

PEI Curling Association General Meeting
Cornwall Curling Club
7 pm Tuesday, Nov 2, 2010
Minutes

1. Call to order and roll call

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

Present: Susan McInnis (Treasurer), Shirley Lank (President), Derek MacEwen (Secretary), Amy Duncan (Executive Director), Gayle Johnston (Technical Director), Audrey Callaghan (Vice President), Roddie MacLean (2nd VP), Paul Durant (Cornwall), Dave Murphy (Curl Atlantic representative), Kim Matters (Crapaud), Bob Leard (Montague), Jerry Muzika (Hall of Fame).

Regrets: Cliff Poirier (Official), Roger Gavin (Western), Glen Betts (Maple Leaf), Eddie MacKenzie (Ch'town), Rod MacDonald (Silver Fox), Marilyn Sutherland

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes from the last General meeting on April 26 were approved as read. This was moved by Roddie, and seconded by Susan. Motion Carried.

The minutes from the last Executive meeting (Sept. 17) were read by Shirley.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved. No new items were added.

3. Business Arising

It was noted that the Sport PEI grant applications were still outstanding.

Rocks and Rings

Dave reported that he had a couple of conference calls with Curl Atlantic. They are looking for a \$500 per province subsidy.

Amy reported that it came up at the Executive Directors' meeting in Ottawa, too. There are a lot of variances in the program – you can buy the rocks (Curling Rocks) without the program – some provinces are doing a hybrid between the two. Nova Scotia has equipment sitting unused. Dave reported that a representative from the Physical Education Association he met at the Sport Fair was interested.

4. Correspondence

Marilyn Nealy, our representative at the CCA sent a letter of introduction.

A thank you note was received from the Cameron MacKay rink (12 and Under boys champs_ Amy reported that an invite to a PEI convention partnership presentation was received with an RSVP date of today.

She reported that the Canada Games (Feb. 11-27 in Halifax) is looking for sport observers. Contact is Joanne Wallace. Amy is going as a Chef for Syncro and women's hockey (week 2). The CCA sent out its Annual Report.

A request was received for preliminary numbers for the Canadian Masters in Manitoba. They want a deposit sent in by Dec. 15. It was decided to advise them that the PEICA don't pay to send teams to this event, and we won't know who is eligible until our provincials.

5. New business

Positions:

Event coordinator job

Eight applications were received, and narrowed down to three interview candidates. Interviews were done this afternoon, with Audrey, Amy, and Shirley on the interview board. It was recommended to hire Lucy Lamouroux-Newson. She was general manager of the Provincial Exhibition in 2009, and is an Easter School District substitute teacher. She has also worked at Marco Polo Land in marketing, had a Sears affiliate store and worked for HSBC in securities. Susan moved to offer her the position. Roddie seconded. Carried.

Junior coordinator job

Gayle thinks we need one.

Derek asked if the job is to coordinate junior events, junior development, or both. It was suggested that perhaps a Junior Players Committee could be formed to help with the events. Dave reported that in 2001 he did both events and development as junior coordinator, as did Ann Doucette who followed him.

Gayle said that she wants someone with skill, ability, and passion for the job.

Jerry noted that Juniors are important, and someone in the PEICA should oversee their events and programs.

Amy noted that she would be glad to work with the clubs as ED on this.

Action: Amy to contact clubs' junior coordinators and coaches to survey their current programs, determine their needs, and develop recommendation and strategy.

Food at championships:

It was noted that this is an issue at some clubs, as all are not equipped to do full food service, and the meals varied greatly during provincial championships last year.

It was noted that this was the responsibility of the Event Coordinator, and the item was deferred until the Event Coordinator starts.

A list of committees, and the people on them, was distributed.

It was reported that the Rotation committee has not met recently.

It was reported that a National Stick event is scheduled for 2013 in Summerside.

6. Reports

Treasurer

Susan presented the Budget. At the moment there is \$23,000 in the bank, with \$15,000 in receivables, including \$11,000 from Kruger. It was noted that Labatt still haven't paid for last year, and some clubs held back membership dues due to changes we made last year. This year's budget projects an income of \$14,373: Derek moved and Paul seconded acceptance of the budget. Motion carried.

Club reports:

Montague: Bob Leard reported that the first annual Gahan Cashspiel went over extremely well. The winning Brent MacDougall rink from Nova Scotia said it was the best bonspiel they were ever in. It was noted that there should be Junior curlers with a donation box at the door, as this is a great revenue opportunity. Although the season is underway, the stick curlers haven't started yet. A number of club improvements took place, including the levelling of the ice surface (raising a corner), and the installation of new pressure-treated walkways covered with rubber skateguard. He reported that the "ice is unreal", and membership is up five percent. Cameras and monitors are on the way, and a shed is being built over the door.

Cornwall: Paul Durant had to leave a few minutes before his turn. It was noted that Bill Duck from the St. George's club in Toronto is doing the ice for the Dominion, and will be available after the event to do an icemaking clinic the morning of the 29th of November. He also sanded the running surface of the rocks, and is leaving the sanding box with the PEICA for use by all clubs. Other improvements at the Cornwall club for The Dominion include additional on-ice cameras for the near-end houses, and draft beer.

Crapaud: Kim reported that the ice is in, and curling started last night. They are running with a loaner dehumidifier. Membership is on par with last year.

Western: Audrey reported that the ice is ready, as of last night. They have done a top to bottom renovation, with new paint, siding, insulation, doors, and windows, using various grants and the club's own money. They have purchased TV's, and new pavement is coming next week.

Hall of Fame: Jerry reported that the Hall of Fame has a new Board member – Al Ledgerwood. Jerry moved to approve the appointment of Al for a 5 year period. Susan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

He reported that this year's event made approximately \$100. They are looking at putting the portraits of the members on display for the Dominion and the Scotties. John Likely said they could put them up for the Scotties. The Hall of Fame is also looking for money from the Scotties – no reply has been received from Kim Dolan. Wayne Wright stores the pictures, and needs \$50 for expenses for taking them to the Hall of Fame induction (Hall of Fame now has its own bank account).

Technical Director

Gayle reported that she is very busy.

An NCCP seminar held in October by Sport PEI was quite informative.

Other NCCP work involves Transition to the new coaching programs, including conversion of the database of coaches.

Adult and Junior skills development and high performance camps took place Thanksgiving weekend. 19 adults: 15 men and 4 women, along with 49 juniors (almost evenly split between A and B divisions, and male and female) were signed up. Everything was well received according to the evaluation forms.

Concern: The 2nd camera is short a cable.

Erin Carmody, Jeff Wilson, Brett Gallant were among those running the clinics. David did a presentation on the new rule changes.

The officials clinic was postponed until January.

Gayle reported that we had a booth setup at the Sport Fair at the Stratford indoor soccer complex. David got promotional material from Scotties (banner etc.) on day two. The Wii setup with curling had problems on day one. CD's from the CCA and tattoos were given to Wii curlers with a for score over 30. 30 sports were there. Sport PEI is planning to send out packages of all brochures to schools upon request.

Two time Paralympic Wheelchair Curling champion Sonja Gaudet is putting on a clinic, Nov. 21 at the Silver Fox. She will also be guest speaker at the Dominion opening banquet. Sport PEI is working with the Guardian on a story for the Saturday paper. Kim reported that a wheelchair group are coming out to their club on Tuesday evenings to practice.

An Atlantic Wheelchair curling championship will be hosted on PEI this year -14-16 Jan. in Crapaud. Info will be coming out on it soon. CCA are providing funding.

Helen Radford will be the ED of Curl Atlantic.

She mentioned that a dedicated "Technical" menu option is on the website, with all technical-related news items appearing there, as well as on the main news page.

She is working on an Intro to Competition Coach seminar 4-5 December in Crapaud. Numbers (there weren't enough last year) are looking good.

A Club Coach course will be held at the Fox 20-21 November.

She noted that the Canada Games coaches are working hard on their Level III Certification, and reported that it will be complete in time for the Games. Coaches are Kevin Smith and Glen MacLean, with Shelley Gray as apprentice coach. Shelly had been to Guelph in February for training and will go to Ottawa in a week or two. She also met with mentor coach Nancy Yeo. Shelley couldn't take her Technical III training because of a conflict with Guelph, but doesn't have to have it finished in time for the Games.

Budgets: She reported that she has submitted 10 grant applications, and has two to go.

Curl Atlantic: Dave reported that they have had two conference calls. Helen Radford will be the new Executive Director, as soon as the contract is signed. The next conference call is next week. He reported that Rocks & Rings is still being looked at, and that the Curl Atlantic scholarships have been given out. New terms of reference are being worked on for the next Scholarship funding round.

The Atlantic Wheelchair Curling Championship is planned for PEI in January, with CCA funding. Each province will have at least one (mixed) team. Teams will need one member of the opposite sex in order to compete in the nationals.

Executive Director

Amy provided a written report, stating that she started after Thanksgiving and has been busy learning about the PEICA. She is working on the Operations manual and Rules of Play updates and will send them to Derek to put on the website.

She reported that the Belfast hockey arena looking at having curling one night a week (Friday afternoon and evening and back to hockey for Saturday Night). She, Shirley, and Gayle have been having discussions with them on what the PEICA can do to help.

She attended a meeting at Sport PEI regarding the volunteers' police record check. Policies have changed since last year – it is now based on birthdate, and volunteers may need to be fingerprinted if there are duplicate birthdates. Police record checks are recommended. (our policy). There is also a policy in place for young curlers to wear helmets.

At the Executive Director council meeting, Rocks and Rings was discussed. The Grand slam may be hosting an event east of Ontario in 2011-2012. It was noted that Mondetta are constantly missing deadlines and making mistakes. Some Provincial Sporting Organizations have changed suppliers.

It was noted that there is a new cost equalization policy for the national Curling Congress (AGM). Also, airfares must be booked 30 days in advance.

It was also noted that the CCA didn't want to sanction the national Masters, as 60+ is not a recognized age group under the Long Term Athlete Development model.

7. Other

Susan noted that The Dominion 2011 will be held Nov. 21-26 in Richmond BC. She noted also that The Dominion General Insurance has a curling club insurance program. Clubs insuring through them and their partner John Shea Insurance (JSI) will receive a sponsorship.

8. Next meeting: Monday Dec. 6th at 7 pm in Cornwall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm