

**North Shore Curling Association**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
December 3, 2015

7:30 PM – Oak room – Delbrook Recreation Centre

Meeting Facilitator: Mark Bailey

Directors in Attendance:

- Mark Bailey, Paul Dunkin, Rob Gardner, Liz Goldenberg, Christian Massey, Mike Sloan, Dave Vyner.
- 35 Paid members were in attendance:

**I. Call to Order**

Mark Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**II. Confirmation of Quorum**

Shelley Gardner confirmed that a quorum was present.

**III. Notice of Meeting**

Mark Bailey confirmed that notice of the AGM was emailed to all North Shore Curling Association (NSCA) subscribers on November 17/15, posted to the website on November 17/15 and a secondary reminder emailed to all subscribers on December 1/15.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Confirmation of Quorum
3. Notice of Meeting
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of AGM minutes from Dec 7/14
6. President's Report
7. Election of Directors for 2016
8. New Business
9. General Discussion
10. Adjournment

## V. Approval of Annual General Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2014

The minutes were read out by Rob Gardner.

Motion to approve the minutes by Bruce Higgins, seconded by Jeanne Douglas.

PASSED.

## VI. President's Report

Mike Sloan thanked everyone for attending the meeting and showing a continued interest in finding a facility for curling on the North Shore.

Mike reviewed last year's activities of the NSCA. The path forward for the NSCA is to convince politicians that curling is needed in our community. In order to do this, we need to prove that curling can operate without a subsidy. So this past year was a planning, strategizing and information seeking phase.

The Board formed the following committees:

- Sport Council Representatives – Last April, Dave, Mike and Mark attended the Sport Council AGM and the NSCA has paid to become a member of this council. The Sport Council works with community sporting groups to help with advocacy efforts. Accordingly, this past year the NSCA developed a relationship with this organization. The curling representative on the Sport Council is Lawrence Smyth. He has been very supportive of curling. Mark is working closely with the Sport Council as to how to best proceed forward as many Council members have been in the same situation as the NSCA.
- Budget Committee – Mark Bailey and Brian Ulrich have gathered detailed operating costs from many curling facilities in Greater Vancouver. All these costs were analyzed and used to develop two operating budgets, based on very conservative numbers (lower revenue and higher costs):
  - A budget based on an older club, which clearly demonstrates that a curling facility can operate without subsidies.
  - A budget based on the year 2020 which demonstrates likely earnings a new facility would make.

Both budgets demonstrate that a club can operate without a deficit. This information was essential as the NSCA needs to be able to show that curling is a viable option for our community and can operate without receiving municipal subsidies.

Mike thanked Liz Goldenberg for her hard work in organizing three curling leagues: The Monday/Wednesday daytime ladies, and the Saturday Night league. Mike thanked Shelley Gardner for maintaining the website and membership database.

## VII. Election of 2016 Directors

The election of directors was facilitated by Bernice Mulock. All of the existing directors had been canvassed and had agreed to stand for another year. Nominations for new directors was opened to the floor. There were no nominations for new directors put forward.

The existing directors were appointed by acclamation: Mark Bailey, Paul Dunkin, Rob Gardner, Liz Goldenberg, Christian Massey, Mike Sloan, and Dave Vyner.

## VIII. New Business

### a. Mission Statement

Rob Gardner explained that the old mission statement needed revising as although it included developing curling on the North Shore, it needed to be changed to include trying to get a curling venue back on the North Shore. Rob proposed the following mission statement be approved:

*“To reinstate a public curling venue on the North Shore of Vancouver and to actively promote the sport of curling”*

Motion to approve the new mission statement by Mike Sloan, seconded by John Ribalkin. PASSED.

### b. Treasurer’s Report

By the “action” of the Chair Mark Bailey, the agenda was amended part way through the meeting to add the Treasurer’s Report.

Paul Dunkin reviewed the current finances of the NSCA.

## IX. General Discussion

- Dave Vyner reviewed the costs of building a curling facility, based on new facilities being built. A 6 sheet rink can be built for under \$10 million. Dave noted that the City of Chilliwack commissioned a report on the need for curling and determined that curling was needed.
- Mark Bailey reiterated the next phase for the NSCA is to convince the City and District councils that North Vancouver needs a curling club. We are working in conjunction with the advice of the Sport Council.
- Members were concerned that currently there is limited curling for young people on the North Shore. It was noted that the NSWC may use their hockey training arena to provide 2 sheets for curling.
- Additionally, members were concerned with the timeline this process may take. Mark noted the earliest a club could be built would be 2020.

- Liz Goldenberg noted that Curl BC's marketing director, Mel Murray, has been instrumental in helping Liz develop a sponsorship presentation. Mel and Liz are currently developing a presentation to solicit sponsorships and contributions.
- The NSCA needs to continue keeping itself visible and advertising its image. Continued updates on the website are planned, as are media reporting. The NSCA needs its members to help in this regard as well.
- One member noted how hard it was to find a team to curl with this year.

## **X. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by John Ribalkin, seconded by Rob Gardner. PASSED.

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