

2024 OVCA AGM Minutes - September 23, 2024

The 2024 OVCA AGM was held as an in-person gathering at the RIDEAU CURLING CLUB. The AGM materials (agenda, minutes from the 2023 OVCA AGM, Board reports, proposed new Bylaws) were made available online to OVCA clubs, and paper copies of the materials were provided at the meeting.

1. Land Acknowledgement

Prior to the start of the meeting, Paul Hennessey, OVCA Chair, provided the land acknowledgement.

2. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 pm.

DUES PAID

BEN BUTLER CITYVIEW
ANNE GOODWIN EAGANVILLE
SAMATHA RIVET-STEVENSON
LUC BELLEY DES COLLINES CHELSEA
DONNA HURTUBISE
BERNIE FILIATREAU LANCASTER

3. Ken Thain Awards

Honouring club members, who have made outstanding contributions and provided countless hours of volunteerism, Paul Hennessey announced this year's Ken Thain award winners:

RON GUILBEAULT PRESENTED TO TOM SINCLAIR OTTAWA CURLING CLUB

4. Approval of the Agenda



Moved by: Anne Davis – OVCA Board Member
Seconded by: Francois Maltais Carleton Place

The motion is approved.

5. Introductions

Paul Hennessey introduced the past year's OVCA Board members.

6. Moment of Silence

Paul Hennessey asked for a moment of silence to remember those in our community who have passed in the last year.

7. Approval of Minutes from last year's AGM September 18, 2023

Moved by: Ian Rathwell Ottawa CC
Seconded by: Sylvain Paquette Eganville CC

That the minutes from the AGM of September 19, 2023, be approved as presented.

There were no objections. The motion is approved.

8. Business Arising from Minutes of Last Year's AGM

None

9. Acknowledgement of Partner Associations

Paul Hennessey introduced and acknowledged the OVCA partner associations, and asked them to address the AGM about their org and activities.

- a. Ladies Curling Association – LOUISE HOWE
- b. Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club – Chair Paul Hennessey made comments relating to this organization.
- c. Curling Outaouais – Roger Smith
- d. Curling Canada – Scott Hindle

e. CURLON – Matt Allen

- Lots of change happening, with the first area of focus on the needs of member clubs. Activities include virtual engagement tours of over 60 clubs, with the report sent back to clubs. The new website to be launched on the coming Thursday September 26th. Club section is new for member clubs, emails to come to Presidents of member clubs. CurlON aims to get data on clubs for sharing.
- 2ND area of focus, Tracy Bradley club services was hired, will have policy guides, ops guides available in October. Next week – new competition for average level curlers – and the relaunch of Best Western Challenge. This Fall will see the release of EDI, Accessible and Safe Sport program. There will be 3 tiers with a survey for clubs with policy guides.
- Annual meeting and conference this coming weekend – 150 years!

10. Chair's Report

For full details, please refer to the Chair's Report.

11. Directors' Reports – No presentations planned. Questions and/or comments are welcomed

Paul Hennessey opened the floor for comments, feedback and/or questions from member clubs regarding the Directors' Reports.

- a. Communications – No questions nor comments
- b. Development/Grants –No questions or comments.
- c. Youth – no questions nor comments. Ron Guilbault, the Youth Director, stated that there was not going to be a youth symposium this fall. Instead a survey to clubs will go out to determine the next steps.

Motion to approve reports: Brent Little, Seconded by Ron Whitehome (Prescot) 2nd, approved.

12. Financial Report

Gord Butler, OVCA Treasurer, presented the financial information.

- a. Review Engagement Report for 2023-2024 and Approval
gord reviewed the wmcc funds and criteria attached to them, and how those funds will be reported on.
Cody Anderson – Navy CC asked about the WMCC, report seems to show that there is \$500 missing; Gord explained that there was an error and that it was fixed on another report.
Stephanie Birtwhistle - Almonte CC asked about how funds for youth will be distributed – eg coaching support etc. Chair Paul Hennessey stated work is being done to define the allocation methodology.

Moved by: John Delabio Cornwall CC

Seconded by: Nigel Carlisle Lancaster CC

That the OVCA Financial Statements for the 2023 - 2024 Fiscal year and the Review Engagement Report be approved as presented.

There were no objections. The motion is approved.

- b. Budget 2024 – 2025 and Approval

Gord presented the proposed budget for 2023-2024.

Gord clarifies that:

WMCC is actually posted in the in wrong row, entry needs to be moved down one.

Gains/Losses are not budgeted due to uncertainty.

The Deficit is expected to be approximately \$ 6,400.

Alex Smith Rideau CC asked about note #3. Gord replied that the note #3 shows \$33,000k is a balance, not a commitment.

That the OVCA Budget for 2023-24 be approved as AMENDED

Moved by: Cody Anderson Navy CC

Seconded by: Anne Davis OVCA

There were no objections. The motion is approved.

c. Motion to approve auditing firm for 2024-2025

Moved by: Paul Bergeron – Rideau CC

Seconded by: Rob Mann – Cornwall CC

That the OVCA appoint BDO as auditors for 2024 - 2025.

There were no objections. The motion is approved.

13. New Business

JUDY DIMILLO Carleton Heights updated that the Crystal Heart Bonspiel is looking for ice February 8th at 1300 and 1500 with 4 sheets needed. She has not yet found any ice is was looking for clubs to assist.

14. Board Members 2023-2024

Name	Curling Club	Term	Term To
Gord Butler	Navy CC	3 years	Sept 2026
Anne Davis	Metcalf CC	3 years	Sept 2026
Kaileigh Morrison*	Cornwall	3 years	Sept 2026
Charlene Sobering	Huntley CC	3 years	Sept 2026
Bill Woods Jr*	Lanark Highlands CC	3 years	Sept 2026
Jeff Adam*	RCMP CC	2 years	Sept 2025
Paul Hennessey	City View CC	2 years	Sept 2025
Brent Litle	Carleton Place CC	2 years	Sept 2025
Jennifer Whittaker*		2 years	Sept 2025

15. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Paul Hennessey thanked everyone for attending the AGM.



Paul reminder attendees that the Province has funding available until the end of October in two streams relating to capital expenditures that will close in October, Details on the OVCA website.

John Delabio thanked the board and paul in particular for the work done on the behalf of OVCA Clubs.

Motion for Adjournment

Moved by Denis Martell -Granite CC

Seconded by Adam Braun – Arnprior CC

There were no objections. The OVCA Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.