

CANADIAN STICK CURLING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FROM MEETING APRIL 3, 2015
ASSINIBOINE MEMORIAL CURLING CLUB, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA



ERNIE OLIVER INTRODUCED PROVINCIAL REPS PRESENT

- TIM SMITH, BC; MILT MACDOUGAL, ALBERTA; JIM HUDSON, SASKATCHEWAN

REGRETS FROM PROVINCIAL REPS

- SHIRLEY LANK, PEI; KEITH BENNETT, NOVA SCOTIA

ERNIE INTRODUCED GUESTS FROM MSCA EXECUTIVE PRESENT

- WARREN JOHNSON, RAE CAMPBELL, HAROLD COOK, JEAN PATTYN

ERNIE INVITED WARREN TO LEAD THE DISCUSSION

A. CSCA ORGANIZATION

CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE NEED FOR CSCA TO PURSUE SOME FORM OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM STABILITY FOR CSCA – POSSIBLY THROUGH PROVINCIAL OR CANADIAN CURLING ASSOCIATIONS.

NO CLEAR CONSENSUS EXCEPT TO CONTINUE FUNCTIONING AS A PARTNERSHIP OF PROVINCIAL REPS WITH COORDINATION AND LINKAGE THROUGH THE NEW WEBSITE FOR “canadianstickcurling.ca”.

THE FIRST YEAR FOR CSCA WAS 2005 – WITH EACH PROVINCIAL REP HAVING ONE VOTE.

CURRENTLY CSCA HAS REPRESENTATION FROM SIX PROVINCES AS LISTED ABOVE AND POSSIBLY NEW BRUNSWICK MAY BE JOINING. THERE WAS AGREEMENT TO PURSUE ONTARIO AND QUEBEC AS NEW PARTNERS BUT NO SPECIFIC PLAN OF ACTION.

STURLING ALBERTA HAS APPARENTLY CHOSEN TO REMAIN SEPARATE AND APART FROM CSCA.

NEW WEBSITE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SEPARATE PAGES FOR EACH JURISDICTION TO PROMOTE LOCAL CONTACTS, LEAGUES AND EVENTS.

SOME DISCUSSION OF FUNDING OPTIONS TO MANAGE WEBSITE. STARTING WITH 2016 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT EACH LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE WOULD BUDGET IN THEIR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLANS FOR AN AFFILIATION FEE TO BE PAID TO CSCA.

THIS AFFILIATION FEE CAN BE MANAGED BY MSCA THROUGH A TRUST FUND BUT THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT ON THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE. CURRENTLY THE WEBSITE COSTS APPROXIMATELY \$1,000 PER YEAR TO MANAGE. A FEE STRUCTURE OR OTHER OPTIONS MAY BE PROPOSED BEFORE THE 2016 CURLING SEASON.

B. GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL EVENTS

TO PROMOTE CONSISTENCY AT ALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR STICK CURLING, THERE WAS AGREEMENT TO ADOPT THE NEW CSCA LOGO AND USE STANDARDIZED DRAW TEMPLATES AS WELL AS UNIFORM MEDALS AND CRESTING FROM YEAR TO YEAR.

ALSO EACH ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONIES EACH YEAR WOULD PASS ALONG COPIES OF WORK PLANS, BUDGETS AND AGENDAS FOR CEREMONIAL PROCEEDINGS TO THE NEXT YEAR'S ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE.

ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRIES FROM NON-CANADIAN TEAMS WAS DISCUSSED AND THERE WAS CLEAR AGREEMENT THAT THE CANADIAN STICK CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP SHOULD BE REGARDED AS A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND NON-CANADIAN ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

THERE WAS ALSO AGREEMENT TO NOT REFER TO THE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP AS AN "OPEN" EVENT. IT CAN BE CALLED A "2-PERSON" STICK CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP TO DESIGNATE THAT BOTH GENDERS ARE INCLUDED.

INCLUSION OF A LADIES DIVISION WOULD BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE DEPENDING ON TIME AND CAPACITY AVAILABLE. THE LADIES DIVISION SHOULD NOT BE CLASSIFIED AS A CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP UNTIL SUCH TIME AS DEMAND WARRANTS AND THERE IS ADEQUATE INTER-PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION.

EACH YEAR THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE NEEDS TO ENSURE THERE IS PROVISION FOR AT LEAST 2 OR MORE TEAMS FROM EACH JURISDICTION BEFORE ENTRIES CLOSE.

ALSO TO HELP MINIMIZE THE COSTS OF INTER-PROVINCIAL TRAVEL, ATTEMPTS SHOULD BE MADE TO STAGE THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS OVER NO MORE THAN 3 DAYS EACH YEAR.

C. RULES

ALTHOUGH CSCA RULE 5 DIFFERS FROM CCA RULE 18 (5), THERE WAS FULL AGREEMENT TO NOT CHANGE THE CSCA RULE REQUIRING STICK CURLERS (OTHER THAN WHEELCHAIR) TO START THEIR DELIVERY WITH THEIR FOOT IN THE HACKS.

SEVERAL COSMETIC RULE CHANGES WERE DISCUSSED AND AGREED TO – SEE ATTACHED COPY THAT WILL BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2015.

ALSO, RULE 8 WAS REWORDED AFTER THE CSCA MEETING TO ADDRESS A CONCERN THAT AROSE DURING THE FINALS OF THIS YEAR'S CHAMPIONSHIP. CLEARLY RULE 8 WAS INTENDED TO ALLOW ONLY ONE TIME OUT IN THE EXTRA END. THE TWO PREVIOUS TIME OUTS FROM THE FIRST 6 ENDS CAN NOT BE CARRIED OVER IF NOT PREVIOUSLY USED.

D. FUTURE EVENTS

THE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 2016 WILL BE HELD IN VERNON, BC ON MARCH 21, 22 & 23, 2016. INITIAL PLANS ARE TO LIMIT ENTRIES TO 32 TEAMS.

2017 IS TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR NOVA SCOTIA.

JIM HUDSON TO ENQUIRE ABOUT HOLDING 2018 IN SASKATCHEWAN.