

2019 OVCA AGM Minutes

1. Meeting called to order

The President called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Al introduced himself and explained the proceedings for the evening.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Stephanie Duggan – Navy
Seconded by: Ron Armstrong – Lachute

That the agenda be approved as presented.

The motion is approved.

3. Introductions

The President welcomed all members and will introduce the special guests when they come forward to present.

4. Moment of silence

The President asked for a moment of silence for those in our community that have passed in the last year.

5. Approval of Minutes from the AGM of September 17, 2018

Moved by: Rick Lomore – Pembroke
Seconded by: Bernie Lavarvre – NGCC

That the minutes from the AGM of September 17, 2018 be approved as presented.

The motion is approved.

6. Business Arising from Minutes from the AGM of September 17, 2018

None.

7. Association Greetings

- a. *Ladies Curling Association*: Louise Howe brought greetings on behalf of LCA and provided highlights of the association and its events from the year;
- b. *Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club*: Bob Dods brought greetings on behalf of the President and provided highlights of the association and its events from the year. He also announced that the 1,000th challenge of the Quebec Challenge will be held on February 2, 2020 and provided details on how to register;
- c. *Curling Outaouais*: Alain Deschatelets brought greetings on behalf of Curling Outaouais and provided highlights of the association and its events from the year, including the opening of the new Curling Club des Collines;
- d. *CurlION*: Elaine Brimicombe brought greetings on behalf of CurlION and provided highlights of the association and its recent AGM;
- e. *Canadian Curling Association*: John Shea brought greetings on behalf of the CCA and provided highlights of the association and its events from the year and invited members to the upcoming AGM.

8. President's Report

Al presented his report. He provided a brief history of the OVCA and its current operations. He also elaborated on the development fund, as John Dilabio has sent his regrets. Al presented two motions to be approved. Al then opened the floor for questions.

John Shea noted that the OVCA has run a deficit in three successive years and asked when the organization is planning to balance the deficit. Al responded that the deficits were primarily based on the distribution of funds generated by the Brier and the Roar of the Rings. A Strategic Review is also planned. He also noted that the OVCA now pays its clubs for ice use for the OVCA bonspiels, which has generated some of the deficit. Those bonspiels are working on making changes to eliminate their deficits.

In response to a question on the first motion on changing the by-laws, Al explained that the by-law has always been there, but we are adding Curl Quebec. There is now direction from both the CCA and the OCA that members that support the associations benefit from the revenues earned from hosting their events, and therefore clubs must also be members of these two organizations.

NOTE: The President moved up item 12, Board Motions

12. Motions

A typo was noted in the first proposed motion.

Moved by: Gary Albers – Prescott
Seconded by: Kevin DeBoer – Metcalfe

That by-law Paragraph 6 – **Condition of Membership, section ii)** be amended to read as follows:

The membership of any club in the Association shall at all times be subject to the provisions of any agreement from time to time in force and made between the Association and either the Ontario Curling Association (CurlON) or the Québec Curling Association (Curling Québec).

The motion is approved as amended.

Moved by: Stephanie Duggan - Navy
Seconded by: Eddie Chow – OCC

That the OVCA Board of Directors for 2019/2020 be appointed as follows:

- President – Al McPhee (Metcalfe)
- Vice-President – John Tobias (Russell)
- Director Finances – Jim Stewart (Manotick)
- Director Communications – Paul Hennessey (Cityview)
- Director Development – Bill Duck (Hunt Club)
- Director Youth Development – John Blythe (Hunt Club)
- Director At Large (Secretary) - Gord Butler (Navy)
- Director At Large (Club Liaison) - Cheryl Carroll (Cityview)
- Special Director – 2021 WMCC Bid - Elaine Brimacombe (RA)
- Director At Large (2021 WMCC Bid Support) - Anne Davis (Metcalfe)

The motion is approved.

9. Director's Reports

Director reports were included in the AGM package, and no presentations were scheduled. The President opened the floor for questions. There were no questions.

10. Financial Report

Jim Stewart presented the financial statements. He advised the members that BDO are the external auditors, their engagement report is included in the documentation.

Jim noted that \$25K has been expended on ice rentals for the OVCA bonspiels.

Moved by: Jim Stewart – OVCA
Seconded by: Terry Tunney – Granite

That the financial report be accepted as received.

The motion is approved.

Jim then presented the proposed budget:

Moved by: Jim Stewart – OVCA
Seconded by: Lee Mantha – Rideau

That the 2019/20 budget be approved.

The motion is approved.

11. Presentations

- a. *Development Fund Report*: John Dilabio sends his regrets, but Al MacPhee provided details in his report.
- b. *Rowan's Law and Impact on Clubs*: Steve Chenier provided an update on OCA operations. He then presented highlights of Rowan's Law and mentioned that the OCA has templates for clubs to use. Steve introduced a new 50/50 province-wide program. In response to a question, Steve clarified that rentals excluded from Rowan's Law as they are not your events.
- c. *2021 World Men's Curling Championship Update*: Elaine Brimicombe provided an update on the bid, and highlights of the bid process. Partners have pledged \$500K.

13. Dinner

Adjournment for Dinner at 7:30 p.m.



The Meeting was called back to order at 8:00 p.m.

14. Ken Thain Awards

The following guests received their Ken Thain Award:

- a. Chris Knight – Deep River, presented by Janice and accepted in absentia by Leo Buckley;
- b. David Murdoch – Perth, presented by Bruce Metzel;
- c. Pierre and H el ene Deslauriers – RCN (Navy), presented by Stephanie Duggan.

The President then presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Elaine Brimacombe for her extensive contributions to the OVCA and its member clubs.

15. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

AI thanked all for attending and reminded clubs to identify an OVCA representative if they do not have one. He also asked clubs to please support OVCA events and bonspiels. He also noted the Calendar of Events on the OVCA website and encouraged clubs to take advantage of it.

Moved by: Kevin DeBoer – Metcalfe
Seconded by: Clara Duern – Rideau

That the OVCA Annual General Meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The motion is approved.