

North Shore Curling Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2014

2:00 PM – Upper Curling Lounge - NSWC

Meeting Facilitator: Rob Gardner

Directors in attendance:

- Mike Sloan, Rob Gardner, Paul Dunkin, Jeanne Douglas, Dave Vyner.
- 50 Paid members were signed in attendance, plus 4 proxies:

Call to Order

- Mike Sloan called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Mike discussed the origin of the society including its formal incorporation in 2011 and then introduced the existing Board of Directors.. The incorporation of the North Shore Curling Association (NSCA) in 2011 was the result of several needs, including providing a voice for public curlers. The NSCA voice needs to be heard now with a focus on procuring a curling facility with the participation of the North Vancouver Recreation Commission (NVRC), all the local municipalities, the NSCA and every curler. Together we can make having a curling facility a reality. It will be a great addition to sports and recreation on the North Shore. Curlers have always been a group of people Mike has admired over the years, and has found their dedication to the sport and the community inspiring. Mike believes that the curling community will step up and participate in order to face the challenge of making a curling facility a reality.

Minutes of Previous AGM

- Approval of minutes from the last AGM meeting, held November 27, 2014. Minutes were displayed on a PowerPoint presentation and read out by Rob Gardner.
- Motion to approve the minutes by Paul Dunkin, seconded by Dave Vyner. PASSED.

President's Report

➤ President's Report by Mike Sloan:

Mike spoke about how we need to create a strong membership in order to demonstrate that the NSCA is speaking on behalf of a large group.

The vision of the NSCA has changed from an organization formed to promote curling on the North Shore to an organization dedicated to having a public curling facility on the North Shore.

The NSCA needs all curlers, whether they live in North Vancouver, West Vancouver, or Vancouver to belong to our society.

Committee Reports

Finance Report:

- Rob reviewed the current finances of the NSCA.
- The Society had a balance of \$39.93 last year.
 - With the current membership drive, we have reached approximately 190 paid members as of the morning of the AGM, which after current expenses leaves a current unaudited balance of \$1,573.81.
 - This fund will be used to maintain the web site, pay the bank fees, and other miscellaneous expenses. It costs approximately \$300 per year to maintain the society, with all of the work done on a volunteer basis.
 - Motion to approve the unaudited financial information by Bernice Mulock, seconded by Jeanne Douglas. PASSED.

Curling Status Report:

- Curling Status Update by Liz Goldenberg:
- On behalf of the NSCA , Liz has requested, through Region 11 of Curl BC, that the NSCA be recognized as the club member for the North Shore for future curling seasons. Curl BC will present this request to their Board of Governors at their January meeting.

- Enrolment is higher this year than it has been in 3 years. The Tuesday Mixed League significantly increased in numbers. The Wednesday Business Ladies is back up to 12 teams. Daytime leagues stayed about the same. Currently there are 440 registered curlers at the NSWC.
- Scott Braley with Curl BC supports a venue on the North Shore. He is working with Heather Turner, Director of Recreation and Culture of the NVRC, by providing municipal statistics and other relevant information regarding curling centres throughout the Province. Heather is in support of keeping public curling on the North Shore.
- There has been public curling offered by the NVRC on the North Shore since 1966 and it would be a travesty for curling to disappear.
- Regarding the curling rink at Harry Jerome, the curling ice plant is still operating. The ice plant has been redirected to the hockey arena because the hockey ice plant stopped working. Curling at Harry Jerome would be one of our short term options that the board will be pursuing.
- The NSCA is slated to make a presentation to NVRC in January 2015.
- For next season, in case the NSCA does not have a short-term facility, Region 11 (Curl BC) has been asked if the NSCA can be recognized as an affiliate member. Curlers will curl at their chosen club and Curl BC fees would be paid through the NSCA.

Future Facilities Report:

- Future Facilities Update – Dave Vyner
 - Dave noted that the NSCA will be investigating any alternative in coming up with a curling facility as soon as possible. However, short term solutions such as returning to Harry Jerome which will ultimately be torn down, should not stop us from our goal of a new facility within the near future. .
 - Dave presented a sketch of a 6-sheet facility: 180 feet long by 90 feet wide. The plan contains the bare minimum of what would be needed. Quotes on the cost of the building, cooling plant, and engineering are being acquired. All of this work is being done by volunteers.
 - The preference of the NSCA is to have our own facility in order to have the ability to generate revenue and secure the future of curling for the long term.

- It is important for the NSCA to have factual information on costing in presentations being made to local governments. Waiting for a facility to be built by a municipality will take a long time.
- Dave will be looking for any members who can offer their expertise. Dave welcome's everybody's comments and inputs.
- A 6 sheet facility could host tournaments of levels up to a provincial championship. After that level, the event would likely be moved to an arena.
- With regard to the annual \$68,000 subsidy provided by the NVRC to the North Shore Winter Club for curling, the direction of this subsidy in future years is unknown.
- Liz noted that in the 2009 negotiations with the NVRC it was commented that it would be easier to negotiate with one association on behalf of the curlers.
- A question was asked from the floor if the NSCA was a non-profit society. Mike clarified that the NSCA was incorporated as a non-profit society and as a non-reporting society. The NSCA could become a reporting society if the NSCA were to build a facility.

Election of Directors:

- Report from the nomination committee: Rob Gardner.
 - The existing directors accepted nominations to stay on as directors: Mike Sloan, Rob Gardner, Paul Dunkin, Jeanne Douglas, and Dave Vyner.
 - New nomination: Liz Goldenberg, nominated by Rob Gardner
 - Nominations were opened to the floor:
 - Mark Bailey was nominated and Mark accepted this nomination.
 - Christian Massey volunteered as a Director, and was nominated.
 - Jeanne Douglas agreed to step down and remain as a member at large.
 - As there were 7 nominations, a motion was made to close nominations by George Reynard, seconded by Gary Dunnet. PASSED.

General Questions:

- Liz responded to a question in regard to the daytime league procuring ice time for the 2015-2016 season. The Ladies Daytime Monday/Thursday leagues have secured ice at the Vancouver Curling Club. Liz will be sending out an email to confirm numbers of interested parties.
 - The Senior Mens' League will be moving to Royal City.
 - The Nor'westers are waiting to hear results of a vote by the Board of Directors of Hollyburn Country Club. The Hollyburn board is voting in January as to whether they will allow public curling back into their club.
 - The Engineers' league have yet to decide, but may be moving to VCC.
 - The Sunday morning group would like Liz to keep them in mind for Hollyburn.
 - Mike thanked a number of volunteers for their efforts.
 - Curlers with any expertise should contact the NSCA via email. Information will continue to be posted on the website. All members should be directing people to the website, and inviting them to join us.
 - The NSCA will be sending out periodic newsletters from the website. To receive the newsletters people need to subscribe to this site. If you have received an e-mail from the NSCA then you are signed up. You can unsubscribe at any time.
- Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Dave Vyner, seconded by Shelley Gardner. PASSED. 2:42 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Shelley Gardner
Minutes reviewed by: NSCA Board of Directors