

PEI Curling Association - 2010 AGM Minutes

Charlottetown Curling Club, May 27, 2010

**Call to Order:**

President Shirley Lank called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

**Item I: Roll Call.**

Present: Kim Matters (Crapaud), Marilyn Sutherland, Leigh Armstrong (The Dominion), Jerry Muzika (Hall of Fame and Museum), Dave Murphy (Curl Atlantic), Vanessa Hamming (Crapaud), Cliff Poirier (Officiating), Amy Duncan (Exec. Dir.), Shirley Lank (President), Susan McInnis (Treasurer), Gayle Johnston (Tech. Director), Jeff Wilson, Derek MacEwen (Secretary/Webmaster), Rod MacDonald (Silver Fox), Eddie MacKenzie (Charlottetown), Roddie MacLean (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) and Audrey Callaghan (1<sup>st</sup> VP)

Shirley introduced new part-time Executive Director Amy Duncan, who will replace Stephen Marchbank who will now be working only with Basketball PEI, as both Executive and Technical director. She also introduced Leigh Armstrong from The Dominion General Insurance, who is chair of the national The Dominion Curling Club Championship, to be hosted on PEI in November.

Report on credentials: 10 voting members were present. It was noted that O'Leary hadn't attended sufficient meetings to have a vote.

**Item II: Recognition of Curlers deceased during the year.**

A moment of silence was held for curlers deceased during the past year, including Barbara Currie and Don Callbeck.

**Item III Minutes of the 2009 AGM.**

Secretary Derek MacEwen read a précis of the 2009 AGM Minutes.

No errors or omissions were identified, and President Shirley declared that the minutes stand as read.

**Item IV Business arising from the 2009 AGM Minutes**

None

**Item V Presidents Report**

President Shirley presented a written report. Highlights:

- Curl Atlantic held their annual meeting in Charlottetown in September, with Danny Lamoureux doing a presentation for the clubs.

- A special meeting was held in the fall to revamp the Constitution and By-Laws.

- Darrell Kirev was hired as Event Coordinator for eight events, while Shirley would do two, and some junior events would be coordinated at the club level.
- New sponsor – Medicine Shoppe was obtained for the Masters, and the Credit Unions were added as an extra sponsor for the 15 and 12 and Under.
- A new laptop-based timing system was installed with donated laptops and purchased monitors.
- Shirley and Susan attended the national The Dominion in Toronto, and are looking for volunteers for the 2010 event in Charlottetown and Cornwall.
- Senior Mixed – only five teams. Will be taken over by Cornwall. Other events went well, with lots of help from the host clubs.
- She thanked the Executive for their hard work throughout the year, along with the new Players Committee, and recommended that a similar committee be setup for Junior events. She also thanked all event participants.
- Upcoming next season: Maritime Masters, Atlantic 17 and Under, national The Dominion, national Scotties.

She also submitted a number of written recommendations, summarized here:

- 1) Clubs to have event persons named for both adult and junior events
- 2) Draw boards need to be done for events
- 3) Clubs can decide if they want to provide food, unless specified as a requirement. \$20 Sponsorship vouchers to be given to teams, to be spent at the clubs.
- 4) Players Committee job description and info book with draws, etc.
- 5) Event Coordinator/Junior Coordinator be hired (part time basis approximately 10 hours per week during season.
- 6) Single entries be taken for junior events not leading to a higher event. Medals, not money, be awarded at these events.

Shirley moved the adoption of her report.

#### **Item VI: Treasurer's report**

Susan provided a written financial statement, including a breakdown by event, and reported that all events made money except the Senior Mixed, which lost \$74.

Financial highlights:

Income: \$20325, including ~\$26,000 in sponsorship monies. She noted that she omitted the inclusion of a \$1049 depreciation adjustment.

#### **Item VII – Other Reports**

Executive Director. Outgoing ED Stephen Marchbank submitted a written report. Highlights included helping with the Sports Expo and the Eastern Kings arena group who were starting up curling on arena ice on a part-time basis.

Technical Director: In her written report, Gayle Johnston reported a busy year, with highlights including preparations for the Canada Winter Games, and looked forward to a busy season next year with 2 major national events taking place. During the past season, she partnered with Sport PEI, the CCA, Curl Atlantic, and Para Sport PEI in promoting and holding Wheelchair and Vision Impaired events, and also worked with the Special Olympics. She recommended that more promotion be done through the school system, possibly incorporating the Rocks and Rings program. She recommended the reinstatement of the Junior Coordinator position to do age 20 and Under development, and suggested splitting the 12 and Under event into two divisions to accommodate both new and advanced curlers. She also recommended that the Event Coordinator job description be updated, and that a session be held early in the season with club event coordinators.

Event Coordinator: Darrel Kirev submitted a written report, saying that the season went smoothly with no major issues. He recommended that the men's Tankard be reduced to one weekend if less than 16 teams are entered. He also recommended that events not start until Friday morning, so that final games would be played early the next week when less teams are involved, so less time off work is required for players entered. He noted that food was a problem, as some clubs have food on a regular basis and some don't, and that food should not be provided as part of the event, as some curlers believe that entry fees are getting too high.

Secretary/webmaster: Derek MacEwen reported that the website, going since 2001, received its first major revamp following the season, and that new links were added earlier in the season to the Twitter and Facebook social networking sites.

Curl Atlantic: Dave Murphy, in his report, noted that the Symposium 2010 Business of Curling and Coaching Symposium was one of the main Curl Atlantic projects of the season, and was very successful, with four PEI clubs attending. Attendance is looking good for the Whitecap Curling Academy in August. Guidelines are under development for the Atlantic Under 18 Championship, and an Under 16 championship is being considered.

Hall of Fame and Museum: Jerry Muzika reported that charter member Barb Currie passed away during the season, which included their third annual induction ceremony, inducting Art Burke, Joe Saunders, Wanda Hunter, and Sharon Knox. Jerry mentioned that they setup their own Treasurer, and had some concerns over the food pricing for the event, held at the Silver Fox. The next event is scheduled for October in Charlottetown.

Second Vice President: Roddie MacLean reported that he recently attended a meeting at SportPEI on the subject of internal fraud and Director and Officer Liability, conducted by Jerry Lannigan.

First Vice President: no report

Motion: Eddie MacKenzie moved and Jerry Muzika seconded the adoption of the reports. Motion carried.

### **Item VIII - Correspondence:**

An email was received from Ernie Stavert of the PEI Stick Curlers Association, saying that the dates proposed for the PEI Stick Championship are not suitable. It was agreed that the dates would be adjusted.

An email was received regarding the October Sports Fair. A confirmation is required by May 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Fair will cater to grades 3-6, and be held October 5-6. Cost is \$50 for a booth. Susan moved and Dave seconded that we put in a booth. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received regarding Curl Atlantic's Joyce Meyers trust fund capital works and scholarship programs, both due on 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Item IX – Business arising from correspondence**

None

### **Item X – Consideration of Resolutions**

Three motions were brought forward

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Motion 1: That the Men's and Ladies Seniors be held as two separate events on the same weekend, for a trial period of three years. Motion passed.

Motion 2: That a Future Scotties event would be held at same time and club as The Scotties. No participant card would be needed. Eight teams, two pools, crossover 1 vs 1. Scotties products would be the prizes, and the entry fee would be \$25 to \$30 per player.

Benefits: Increased participation, more people at the banquet, and the host club would benefit. This would be for women who had not curled in the main Scotties in the last five years, and there would be a three year limit on playing in this event before moving up to the main Scotties (or dropping out).

Discussion:

Jeff Wilson asked if how it differs from The Dominion. It was explained that clubs could have more than one team, in this. Rod MacDonald recommended that a minimum of 4 teams be required to hold it. Eddie MacKenzie and Cliff Poirier recommended that five years be changed to three.

Eddie moved and Susan seconded the original motion. Carried, with two opposed.

Motion 3. Change page 27 of the Operations Manual to make the Executive Director chair of the awards committee (for continuity) as opposed to the second Vice President. Carried.

## **XI – Announcement of sites and dates of Bonspiels**

The sites and dates for next year were distributed in the handout.

Dave Murphy moved and Eddie seconded the sites and dates, noting that the Stick and the Dominion event dates may change due to other events taking place at the same time. Carried.

## **XII Election of Officers and Directors**

As Ray McCourt could not serve as Past President due to family matters, the past Past President Dave Murphy chaired the nominating committee, and recommended that all positions be renewed for a one year term.

Dave asked three times for additional nominations, but none were received, and he moved that the nominations cease. Rod MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.

## **Item XIII Appointment of Auditors:**

It was agreed that Sport PEI would continue as auditors for the Association.

## **Item XIV Introduction of new President.**

As the previous president was returning, no introduction was necessary.

## **Item XV - New business:**

Leigh Armstrong, Branding Coordinator for The Dominion Curling Club Championship spoke on the upcoming championship, November 23-28 in Charlottetown and Cornwall, the event's 2<sup>nd</sup> year, with 14 men's and 14 women's teams from all 10 provinces and 3 territories plus Northern Ontario taking part. They are looking into having it televised on Eastlink, and are looking for volunteers. She noted that Susan has forms, and they are available online as well. She said their intention is to treat players like at Brier or Scotties (or perhaps even better).

Jerry noted that this season marked the PEICA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and he was disappointed that nothing was done on this.

Gift certificates as a thank-you for work done during the season were presented to Executive Director Stephen Marchbank, and Webmaster Derek MacEwen.

## **Item XVI - Ratify Dues**

It was reported that dues would be \$10 per curler, same as last year, and that ice sheet allocation fees would also stay the same. Participants cards will be going up, but will be good for the whole year not just one event. Price would be set at the CCA Congress in June.

## **Item XVII - Adjournment**

Shirley thanked everyone for coming. Susan moved adjournment at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek MacEwen, Secretary