

PEI Curling Association General Meeting
Cornwall Curling Club
7 pm Monday, Mar. 7 2011

Minutes

1. Call to order and roll call

President Shirley Lank called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Present: Shirley Lank (President), Derek MacEwen (Secretary), Amy Duncan (Executive Director) , Gayle Johnston (Technical Director), Bob Leard (Montague), Rod MacDonald (Silver Fox), Kim Matters (Crapaud) , Susan McInnis Treasurer, Lucie Newson (Event Ccoordinator), Dave Murphy (Curl Atlantic rep), George Koke (Montague), Roddie MacLean (2nd VP).

Regrets: Jerry Muzika (Hall of Fame, Eddie MacKenzie (Charlottetown), Audrey Callaghan (Vice President), Paul Durant (Cornwall), Roger Gavin (Western), Glen Betts (Maple Leaf) , Cliff Poirier (official),

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes from the last General meeting on Feb. were approved, with one correction – Shirley attended the Seniors, not the 17 and Under, in O’Leary. This was moved by Susan McInnis, and seconded by Roddie MacLean. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved. No new items were added.

3. Business Arising from the previous minutes

It was reported at the last meeting that the issue of dues from the Silver Fox was resolved. This is no longer the case.

The issue of the Canada Games apprentice coach Shelley Gray not being permitted to do much coaching at the Games in Halifax was partially resolved Amy reported that Shelley was able to sit in the coaches area because there was room, although she was not allowed to do hands on coaching, timeouts, or practices.

National Curling Congress – Amy mentioned that we should be thinking about who is going.

4. Correspondence:

- a. A request was received from the national The Dominion Curling Club Championship, requesting that we provide shirts for participants in advance of the national event. It was

noted that this was primarily due to the last minute fitting problems at the national event, when some curlers did not fit the sizes they had requested. The Dominion will pay for this. Amy will look into getting them from Mondetta, or a local supplier such as Beatons Wholesale Drygoods.

- b. Sport PEI Awards. Amy reported that PEI will have five or six finalists out of the eleven categories, and suggested that we place a \$100 ¼ page add in the awards booklet.

Motion:

Curling is expected to have five to six finalists in the Sport PEI awards, to be presented at the annual banquet on April 6.

Motion:

It was moved by Susan McInnis and seconded by Rod MacDonald to purchase a 1/4 page ad in the banquet program congratulating the curling finalists. Approximate cost \$100.

This was approved by voting members present. As there was not a quorum, an email vote was held after the meeting, and the motion carried.

5. New Business:

Gayle reminded everyone that the Curl Atlantic Joyce Meyers scholarship application deadline is May 30.

CCA Technical Meetings: Louise DeLorme of the CCA is coordinating technical meetings at this year's National Curling Congress in 2011 and 12. These technical meetings have not been held since 2007. A lot has happened in the technical realm since then, including revised coaching levels/program, the Long Term Athlete Development program, etc. She wants to bring at least one tech coordinator per province to participate in one or other or both years. There will be cost sharing between member associations, so they all pay the same travel amount.

Susan put forth a motion to tell Louise we are interested and send someone this year. Kim seconded it. This was approved by voting members present, and following an electronic vote, by those not in attendance. Motion carried.

- a. 2011-12 events list

There was discussion on whether the desire of teams not to jeopardize their eligibility for the Dominion was hurting enrolment in other events.

Derek noted that the entry dates shown were six weeks in advance of the deadline – they should be four weeks dates are six weeks – should be 4.

Future Scotties - there was general agreement that, even though there weren't sufficient entries to hold it this year, it is a good idea, and we will try again.

Derek suggested that we have to simplify, as we have too many events to organize, time, and officiate. He felt that the combination of the 12 and under and 15 and under events into one weekend was a good move, and the separation of the Senior men's and women's into separate events at separate venues was not. Others had opposing views on this suggestion.

b. Mixed: Susan noted that there were only four teams signed up for the Mixed. Some of the reasons for this appear to include tough competition (defending Canadian champ and former Canadian Junior champ were among the entrants) and other events on at the same time.

c. PEICA Rules updates: A subcommittee to review the PEICA Rules of Play is being formed, with Rod MacDonald, Eddie MacKenzie and a member to be named to take part. It was noted that policies also need reviewing.

d. Outstanding Dues from 2009-10:

Susan noted that some clubs still had not paid the new amount.

Rod MacDonald asked when the revised dues structure was approved.

A review of the minutes showed that the dues were set at an executive meeting in July 2009, not at the 2009 AGM. This means that the Clubs may not have been made aware of the changes. It was decided to leave the dues at the new price of \$10, but not to go back for the difference for clubs that did not pay the higher amount.

e. AGM Date/Location/Preparation

The AGM is to be held before May 30th.

Thursday May the 19th was agreed on as the best date.

Amy will look into prices to have the event at Rodd's or the Silver Fox.

The books have to be done before the meeting. Susan noted that the books are always up to date, so this will not be a problem.

f. 2011/12 Bilateral agreements for Executive Director, Technical Director.

It was generally agreed that we can afford to go forward with more money for Gayle and Amy, to expand their hours/duties.

g. Firefighters and other prospective members:

There has been some interest from the PEI Firefighters Curling Association, and the arenas that are holding part-time curling (Belfast and Eastern Kings) in some sort of affiliation with us.

We need to have some kind of proposal in mind, as it is doubtful they would want the regular affiliation with insurance included, etc., but they would likely be interested in bonspiels, provincial championships, and technical training.

Operating Grants

This kicked off a brief discussion on arena grants and grants in lieu of taxed applying to hockey arenas but not to curling rinks. The fact that they are curling at hockey arenas blurs this line even more. It was suggested that we should bring this up again with the PEI government.

h. Incoming Executive:

Amy noted that we should be thinking of possible members for the executive, as we are looking at replacing four or five positions.

6. Reports and Updates

Written reports were handed out. Other discussion:

Event Coordinator

Lucie reported that she has discovered that no tournament is alike – they all have different problems depending on the venue, the participants, the organizers, etc. For example, O’Leary (Senior Men’s) had some problems with ceremonies, while the Senior Women’s in Crapaud had no problems. Medals were forgotten at the 15 and Under and had to be given to them later.

Montague and Stick (Bob Leard)

Bob added comments on a discussion re stick curling sponsorship money that took place at a previous meeting, noting that the money is given out to fund travel to other provinces, and suggested that the PEICA should get an additional sponsor.

Executive Director:

Amy asked about the whereabouts of the “Rock Box” as it was needed in Montague as soon as possible? Crapaud has it.

She also mentioned that, contrary to the official policy, she is meeting with the winning teams after the event. This makes it easier for her, as she doesn’t have to guess when the final is, It also gives the team time to get a fifth player, and ensures that the paperwork doesn’t get lost. They have up to 48 hours to do the paperwork. No one had a problem with this, so this procedure will continue.

7. Other

No additional items.

8. Next Meeting

April 12th at Cornwall [subsequently moved to Sport PEI, as Cornwall’s club is being emptied that night for subsequent demolition and renovation]

Rod moved adjournment of the meeting at 9:55 pm, but the meeting did not officially adjourn until the completion of the electronic votes.