

# **CSCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday April 17, 4 :40 pm**

**Leaside Curling Club, Toronto, Ontario**

## **AGENDA (as per by-law 23.vi)**

1. Minutes of preceding general meeting
2. Annual reports from Directors and Officers
3. Reports from Committees
4. Annual Financial Statements
5. Budget for ensuing year
6. Election of Directors
7. Other Business
  - Strategic Plan
  - Administration:
    - Communications committee
    - Events committee
    - Website management
8. Appointment of auditors or passing a resolution waiving their appointment

**This does not correspond with what I had in my notes from Leaside. I would suggest changes to this bylaw to reflect and standardize what was done.**

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm by Sherril Minns, Chair of the CSCA.

### ATTENDEES:

Executive committee members:

- Sherril Minns, Chair (New Brunswick)
- Britta Spiring, Vice-chair & Treasurer (Manitoba)
- Jean Lamère, Secretary (Quebec)
- Resby Coutts, Director Rules & Events (Manitoba)
- Bruce Densmore, Director Education & Promotion (Nova Scotia)

Voting Provincial representatives:

- Randy Olson (Alberta)
- Derrell Sears (British Columbia)
- Lynne Rehbein (Manitoba)
- (New Brunswick)
- (Northern Ontario)
- Betty Mattson (Nova Scotia)
- Rick Thurston (Ontario)
- Elaine Hughes (Prince Edward Island) proxy for Ernie Stavert
- Cathy MacCallum (Quebec)
- Darren Beach (Saskatchewan)

All other attendees are listed in the annex

Chair Sherril introduced the members of the Executive and the Board representatives.

Chair Sherril also indicated that the AGM will be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order.

### 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Rick Thurston from Ontario moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Darrell Sears from BC. All are in favor. **CARRIED.**

Chair Sherril Minns (NB) asks for a moment of silence in memory of all those who have left us during the past year.

## **2. MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING GENERAL MEETING**

The minutes of the last AGM are posted on the CSCA website for all to review. No errors were noted. Betty Mattson (NS) proposed the adoption of these minutes, seconded by Peter Boudreau (NS). All are in favor. **CARRIED**

## **3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Chair Sherril Minns (NB) talks about the proposition made at Nanaimo concerning the future of the championships. She asks Bruce Densmore (NS) to elaborate.

Bruce Densmore starts by thanking both Randy Olson (AB) for setting all this up and Sherril Minns (NB) for being the 1<sup>st</sup> to be looking at the future. He also mentions that we should always be a part of Curling Canada. Adapting our championships to align them with those of Curling Canada is a step in the right direction. We need to make a business case for CC to recognize us as a valuable partner.

Chair Sherril then mentions that this discussion will need to be with the full Board.

Bruce then goes on to list the needed steps to get where we should be going. Some have already been done or are in the process of being done.

- 1) Setting up a strategic plan for the future and for guidance.
- 2) Have a national tournament
- 3) Make available educational and promotional documentation (website)
- 4) Have videos made
- 5) Made an application for a grant which was denied. Will need to be revisited.
- 6) Apply for a grant from the sports side if things rather than the social aspect.
- 7) Have a coaching certification program in place
- 8) Use the indication of a more positive opening toward our sport from CC and the Provincial Associations.
- 9) Have and hold clinics for trainers throughout Canada.
- 10) Get leagues up at the club level and go from there.

#### **4. ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Report from the Chair was distributed in advance along with the agenda for this meeting. She presented a few highlights:

- Attended the Maritime Stick Championships
- Thanks the Executive and the Committees
- Thanks all the members of stick curling leagues throughout Canada for their advancement of the sport.
- Mentions that she is glad to see the CSCA positioning itself as a leader.
- Mentions the introduction of a strategic plan for the future and thanks Bruce Densmore (NS) and Ed Willson (AB) for their considerable contribution.

Randy Olson (AB) moved to adopt the Chair's report, seconded by Darrell Sears (BC). All are in favor. CARRIED.

#### **5. ANNUAL REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS & OFFICERS**

Bruce Densmore (NS), Director of Education & Promotion summarized his report in the preceding item.

Resby Coutts (MB), Director Rules & Events highlights his Rules and Championships Committees reports which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

He begins by acknowledging all the work done by the volunteers, especially Ed Willson (AB), Betty Mattson (NS) and Brad Childe (BC) from the championships committee. He goes on to mention that the review of documents was to make sure that they said what we wanted them to say. He mentions the setting up of a bronze medal game as an example.

He then mentions that the Rules documents are fully bilingual and are published on the CSCA website.

The terms of reference for the different documents have also been completed. The championships document is to be ready for after Grande Prairie next year. Grande Prairie will also be the start of sponsorship from the host club. Resby thanks Randy Olson (AB) and Colin Griffiths (AB) for this.

He expressed an enhanced concern about the issue of extreme weight takeout shots and, with permission from the Chair, presented the following motion, which had previously been circulated as information to the Executive and the Championships committee.

Whereas extreme weight take out shots place our competitors, and in particular our older competitors at considerable risk;

And whereas extreme weight take out shots also represent the risk of damage to hacks and other installations;

And whereas extreme weight take out shots negatively impact the credibility of our sport and are suggested by many *outsiders* as being the reason delivery sticks should not be allowed in any competition, as they allow stones to be thrown at speeds not normally seen routinely in the sport of curling at either the club or elite levels,

It is therefore moved that the CSCA take the lead in discouraging extreme weight take out shots by implementing limits at the 2025 championships as follows:

- The standard should be set at nine (9) seconds ( hog-to-hog)
- The allowable margin-of-error should be no greater than eight (8) seconds (hog-to-hog)

The motion is seconded by Randy Olson (AB).

Discussion on the motion:

- How to monitor or police this?
- 9 seconds is not too heavy. Education is needed.
- This also depends on ice conditions.
- Throwing safely is to be defined.
  - This could mean throwing the weight needed to make the shot
  - This is also an etiquette matter.
- Advise the other team you will be throwing extreme weight
- Who has liability? *Resby responds by saying that since we have all signed a waiver before competing, that we had acknowledged we are each accepting responsibility for whatever happens. (proposed new wording by Resby) ( amended minutes June 11)*
- The installation of safety barriers between sheets is mentioned.

- How to police this at the club level?
- What is the correct number needed?
- Should a complaint be made to the official?
- A suggestion is made to go down to 8 seconds with an allowance for 7.
- A safety concern, especially at the club level, is mentioned.

Resby mentions that the CSCA should be a leader and have this in place for the 2025 championships. He also mentions that there needs to be a rule so that the official can act.

After further discussion the motion was amended so that:

- The standard should be set at eight (8) seconds (hog-to-hog)
- The allowable margin of error should be no greater than seven (7) seconds (hog-to-hog)

Vote on the amendment of is positive. CARRIED.

## **6. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & BUDGET FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

Vice-chair Britta Spiring (Manitoba) ensured the distribution of her report and the financial statements in advance for this meeting. No questions were asked. She also presented her budget for the 2024-2025 year.

Randy Olson (AB) moved to adopt both the annual financial statements and the budget for 2024-2025. He was seconded by Rick Thurston from Ontario. All are in favor. CARRIED

## **7. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Secretary Jean Lamère (QB) mentions that two candidacies were received in advance of this meeting.

- Bernice Ryan (NB) nominates Sherril Minns (NB).
- Laura Forget (NO) nominated Rick Thurston (ON).

Jean then calls for nominations from the floor. This is done three times. No further nominations are made. He then declares the nomination process closed.

He declares Sherril Minns (NB) and Rick Thurston (ON) elected to the Executive.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a) Strategic Plan**

Chair Sherril Mins (NB) mentions that this was brought to *the Board and the Executive* who both voted in favor, as a way to look at the future of the sport and the organization. No questions were asked. (*amended minutes June 11*)

**b) Randy Olson**

Randy mentions that there are 991 clubs in his database and that he is still looking to update it. He asks the attendees for their help. The database could be a useful tool for grants and sponsorship.

He also mentions that this is the 20<sup>th</sup> year for the organization and that he would like to have more photos. He again asks for help.

**c) Administration**

Chair Sherril Minns (NB) mentions that the CSCA is looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- An Events Officer to act as a liaison between the Executive and a host committee
- A communications Officer to be responsible for the newsletter (3-4 a year) and any communications needed.
- A website management Officer to make sure the website stays updated and current.

*Action item: Chair Sherril will send these needs to all Provincial representatives.*

**d) Upcoming championships**

2025: Grande Prairie (AB)      April 2 – 7  
2026: Nova Scotia

**9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

Treasurer Britta Spiring (MB) moves to waive the appointment of auditors, seconded by Chair Sherril Minns (NB). All are in favor. CARRIED.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to discuss, adjournment is proposed by Bernice Ryan (NB) at 5:55 pm.

## **LIST OF ATTENDEES 2024 AGM**

### **ALBERTA**

Kaufman, Sandy  
Olson, Ruby  
Pisatcky, Bob  
Reinhardt, Susan

Kaufman, Jeff  
Petteplace, Ken  
Reinhardt, Reg

### **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Burton, Louise  
Davis, Don  
Mould, Jamie  
Sears, Sheron  
Steffin, Mel

Collins, Gerry  
DeSante, Mike  
Saul-Fowler, Kathy  
Shalansky, Gary

### **MANITOBA**

Johnson, Warren  
MacMillan, Darren  
Magnusson, Norm  
Munro, Tammy  
Proctor, Wendy  
Rouse, Jim  
Schick, Bev  
Spiring, Fred  
Strand, Shirley

Kachkowski, Judy  
MacMillan, Ross  
McDonald, Dan  
Pinetor, Surry  
Rempel, Jack  
Rouse, Kevin  
Smith, Gwen  
Strand, Ken

### **NEW BRUNSWICK**

Demers, Mariette  
McLaren, Howard A.  
Vautour, Camilla

Dobson, Mike  
Ryan, Bernice



## **NORTHERN ONTARIO**

Sampson, Tricia

Stranges, Kevan

## **NOVA SCOTIA**

Bennett, Keith

Boudreau, Peter

Bullerwell, Pauline

Crouse, Jeff

Crouse, Shelley

Dorey, Audrey

Dyke, Chuck

Landry, Paul

MacDougall, Dave

Mallinson, Diane

## **ONTARIO**

Scheckenberger, Ron

Sheardown, Larry

Sheppard, Nancy

## **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

Higginbotham, Bazil

Hughes, Elaine

MacDonald, Gordon

Reid, Etta

Sanderson, Myrna

Stavert, Ruth

## **QUEBEC**

Bélisle, Germain

Bilodeau, Gilles

Bryson, Debbie

Côté, Isabelle

Furey, Diane

Labelle, Louise

MacCallum, Bruce

Turgeon, Sylvye

## **SASKATCHEWAN**

Beach, Darrel

Ford, Anita

Michel, Carol