for curling development. She said that they need project ideas that will help the entire sport of curling. Cliff Poirer talked about using laptops for timing, a system being used in Chicoutimi.

It was moved by Dave Murphy, and accepted by Shirley Lank to adopt the reports. Motion carried.

Club reports

Ray asked each club present to give a short report on their season.

Montague: Bob Leard reported that they had a good year, with "no red ink". \$100,000 in work was done on the club this year.

Cornwall: John Deluca reported "a very successful year".

Silver Fox: Nancy Sinclair reported a busy year at the Fox, and mentioned that Marlene Boily is the new facility manager, since January. There were a number of staff changes, and membership is again down slightly as it has for the past several years. On the positive side, the Canadian Seniors was a huge success, all major club bonspiels are returning, new equipment, including ice-area viewing monitors was bought.

Crapaud: Kim Matters reported that the club is using more volunteers, to save money on bartending, and in the kitchen. They held all their regular Spiels, along with various summer functions. Barry Functions thru summer. Barry Pineau added that the club got off to a slow start at the beginning of the season, but "came out on top" by the end.

Western: Roger Gavin reported that they had a busy year. Membership was down a bit but things went quite well. They did some cosmetic changes to the building, and continue to be able to pay the bills. He noted that they have no paid staff, and that he and Walter Callaghan went to the Canadian Stick Curling Championship in Winnipeg.

Charlottetown: Bill Hope noted that they had a busy year, with the National Firefighters Curling Championships being well attended. He reported that their AGM is tonight. Infrastructure changes are continuing, including changes to the electrical system, and the brine pump. They had an energy audit done. He noted that Matt McCarville is available to go to club to audit their energy consumption.

Motion: Kim Matters moved and Nancy Sinclair seconded the adoption of the club reports. Motion carried.

Item VIII: Correspondence

Correspondence was received from John Morrison of the PEI Government's Sport and Recreation section regarding consultations scheduled for June 4th from 7-9 pm for Volunteer Board members of provincial sporting organization. It was requested that two representatives, the President and one other, attend from each organization. It was agreed that the incoming President and First Vice President would attend.

Item IX: Business arising from correspondence

None

Item X: Consideration of Resolutions

Six resolutions had been submitted:

Proposed:

1. Proposal to move entry deadline for all PEICA events to 6 weeks prior to start date and all registrations must be done online to be included in any event. These entries will be listed on the PEI curling site as they are received.

It was moved by Bill Hope and seconded by Dave Murphy to amend the proposed entry deadline from six to four weeks. Approved as amended:
1. Proposal to move entry deadline for all PEICA events to 4 weeks prior to start date and all registrations must be done online to be included in any event. These entries will be listed on the PEI curling site as they are received

Proposed:

2. Develop a draw committee with a member from each of the following events: (Tankard, Scotties, Senior Men and Women, and the Mixed). This committee will construct options on draws for these events depending on the club, amount of teams and time availability. They would then present the options to the teams and majority rules on the vote. This would happen 3-4 weeks out from the start date so lots of time to promote the event. Draw will be on the appropriate web site 3 weeks prior to the 1st day of the event.

Discussion and amendments:

Shirley Lank moved that the Club's Event Coordinator and the PEICA's Event Coordinator be added to the committee, to change "3-4" weeks to three weeks, and to have the draw on the website by one week prior to the first day of the event.

The amendments were seconded by Dave Murphy. Carried as amended.
Amended version:

2. Develop a draw committee with a member from each of the following events: (Tankard, Scotties, Senior Men and Women, and the Mixed), along with the PEI and Club Event Coordinators. This committee will construct options on draws for these events depending on the club, amount of teams and time availability. They would then present the options to the teams and majority rules on the vote. This would happen three weeks out from the start date to allow lots of time to promote the event. The draw will be on the event web site by one week prior to the first day of the event.

3. Credit Union Seniors be broken into 2 clubs or 2 different dates if same club.

In discussion, there little support for the extra administration of having the event at two clubs, but there was concern that the current double knockout format was too short, and that a longer triple knockout was needed.

Bill Hope moved and Dave Murphy seconded a motion to change this to read:

3. Credit Union Seniors be expanded by two more days, or as required.

4. Head official be named to PEICA to oversee the 5 major events, bringing some consistency. All officials meet before the season and go over rules and situations that might come up, everyone on the same page.

Discussion: it was noted that this already occurs.

Bill Hope moved to withdraw Amendment #4. Seconded by Audrey. Carried.

5. Swapping of events or working together for their mutual benefit between clubs is legal as long as the clubs deal with it and can fit within the schedule and timelines of the existing schedule.

Discussion: it was noted that there is nothing preventing this now.

Bill Hope moved to withdraw Amendment #5. Seconded by Audrey. Carried.

6. If Men's open is 16 teams or under it would be over 1 weekend, and club that would host the Final 8's gets the event for that year. If 17 or more teams then would go with original schedule.

Moved by Bill Hope, and seconded by Bob Leard to amend this to read:

6. If Men's Open Entry is under sixteen teams, then it would play down to a final event of six qualifiers in a six team round robin format.

Motion carried with one opposing vote.

Item XI: Announcement of sites and dates for Provincial Playdowns

Sites and Dates as attached were approved, with one change: Seniors dates changed to Feb. 16-22 from Feb. 18-22 subject to club approval.

Nancy Sinclair moved and Bob seconded the sites and dates as attached, with the one amendment.

Item XII: Election of Officers and Directors

Dave Murphy reported, as Chair of the nominating committee.

President: Shirley Lank was nominated. After calling for additional nominees three times, Audrey moved that the nominations cease. Kim seconded the motion. Shirley was appointed by acclamation.

First Vice President: Audrey agreed to run as 1st Vice President. Roger Gavin seconded the nomination. Appointed by acclamation.

Second Vice President Roddie MacLean from Cornwall was nominated. Rod MacDonald was nominated, but declined.

Nancy Sinclair moved that the nominations cease. Bill Hope seconded the motion. Roddie MacLean was acclaimed as Second Vice President.

Secretary: Derek MacEwen agreed to continue as Secretary. Kim Matters moved that nominations cease. Bob Leared seconded the motion. Derek was acclaimed as Secretary.

Treasurer: It was reported that Susan McInnis was hired as Treasurer.

Executive Director: It was reported that Stephen Marchbank from Summerside was hired as Executive Director.

Technical Director: Gayle Johnston is continuing in this position.

Item XIII: Appointment of Auditors

It was agreed that Sport PEI would continue as auditors.

Item XIV: Installation of new president

At this point the President handed over the meeting to the incoming President, Shirley Lank.

Item XV: New Business

The Dominion: Rushell MacDonald from the Maple Leaf club had expressed some concerns about the Dominion eligibility rules. As the Dominion had subsequently made some decisions about repeat winners, it was agreed that the rules would be revisited in the new season.

On the national Dominion, it was reported that a committee was formed, with co-chairs Susan McInnis and Shirley Lank to organize the November 2010 event, to be co-chaired by the Charlottetown and Cornwall curling clubs.

Committee members are Rob Warren from the Charlottetown club, John Deluca and Denis Dunne from Cornwall, along with Darlene Kneabone and Julie Scales, and a representative from The Dominion Insurance. Gayle Johnston would look after the officials.

Curling Congress: It was agreed that Gayle Johnston and Shirley Lank would attend the National Curling Conference in June. Motions to be voted on at the Congress, include one to remove age restrictions on men's and women's events, to allow a fifth player for all events, to have the CCA (not the winning team) pick the Mixed Doubles participants from the winning teams, to have one competitor fee for all events, and to change the format for various events.

Item XVI: Ratify Dues

It was moved by Nancy Sinclair and seconded by Dave Murphy that member club dues and per sheet fees remain the same. Motion carried.

Item XVII: Adjournment

Dave Murphy moved adjournment at 10:42 pm

Minutes submitted by Derek MacEwen, Secretary

