

Curl BC AGM Minutes

June 8th, 2023

Voting members in attendance:

First Name	Last Name	Member Facility
Darrel	Downey	Kerry Park
Dave	Vyner	Hope
David	Cousins	Port Moody
Derrell	Sears	Armstrong
Doug	Bain	Grand Forks
Eugene	Gerwing	100 Mile House
Frank	Conradie	Rossland
Fred	Feddema	Dawson Creek
Giles	St. Yves	Golden
Gwen	Ginter	Kamloops
Jan	Martens	Kelowna
Jason	Peckham	Golden Ears
John	Evans	Qualicum
Loriann	McGowan	Langley
Mary Ellen	Konyer	Nanaimo
Mike	Galesloot	McArthur Island
Patrick	Prade	Vancouver
Paul	Montgomery	Merritt
Paul	Addison	Victoria
Rebecca	Gibbons	Marpole
Richard	Faunt	Trail
Rick	Miller	Williams Lake
Shaun	Garvey	Powell River
Shayne	Dunlop	Gibsons
Sherrie	Burchailo-Dias	Penticton
Terry	Webster	Creston
Tom	Wilkinson	Richmond
Toni	Ethier	Chetwynd

Board/Board-Elect in attendance

Neil Campbell, Chair; Keith Switzer, Vice Chair; Morgan Lypka, Governor; Brenda M'Clellan, Governor; Brenda Sims, Governor; Brian Cowan, Governor-elect; Earlene Graham, Governor-elect; Lyle Sieg, Governor-elect

Regrets; Shaun Everest, Governor; Andrew Benson, Governor

Curl BC Staff in attendance

Scott Braley, CEO; Kim Dennis, Member Services Manager; Doug Sarti, Communications Manager; Lindsay Shannon, Administrative Manager; Will Sutton, Long-Term Curler Development Manager; Paul Cseke, Education and Youth Development Manager

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order & Introductions** Neil Campbell, Chair
Neil called the meeting to order at 7:11pm and provided an indigenous territory acknowledgement.
2. **Confirmation of Quorum** Neil C.
24 voting delegates were present at the start of meeting. That number grew to 28.
3. **Proceeding Overview** Neil C.
4. **Approval of the Agenda** Neil C.
MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented. Moved by Patrick Prade of the Vancouver Curling Club and seconded by Rick Miller of the Williams Lake Curling Club. *CARRIED.*
5. **Approval of the Minutes** Neil C.
MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held June 16, 2022. Moved by Jan Martens of the Kelowna Curling Club and seconded by Sharrie Burechailo-Dias of the Penticton Curling Club. *CARRIED.*
6. **Introduction of the Board and Chair's Remarks** Neil C.
Neil introduced board members, and then thanked them, volunteers, event hosts, committee members, ice technicians, officials, and Curl BC staff for all their work carried out during the past season; and commented on the reinvigoration of Curl BC following the lifting of pandemic restrictions.
7. **Curling Canada Message** Kathy Henderson
Katherine Henderson, Curling Canada CEO

Kathy brought greetings from Curling Canada, and emphasized the return of curling to pre-pandemic levels; how Curling Canada is looking at ways to bring new people into the curling community; the importance of data collection; optimization of resources; and a sport that is free from harassment and discrimination.

8. **Presentation of the 2022/23 Financial Statements**

Scott Braley

- Q&A session:

From Patrick Prade: Are there government grants/funding that support Member Services rather than just Competitions?

Scott: Yes, but they're not necessarily restricted. We receive about \$200,000 yearly in core grant money and that allows us to provide staffing in the member services area, but generally grant money is sometimes targeted for specific things.

From Patrick Prade: No Administration for Long-Term Curler Dev?

Scott: Staffing would be the answer there.

From Colin Chan: For Pillar Two, the bulk of funding comes from government but the bulk of expenditures goes to competitions rather than the delivery of programs and services. Is this focus on competition the best way to develop curlers long-term?

Scott: A lot of this money is hosting grants, and there have been significant increases in hosting grants as the government tries to stimulate the economy and stimulate a return to sport tourism and sport travel, and we hosted a major world championship. We expect this to continue for an organization like Curl BC which runs a lot of championships every year, so that's where a lot of this funding is directed.

From Penny Shantz: we had an entourage attend the Niagara Falls conference in the summer last year... can you share what happened there as I think it was a big expense?

Scott: The chair goes at the governance level, and I go at the operational level, and the idea is that it's an idea exchange and a very worthwhile expense. The sport is also advanced by the professional and personal relationships made there.

From Jan Martens: What are the guidelines for the restricted fund? What is the intention for the funds?

Scott: The definition of restricted funds is that it is given for a purpose. The auditors spend a lot of time in this area. They're very concerned with making sure the membership can see what funds were given for and where they were allocated

From Penny Shantz: I think Kimberly Dennis could also attend this conference! I think we had 6 people last year attend and I am not sure she was one of them... please include her as I think she is a Superstar!

Scott: We had three people attend last year and two this year, and I think it's worthwhile.

9. **Reappointment of the Auditor**

Scott B.

MOTION: To reappoint Lohn Caulder LLP as Curl BC's auditor for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Moved by Patrick Prade of the Vancouver Curling Club and seconded by Rick Miller of the Williams Lake Curling Club.

From Doug Bain: What is the cost of the auditor?

Scott: This year it's \$13,000 plus tax, last year it was \$28,000. That's why we changed auditors.

CARRIED.

10. **Election of three Governors-at-Large (3-year terms)** Neil C.
MOTION: To elect by acclamation Brian Cowan, Earlene Graham, and Lyle Sieg to three-year terms to the Board of Governors.
Moved by Patrick Prade of the Vancouver Curling Club and seconded by Rick Miller of the William Lake Curling Club. *CARRIED.*
11. **Motion to approve Curl BC Life Membership for Dale Gregory** Neil C.
MOTION: To approve Curl BC Life Membership for Dale Gregory
Moved by Patrick Prade of the Vancouver Curling Club and seconded by Rick Miller of the William Lake Curling Club. *CARRIED.*
12. **Operational Report** Scott B.
During the overview, Scott outlined Curl BC's successes and accomplishments over the past year
- Q&A session:

From Patrick Prade: That's some great reach on social/online platforms. What was learned about types of content and interactions/views. Aka what has been learned to focus communications/content efforts on going?
Scott: You're two weeks ahead of us – we're having planning sessions on the 21st and 22nd of June and we're bringing in Tom Mayenknecht, who's a communications expert, to figure out what's effective, and what's reasonable for us to do try to answer all these questions. I would like us to be able to say upfront what we're doing, so there isn't an expectation of us doing beyond what we can.

From Chris Summers: One questions around the Safe Sport Facility designation - how does a facility obtain this? I did not see any specific information on this on the Curl BC website. (It's a great program - all our junior coaches, volunteers or trainers, are required to take the SafeSport Course and have a CR check.)
Scott: Hi Chris. We have a full suite of Safe Sport policies on the Curl BC Website, I recommend you talk to Kim Dennis if you have any further questions.
13. **Recognition of Retiring Board Members** Neil C.
Neil thanked Keith Switzer, Michael Dudar, and Shaun Everest for all their contributions to curling in BC during their time on the Board.
14. **Recognition of Retiring Board Chair** Scott
Scott thanked Neil Campbell for his two terms of service as board chair, and his contributions to curling in across BC.
15. **Concluding Remarks and Adjournment** Neil C.
MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Patrick Prade of the Vancouver Curling Club and seconded by Rick Miller of the Williams Lake Curling Club. *CARRIED.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.