



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RICHMOND, BC
JANUARY 30031, 2009

Present: Terry Vandale (President), Jim Mann (Vice President), Judie Roberts (Past President), Marnie Jepsen (Treasurer), Janice Mori (Secretary), Scott Braley (ED/CEO)

REGION 1: Denise Laurie (Alternate); REGION 4: Scott Kylo; REGION 5: Ron Phillips (Alternate) ; REGION 6: Gord Judzentsis; REGION 7: Pat Cotter; REGION 8: Joyce Mylymok (Alternate); REGION 9: Ken Albrecht; REGION 10: Marlene Hall (Alternate); REGION 11: Bev Oldham, Tim Hordal (Alternate)

ABSENT: Nigel Easton (Vice President), REGION 2, REGION 3

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

President Terry welcomed guest, Maria Eligon from the Best Western Hotel chain. Maria started her presentation stating that Best Western appreciates and values their partnership with Curl BC and that they are pleased with the increase in number of room nights so far this year. She explained the Best Western Rewards program (previously the Gold Crown Club) as a way for our members to get additional benefits of the sponsorship. She acknowledged and advised that she is working on the issues with room rates and hotels not aware of the Curl BC-Best Western agreement. Maria was very receptive to producing some type of "membership card" to issued to all Curl BC members; a tangible benefit for our curlers.

1.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION 09/001

Moved by Gord Judzentsis, seconded by Scott Kylo

To approve the agenda circulated with the additions.

CARRIED

1.2 ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION 09/002

Moved by Pat Cotter, seconded by Scott Kylo

To adopt the minutes of the Board Meeting of September 12-14, 2008 as circulated.

CARRIED

ENHANCED CAPACITY BUILDING

2.1 FINANCE

2.1.1 Financial Statements to Dec. 31, 2008 presented by Treasurer, Marnie Jepsen.

- Currently in a positive cash position. Treasurer was given direction to check on rates for short-term investments.
- Receivables and accounts payable were explained and being closely monitored.
- Noted that retained earnings in a better position than previously reported.
- Projecting a year end deficit of \$30,000 due to additional rent costs due to unbudgeted property taxes, additional Shaw TV charges for the 2008 Scottie in Trail, unrealistic interest revenue projection and expenses from 07/08 not accrued. Some of the deficit has been mitigated through increased revenue from Shaw TV ad sales, rental of the office space for a TV commercial, an agreement with Shaw TV to spread the extra costs over 2 years, subleasing some office space to Dive BC and delaying staff hiring.
- Amortization was not budgeted; it will be \$11,000 for 2008/09.

- Treasurer noted that we carried a deficit of \$50,000 for 2007/08 and looking at a deficit again this year. This trend cannot continue and the Finance Committee is carefully looking at ways to increase revenue and decrease expenses.

2.1.2 Budget 2009-10

- Moving forward on the simplifying and consolidating of accounts and aligning under the 4 pillars of our Strategic Plan.
- Funding will be down as BC is not hosting any big events next year.
- Suggestion that perhaps dividing the budget into quarters would give a better overall picture of the business of Curl BC.
- Goal to create a rolling 3-year budget for better planning.
- Concern that after 2010 much of our external funding will disappear and we will have to address changes to our programs unless we create other revenue sources.
- Scott Braley expressed concern that Curl BC has been unsuccessful in accessing closer to the maximum funds available from Gaming. Last year we received \$62,550 of possible \$250,000 available. He also advised the Directors to encourage their clubs to apply early for gaming funds.
- Will be looking into accessing extra 2010 Legacies money.

2.2 Planning – 2009-12 Curl BC Strategic Plan – presented by Jim Mann

- Main statements have been developed under the 4 Pillars -Performance, Participation, Capacity building & Interaction. Specific SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Tangible) goal statements are being developed.
- Plan of Action: Responsibility of drafting goals has been assigned, committee will do the wordsmithing and present to the Executive Committee. Strategic Plan will be distributed before the next board meeting for final approval. Once approved it becomes the responsibility of the CEO/ED and staff to set out operational statements.
- Goal is to have the Plan, Budget & Expenses aligned under each of the 4 Pillars of Sport Policy with a relationship between the goals to % of budget. Aim to tie strategic plan to budget as we start this new fiscal year.
- One challenge to be met will be financing of high performance as we anticipate a reduction in funding previously directed specifically at performance programs.
- Scott recommends that we include a management component when accepting any blocks of funding.

2.3 Marketing

- Study prepared by students of a BCIT Marketing class was distributed. The students identified the “Learning to Train” category and promotion of curling as a sport to the public as their focus to develop a marketing plan that Curl BC could implement to promote and advertise curling to kids 8-12 and adults over the age of 35. This study suggested some points for the strategic plan to enhance both capacity (internal) and interaction (external).
- To understand the *Long-Term Athlete Development* model, Scott distributed Canadian Sport for Life brochure and noted that the *Curling for Life* document is almost ready for publication (just waiting for the French translation). For staff and volunteers to be on the same page for planning, Curl BC must clearly define and understand the differences in participation and performance in curling.
- Merchandising – It has been identified that Curl BC needs to build more awareness with our curlers. A program has been set up with Wilson International to produce clothing and other items with the Curl BC logo. Curl BC will realize 10% of sales. There is also an option for curling clubs to have items made up with their club logo in addition to the Curl BC logo – contact Scott Braley for more info.
- Website – continue to update and refine. Website statistics included in meeting package - last month over 15,000 hits on the website. Directors are asked to check for incorrect or missing info and advise the office. Scott Kylo demonstrated how to access the RSS Feed. Directors should encourage the clubs and members to sign up for the email newsletter and RSS Feed as it demonstrates to our sponsors that we are in contact with our members.

2.4 Human Resources

- Listing of all Curl BC staff and volunteer positions included in the meeting package.
- New staff: Penny Bartel as Participation Manager; will start Feb. 16th.
Sandra Patterson – contracted for 8-10 hours/week to do website, Curling Connection, etc.
- Scott thanked the hiring committee - Jim Mann, Judie Roberts, Nigel Easton & Leslie Howe.

Over 30 applications were received for the Participation Manager position.

2.6 Policy Recommendations – report distributed

- Terms of Office – Consideration of a Constitutional Amendment for presentation at the Annual General Meeting that the following be added as Bylaw 24(b): *“The number of terms of elected directors will be limited to three (six years in total), after which a director must leave the Board for at least one 2-year term before seeking a directorship again.”*

- Policy on Voting Privileges - The Policy Committee recommends that policy be added as Section 10.2(c) *“In the event that neither the regional director nor the alternate director is able to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of Curl BC, the regional director or alternate director must inform the President of the Board of Directors of Curl BC of the name and contact information of the person who will be representing that region at the meeting, and provide the results of the vote by regional club delegates approving of this named person as the regional representative. Failure on the part of a director to supply the president with the name of an alternate regional representative duly elected by a majority of club delegates will result in that region’s vote being forfeit, and funding from Curl BC being denied for expenses connected with attending the Board of Directors’ meeting. The region may send an observer under Policy 10.5.”*

- Reinstatement of Clubs – Recommend the following is added to Policy 5.1 Membership: *“Any club which has been deemed to have become a member not in good standing, either through the non-payment of affiliation fees or the lack of provision of a list of members, must request in writing to the Executive Director/CEO consideration of reinstatement. This request must be signed by the president of the club and must be accompanied by a fee as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.”*

- St. John’s Ambulance at Provincial Events – directors felt that more research required before making as policy. It was also suggested that the statement be more general – i.e.: provincial host sites be encouraged to retain the services of St. John’s Ambulance or a qualified first aid person.....

- Use of Curl BC logo – committee will present recommendations for policy at the next Board meeting.

- Competitions

Motion # 09/003

Moved by Judie Roberts, seconded by Jim Mann

To add to Section 6: Competitions: *“In the event that a team which has already qualified for a provincial championship withdraws from the competition prior to its commencement, the Competitions and Rules Committee may recommend to the Executive Committee of Curl BC an alternate team to compete in the withdrawing team’s place or may decide to reduce the number of teams playing in the competition by one. Only teams that have already competed that season in the regional or inter-regional playdowns for that event would be eligible for consideration as alternates.”*

CARRIED

Motion 09/004

Moved by Judie Roberts, seconded by Jim Mann

To amend Policy 6.14(a) *“Coaches at all Curl BC competitions must be certified at a minimum of NCCP Curling Level 1 or Club Coach.”*

CARRIED

Motion 09/005

Moved by Pat Cotter, seconded by Judie Roberts

To remove Policy 6.21(a) Last Rock Advantage at Provincial Events – During round robin play.

CARRIED

• Curl BC Representation at Competitive Events – Judie explained that Curl BC does not currently have a policy and as there is a cost factor, it is something to be considered annually when budgeting. A recommended policy was distributed and discussed. Directors asked for time to look over the proposal and that the decision will be deferred to an electronic vote at the end of February.

• Ice Tech Certification – discussion on the proposed criteria and the number of ice technicians who would then be certified to teach courses in BC and to act as Head Ice Technician at televised and non-televised provincial events. It was suggested that we add: under certain circumstances, exceptions may be granted under the authority of the CEO.

Motion 09/006

Moved by Tim Hordal, seconded by Denise Laurie

To accept the Ice Technician Certification policy report as submitted with revisions below and put to an electronic vote at the end of February. CARRIED

1. Section 12.4: Add the following sentence to paragraph two of this section:
“The Board of Curl BC shall approve funds in each year’s budget to offset costs of presenting Level 1 and 2 and Championship Ice-making courses. Curl BC shall from time to time supply additional funds toward assisting any Ice Technicians’ courses that require minimal funding to break even, in order to ensure that the courses will take place as scheduled. The Executive Director/CEO and the Chair of the Technical Committee (Ice Technicians) will determine which courses, if any, shall receive additional funds, based on regional needs and geography.”
2. Renumber the following part of existing policy 12.4, dealing with Ice Technician Course Levels, as
(b) **Ice Technician Courses**, with subsections i) Level 1; ii) Level 2; iii) Level 3; iv) Levels 4 and 5; and v) Championship Ice Making.
3. Add the following as policy regarding televised and non-televised events to **Competitions, Part 6.12**.
Renumber Section 6.12 into five different sub-sections, as (a) non-televised; (b) host committee guidelines for non-televised events; (c) televised and arena events; (d) appointment of Ice Technicians; and (e) host committee guidelines for televised events.

6.12 HEAD ICE TECHNICIAN FOR CURL BC PROVINCIAL COMPETITIONS (new name for section)

(a) Non-Televised Events

To act as head ice technician at a Curl BC Non-Televised Provincial or Second Level Competition played in a curling club, with full responsibility and authority to make decisions regarding ice preparation, a candidate:

- i) Must be a certified Level 2 or Level 3 Ice Technician*
- ii) Must have worked at or assisted at two other Provincial competitions*
- iii) Must have received a positive evaluation from either the competition chair or a certified Level 4 Ice Technician who has been a Head Ice Technician at other Provincial, National or International events*

(b) Host Committee Guidelines for Ice Technicians at Non-Televised Provincial Events

- i) If a host club requests the services of an ice-technician not employed by the host club, Curl BC shall appoint and subsidize the provision of an ice technician for non-televised provincial events (Juveniles, Juniors, Mixed, Seniors, and Masters) up to an amount set by the Board each year, to assist with ice and rocks prior to and during the competition.*
- ii) Host member facilities may be asked to give up necessary ice time so that the visiting ice technician has access to the ice prior to the event.*
- iii) The ice technician shall remain at the provincial event throughout the event.*
- iv) The host committee shall supply a de-ionized water treatment system or equivalent for the ice*

technician at a provincial event.

(c) Televised and Arena-Based Events

To act as head ice technician at a Curl BC televised provincial event or an arena-based provincial event, with full responsibility and authority to make decisions regarding ice preparation, a candidate:

- i) Must be a certified Level 3 Ice Technician
- ii) Must have worked at two other arena-based Provincial, National or International Championships
- iii) Must have received a positive evaluation from a Certified Level 4 Ice Technician at each event worked
- iv) Must have worked as a member of the ice technicians' crew at two other championships, preferably but not necessarily in an arena setting.

(d) Appointment of Ice Technicians for Televised Provincial Competitions:

Curl BC will appoint the Head Ice Technician for each televised provincial competition. The person selected may be the ice technician normally employed by the host club, if his or her experience and certification meet or exceed Curl BC's requirements for the event, or may be an independent ice technician whose experience and certification meet or exceed Curl BC's requirements for the event

An independent Head Ice Technician may work with the club's own ice technician in a mentoring role, or, if the resident ice technician is not available or not qualified to assist, the Head Ice Technician may choose another person to serve as assistant ice technician. Curl BC shall approve the recommendation of the person chosen to be assistant ice technician at least two months prior to the event.

The Head Ice Technician and any assistant ice technician shall each sign a contract with Curl BC, guaranteeing his or her attendance for the duration of the event, including a specified time in advance of the event required to prepare the playing surface.

Curl BC will reimburse the appointed Head Ice Technician, if he or she is not normally employed by the host club, at a rate of \$300 per day, which includes:

- i) three days immediately prior to the start of the event for ice installation, if the event is held in an arena;
- ii) two days immediately prior to the start of the event for ice installation if the event is held in a curling club.
- iii) Curl BC will reimburse the Head Ice Technician, if he or she is normally employed by the host club, at a rate of \$150 per day, if the event is held in an arena, but will not reimburse that Head Ice Technician if the event is held in the host curling club.
- iv) Under special circumstances, the Curl BC CEO-ED will have the authority to make an exception to the above.

Curl BC will reimburse the appointed Assistant Ice Technician, if he or she is not normally employed by the host club, at a rate of \$100 per day, which includes:

- i) three days immediately prior to the start of the event for ice installation if the event is held in an arena;
- ii) two days immediately prior to the start of the event for ice installation if the event is held in a curling club.
- iii) The Assistant Ice Technician will receive no reimbursement from Curl BC if he or she is normally employed by the host club.
- iv) Under special circumstances, the Curl BC CEO-ED will have the authority to make an exception to the above.

(e) Additional Host Committee Guidelines for Ice Technicians at Televised Provincial Events

- i) Host member facilities may be asked to give up necessary ice time so that the visiting ice technician has access to the ice prior to the event.

- ii) *The ice technician shall remain at the provincial event throughout the event.*
- iii) *If the provincial ice technician deems it necessary to resurface the running edges of the stones for televised provincial event, it shall be done.*
- iv) *The host committee at televised provincial events shall ensure that the ice technician is provided with room for his equipment.*
- v) *The host committee shall supply a de-ionized water treatment system or equivalent for the ice technician at a provincial event.*
- vi) *The host club will provide accommodations at the host club's cost, to be shared by the Head Ice Technician and Assistant Ice Technician, providing they are from outside the host club.*

- Information to clubs hosting 2010 Provincials –to include information on policy on Head Ice Technicians and the funding policy.

- Appeals policy – question asked on the appeals process and its interpretation. The current policy was adapted from the Coaching Association's appeals policy. After discussion, it was determined that the definition of "peer" should be clarified.

(Meeting adjourned at 10:50 PM)

Saturday, January 31, 2009

(Meeting reconvened at 9 AM)

4.1 Integrated Performance System

Scott introduced Guest Speaker: Wendy Pattenden, President of Canadian Sport Centre Pacific.

- Wendy outlined the Performance Pathway and how Curl BC's programs fit into the model. She emphasized that for athletes to reach the podium in any sport there must be a good solid base at the regional level.
- The role of CSCP is to support high performance athletes and provide performance life services. They provide services (sport science, sport medicine), not cash to athletes.
- She noted that a challenge for provincial sport associations is to find a balance between the performance and participation aspects of the sport and a budget that reflects the percentage.
- Currently Curl BC receives from CSCP funding of \$170,000 for High Performance Curling (\$147,000 Able-bodied; \$23,000 for Wheelchair). The expectation after 2010 is that this will be considerably less.
- More information on file to be forwarded.

4.2 Canada Winter Games Selection Process

- This item was moved ahead in the agenda in case Wendy Pattenden could offer background or input to the curling program.
- There is no funding provided for a Team Manager position. The age group remains the same as past events (under 17 as of___)
- An extensive review of the process to select Team BC was undertaken as it was previously determined that automatically sending the BCWG champion was not necessarily the best option. The proposed program would put an emphasis on providing more development to more juvenile level athletes in our province.

Motion 09/007

Moved by Judie Roberts, seconded by Tim Hordal to accept the recommendations to qualify the 2011 Team BC (Boys & Girls) presented as follows:

1. Top 3 teams each from the 2010 BCWG will qualify for a 4-team playdown to be held in November 2010.

2. Gold medal winners of the 2010 BCWG will represent BC at the 2010 Optimist Finals.
3. Top 3 teams from the 2010 BCWG will enter a Curl BC training program (from February through to October). This will include a spring training camp and assistance with summer training plans. They will attend an Evaluation Camp in August and receive more assistance with training.
4. The fourth team will be determined in October 2010 through a “back-door” opportunity at a previously declared junior spiel (with a juvenile component).
5. Team BC will be selected at the Qualifying Playdown during the first week of November 2010 (4-team round robin with a top 3 playoff).

CARRIED

- For consideration: do we need to determine a policy if any one of the top 3 teams decided to drop out of the program?

ENHANCED PARTICIPATION

3.1 Optimist Update – Marnie Jepsen

- Monies raised go to hosting Juvenile – Introduction Camps. Three very successful camps have been held so far this year.
- Selling Calendar Lottery books again to raise the money. All clubs have been sent 20 to sell. Directors should check with their clubs to see if they are all sold; sold and unsold calendars should be returned to the Curl BC office by the end of February. The draw will take place at the Juveniles in Winfield.
- Last year \$7900 was raised in the calendar lottery.

3.2 Dominion Club Challenge – Jim Mann

- Jim requested that Directors personally contact their member (affiliated) clubs to encourage them to sign the “Declaration of Interest” document & fax to Dominion Insurance. He noted that only 48 BC clubs have signed up to date.
- Dominion is putting a lot of financial support (\$250,000) behind this event so it is crucial that Curl BC clubs indicate interest so the event will continue in future.

3.3 Membership Update

- List of clubs with outstanding fees and clubs requesting audits was distributed. The Staff are reviewing the status of outstanding affiliation fees and advising clubs of the late fee of 2%/month. The deadline for the club list is Feb. 15th.
- Directors requested a breakdown of the number of affiliated curlers/club and will check that their member clubs are current.

3.4 Curl BC membership fee structure review

- Concerns re: the current fee structure, particularly with clubs registering fewer than 100 members as we had to submit more to the Canadian Curling Association (\$85/sheet) than we collected in fees. The CCA is willing to accept partial fees for clubs that have only operated for a portion of the year.
- Under the current fee structure, we are collecting \$10,000 less than last year.
- A Committee will be established to review the fee structure and present recommendations to the AGM in June.

3.5 Peace Area Proposal (reference material included in meeting package)

- Seven BC clubs currently registered members of the Peace Curling Association (Alberta). This may impact our government funding as our application shows one area of the province without any participants.
- Working on an agreement with the Peace Curling Association and the CCA that would have these clubs affiliate through BC, but they would continue their competitive relationship with Alberta. Their affiliation fees would “flow through” Curl BC to be remitted to the CCA.

4.3 Major Events Updates

- Provincial Scotties – TV coverage was much better this year.
- CDI Men’s Provincial – two games will be shown on Shaw TV (Saturday 8 pm and Sunday 4 pm).
- M&M Meats National Junior Championship – currently underway in Salmon Arm.
- BC also hosting the World Wheelchair and World Junior Championship at the new Olympic curling facility.
- Road to the Roar in Prince George next November – ticket sales are going well.

4.4 Technical Reports

A) Competitions

- Question was asked if the Dominion Club Challenge should be under the Enhanced Performance pillar (Competitions), but the general consensus is that its mandate is participation and as such should remain under the Enhanced Participation category.
- Committee expressed concern that to date only the Men’s & Women’s Provincial Championships in 2010 have host sites. Directors are asked to actively recruit clubs to host the Junior’s, Seniors’, Masters’ and Mixed. The hosting criteria is on the Curl BC website. It was noted that the combined events could be split between two clubs. If no clubs come forward to host, there will be no provincial championships.
- Regional events – Directors are reminded that the scheduling and site selection of regional events must be submitted by April. Also at that time all the contact info (including name of Head Official) should be sent to the Competitions Director. The Regional Director responsible for events must be determined no later than one month prior to the event.

Motion 09/008

Moved by Jim Mann, seconded by Joyce Mylymok

To accept the Competitions & Rules Report and put the recommendations to an electronic vote at the end of February

CARRIED

Recommendation No. 1:

That the Board of Curl BC accepts the proposal from Region 4 to amend General competition Rule as follows:

(c) All members on a playdown team (other than Juveniles and **Juniors- see paragraph d**) must be in good standing and curl regularly at affiliated facilities, but not necessarily in the same region.

(d) “For Juvenile playdowns, the province shall be divided in accordance with BC Winter Games Boundaries, which is currently eight (8) zones. Players must be members in good standing and curl regularly at an affiliated member facility. Each curler and coach shall compete only for the zone in which they make their permanent residence. Deadline dates for declaring Juvenile Zone winners will be governed by the applicable governing body for that year, either BC Winter Games committee or BC Juvenile Championship rules. **For Junior playdowns, players must be members in good standing and curl regularly at an affiliated member facility. Each curler shall compete only for the region in which they make their permanent residence.**”

Recommendation No. 2:

Curl BC will require regions with a wide distance between clubs in two adjacent regions (notably Regions 1 and 2, and Regions 5 and 6) to plan regional and inter-regional events for most categories of competition, (excepting Men’s and Juvenile playdowns) with the following in mind. Regions will have the right to choose which of the two options they will adopt.

(a) If a regional playdown is held in each of two adjacent regions, then the winning teams from each region will meet at a curling club convenient for both teams, alternating annually between the two regions. This two-team inter-regional final will be a best-two-of-three event and will provide one berth to the provincial event.

In the event that the combined entries to separate regional events in two adjacent regions are greater in number than for any other interior inter-regional events in that category, and there is a minimum of two teams entered in each of the two regions, there will be two provincial berths awarded, one to each of the two regions, and no inter-regional competition need be held.

(b) If an inter-regional competition is held in place of two separate regional events, then it shall be hosted in a club that is within a reasonable driving distance of all clubs in the two regions, to encourage entries and to provide the best travel conditions possible for all competitors. This inter-regional competition will provide one berth to the provincial competition. In the event that entries to the inter-regional event are greater in number than for any other interior inter-regional event in that category, there will be two provincial berths awarded.

Recommendation No. 3:

That Curl BC Rule 4(p) be amended to read “... no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the start of the playdown. The Executive Director/CEO will refer the request to the Competitions and Rules Committee, who will review the matter and provide a recommendation to the Executive Committee, within seven (7) days, complete with reasons for granting or denying the request. The decision of the Executive Committee of Curl BC shall be final.”

B) Technical Committee – report submitted

- Agreement on the policy for the ice technician course conductor criteria must be established before the instructors can be determined. Following that the locations and dates can be set. Gord Judzintis will liaise with BJ Gagnon and then notify the office.

Motion 09/009 Moved by Ken Albrecht, seconded by Tim Hordal To accept the Technical Committee Report.	CARRIED
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C) Athlete & Coach Services committee Report – submitted

Motion 09/010 Moved by Jim Mann, seconded by Joyce Mylymok To accept the Athlete & Coach Services report.	CARRIED
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D) Liaison’s Reports

Motion 09/011 Moved by Pat Cotter, seconded by Denise Laurie To accept the Men’s Interior Championship Liaison report submitted by Judie Roberts	CARRIED
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5. ENHANCED INTERACTION

5.1 Sponsorship Update

- Working on an agreement with Canadian Western Bank. They are interested in sponsoring a newspaper and/or radio promotion of curling in late summer/early fall. The program may start only in areas that have branches of the bank.
- CCA – Capital One – a new affinity credit card program. Press Release included in the meeting package. Scott will investigate if similar program would be appropriate for Curl BC.

5.2 Shaw TV Update

- Shaw TV pleased with viewership from the Provincial Scottie (over 82,000 across the country)
- Curl BC gets 75% of the ad space to sell; the other 25% are Shaw TV’s. Reported a sell-out of ads for the CDI Men’s Provincial. Some concern was raised about the Days Inn ads, a competitor to our

sponsor Best Western. Scott will try to address this in contract negotiations. Also inquire if the agreement could include an internet package for member clubs.

5.3 BC Curling Facility Survey

- Great response from BC clubs; final results of survey not reported yet by the CCA.

5.4 Associate member Update

- Nothing to report at this time

5.5 Sport Matters – BC Election Campaign

- Information in meeting package on the Federal initiative for renewing and building sport/recreational facilities. Directors should make their clubs aware of the program and encourage them to be ready to make applications (50-50 matching funds).
 - Emphasizing a strong, united voice on sport. Scott will provide a briefing paper for anyone attending the 2010 Legacies Now Community Meetings.
 - Reminder that all clubs were sent a request to fill out a Community Sport Survey as gathering tool for the provincial sport program planning process.
 - Tax credit for sport – reminder that clubs can issue tax receipts for youth programs – must be at least 8 weeks long and minimum of 1 hour per session. Deadline for issuing the tax receipts is Feb. 28th.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

6.1 Awards

- Report submitted outlining all award winners for 2007/08 and the presentation schedule.
- Reminder that nominations for Club Volunteer (Male & Female) due Feb. 15th.
- All award criteria are on our website and in Section 9 of the Policy Manual. Deadline for all Curl BC Award nominations is April 30th.

Motion 09/012

Moved by Gord Judzentis, seconded by Marlene Hall

To accept the Curl BC Awards report as submitted.

CARRIED

6.2 Region Reports

- Reports from Regions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 11 in meeting package or distributed at meeting. No written report from Regions 3, 7 or 11.

Region 1

- Legacy from hosting the Provincial Scottie helped the Trail Curling Club with repairs and purchase of new equipment for their club.
- Riondel CC delayed season start due to having to replace their chiller

Region 2

- There were no entries in the Juvenile Women's, Junior Men's or Junior Women's playdowns.
- Suggest that offering more funding would encourage clubs to host provincial events.
- Suggest that mixed playdowns be held late November to avoid conflicts with other playdowns.

Region 4

- Club reps appreciated the opportunity to meet with Curl BC President, Terry Vandale, and CEO Scott Braley.
- Hosted the Provincial Wheelchair Championship in Vernon and the M&M Meats Canadian Junior Championship in Salmon Arm.
- Successful Optimist Cluster Camp for juveniles. Commended organizer, Al Kersey.
- Request from original host club for men's playdown for additional hosting money as they had to incur extra expenses.

Region 5

- Concern about the criteria for a junior camp – expectation of experience & team requirements – eliminated most of the curlers interested and therefore the camp was cancelled.
- Hosting the Northern BC Winter Games in Mackenzie (February) and the Road to the Roar in Prince George (November)

- Found difficulties with the Compete-At program for playdown registration

Region 6

- Decline in membership and interest in competitive curling.
- Shared good idea: partnership with a local soccer club and sponsors resulted in no cost to curling club for the use of a defibrillator in the winter season.

Region 7

- Oral report – written report to be submitted.

Region 8

- Hosting the 2009 Scotties in Victoria.
- Requesting review of the amount provide to clubs hosting regional playdowns as it does not cover ice costs.
- Concern about draws, particularly when Senior Men play more than two draws a day.

Region 9

- Hosted the Provincial Scotties at Parksville.
- Concern that that the \$40/team hosting grant does not come close to covering costs.

Region 10

- Two clubs looking for ways to generate membership to avoid closing the doors.

Miscellaneous

- Request that Curl BC lobby for change at the CCA to allow for 5th players at the Junior Nationals.
- Positive feedback on holding playdowns from Saturday to Monday rather than Friday to Sunday.
- Suggestion that we need more communication from Curl BC to the media.

6.3 Information Technology Committee

- Successfully used the laptop computer timing program at the Wheelchair Provincial Championship in Vernon.
- Suggest that we apply for this in our gaming application to replace our current timing equipment which is breaking down and incurs a lot of expense to ship around the province.
- Scott Kylo was thanked for all his help in fixing the office computer system.

7. MEETINGS

7.1 Board Meeting (June 4 – 7); AGM (June 6)

- Scott Kylo is looking into video conferencing options for those who cannot attend in person.

Motion 09/013

Moved by Ron Phillips, seconded by Bev Oldham

That due to the current economic climate, Curl BC moves the site of the Board Meeting and the 2009 Annual General Meeting from Prince George to Region 11.

CARRIED

Motion 09/014

Moved by Bev Oldham

That the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS from the January 2009 Board Meeting

Marketing

Action Item # 1 : All directors asked to check for incorrect or missing info on the Curl BC website. Advise office.

Action Item # 2: Contact member clubs and encourage them to sign up for the email newsletter and RSS Feed.

Policy

Action Item # 3: Advise member clubs of the Constitutional Amendment under consideration regarding Terms of Office.

Action Item # 4: Provincial Hosting Package to include policy on Head Ice Technicians and any funding policy.

Action Item # 5: Review policy proposal for Curl BC Representation at Competitive Events and be prepared to vote electronically at the end of February.

Action Item # 6: Policy committee to clarify definition of “peer” in the Curl BC Appeals Policy.

Action Item # 7: Policy and Competitions & Rules Committees to determine a procedure if one (or more) teams drop out of the 2011 Team BC selection process.

Optimist Update

Action Item# 8: Directors to check with clubs on Optimist Lottery Calendar sales. If not sold, they must be returned to the Curl BC office by the end of February.

Membership Update

Action Item # 9: Provide Regional Directors with a breakdown of the number of affiliated curlers per club.

Fee Structure Review

Action Item #10: Anyone who would like to volunteers for the fee structure review committee or would like to offer suggestions for consideration advise Scott Braley via email.

Technical Reports

Action Item # 11: Recommendations from Competitions Committee to electronic vote.

Action Item # 12: Determine dates & locations of ice technician courses.

Sponsor Updates

Action Item #13: Investigate possibility with Shaw TV to offer an internet package to member clubs.

Sport Matters

Action Item #14: Scott to send briefing paper to directors for attending a 2010 Legacies Now Community Meeting.

Region Reports

Action Item # 15: Finance Committee to look at increasing or offering incentives to clubs to host provincial events and review of the amount provide to clubs hosting regional playdowns.

Action Item # 16: Competitions & Rules Committee to consider scheduling mixed playdowns in late November.

Action Item # 17: Athlete & Coach Services Committee to review criteria for junior camps and address issues around the declining entries in the juvenile/junior age groups.

Action Item # 18: Review the Compete-At registration program to include the requirement for individual email addresses in order to register, a system for directors to get a list of competitors in their regional playdowns, etc.

Action Item # 19: Draw Committee – review draws and establish consistency.

Action Item # 20: Forward media contacts to the office (Sandra/Scott) to expand the communication of Curl BC programs/events.