

MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Date: Wednesday September 12th, 2018

Time: 8PM

BOARD MEMBERS:

Grace Bugg, *President*

Danielle Inglis, *Director of Communications*

Michelle Laidlaw, *Secretary & Club Manager Liaison*

John Headley, *Treasurer*

Jeanette Soo, *Director of Championships*

Bruce Orrell, *Club Rep Liaison*

Jason Chang, *Member at Large*

Bill Francis, *Member at Large*

Rob Maddock, *Member at Large*

Cory Randall, *Member at Large*

AGENDA:

#	Item
#1	Call to Order
#2	Acknowledgements
#3	Approval of Agenda
#4	Approve Minutes of 2016-2017 Annual Report
#5	President's Report
#6	Outstanding Contribution Award
#7	Financial Overview
#8	Appointment of Auditor
#9	TCA Championships Reports
#10	TCA Youth Leagues
#11	Election of TCA Executive Board of Directors
#12	Question Period / 5 Rock Rule Discussion
#13	Adjournment

Agenda Item: #1 - Call to Order

Danielle Inglis called the meeting to order at 8pm.

Agenda Item: #2 – Acknowledgements

Grace Bugg thanked all attendees & Toronto Cricket & Skating Club for hosting us.

Introduced notable attendees and special guests:

Sponsors:

- Andrew & Erin, Goldline
- Linda Levesque, Levesque Wealth Planning (absent)
- Pauline Lyons, Living Assistance Services
- Jane Tisdale, Mosaic

Special Guests:

- Steve Chenier, CurlION

Agenda Item: #3 – Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve TCA AGM Agenda

Cory Randall moved, Bill Baker seconded – CARRIED.

Agenda Item #4 – Approve Minutes of 2017-2018 Annual Report

Motion to approve TCA AGM Minutes of 2017-2018

Amendment: Spelling Corrections – Gerry Hawkins & Judy MacLellan

Bill Baker moved, Bruce Orrell seconded – CARRIED.

Agenda Item #5 – President’s Report

Grace Bugg highlighted various aspects of the 2017-2018 season TCA initiatives, championships & more.

Please see appendix Item ‘A’ for the full report.

Agenda Item #6 – Outstanding Contribution Award

Grace Bugg announced the winner of the TCA’s Outstanding Contribution Award.

10 nominations were received

Awarded to Mark Inglis who has been instrumental in growing curling in the GTA & across Canada. He has also been a Coach, mentor, Junior convener, designer, runs curling business on York Urbanist, business planner – and more!

Congratulations Mark!

Agenda Item #7 – Financial Overview

John Headley highlighted various aspects, noting that the final financials are not complete and will be forwarded to the membership upon completion.

Agenda Item #8 – Appointment of Auditor

Motion to appoint auditors Murphy and Chung Professional Corporation for 2018-19

Rob Madoc moved, Jeanette Soo seconded – CARRIED

Agenda Item #9 – TCA Championship Reports

Jeanette Soo welcomed the TCA Championship Committee representatives to present; see 'Appendix B'.

Agenda Item #10 – TCA Youth Leagues

Danielle Inglis presented on behalf of Dave Rooney (absent) regarding the TCA Goldline Interclub league. Has been running successfully for several years and registration will open in the next couple of weeks. Please let teams know – great experience for all!

Agenda Item #11 – Election of TCA Executive Board of Directors

List of Nominations for the 2018-2019 TCA Executive Board of Directors

Danielle Inglis – President

Grace Bugg – Past President

Melissa Hogg Cunningham – Director of Communications

Michelle Laidlaw – Secretary / Club Manager Liaison

John Headley – Treasurer

Maureen Condon – Director of Championships

Bruce Orrell – Club Rep Liaison

Cory Randall – Member at Large

Jason Chang – Member at Large

Bill Francis – Member at Large

Rob Maddock – Member at Large

Motion to elect board of Directors as proposed.

Joanne Stewart moved, Jeanette Soo seconded – CARRIED.

Agenda Item #12 – Question Period / 5-Rock Rule Discussion

Presentation from Steve Chenier from CurlION.

Highlights of presentation:

- CurlION is focused on proving value to Clubs
- Purchased a 'StreetCurl' set that comes in a trailer and can be borrowed by Club's for free
- Try Curling Now – Adult Learn to Curl Program campaign has been successful
- Symposium is being organized for Country Clubs
- CurlION Annual General Meeting & Member Club Symposium
 - o September 15th

5-Rock Rule Discussion

Highlights of discussion:

- The 5-rock rule will be played in any event leading to a national or world event
 - It is each individual Clubs choice what rule they play
 - TCA Championships will be playing the 5-rock rule for all events
 - CurlION has a program with coaches that will provide a free clinic to any Club across Ontario
- Moved

Mike Riley – Director of Curling at Bayview Golf & Country Club

- Challenge proposed to the TCA Board of Directors
 - o Determine ways to advocate on behalf of the sport
 - o Actively take demonstrable strides to achieve our mandate – growing the sport of Curling
 - o Need new ideas/strategies
 - o Support Clubs at risk

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Cory Randall – Rocks for Sale

- Rocks for Sale from Scarborough (\$20 each or 8 for \$150) & 3 scoreboard also for sale
- Contact Cory for more information
- Funds raised will go to a charity called 'Curlers Care'

Agenda Item #13 – Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting:

Michelle Laidlaw moved, Cory Randall seconded – CARRIED at 9:20 p.m.

APPENDIX A

Grace Bugg – President Report

From the President

With millions of fans glued their TV's to watch curling during broadcasts from the Olympics to the Scotties, it's difficult to comprehend the challenges our sport faces at grassroots levels. On the one hand, many newcomers come out to learn to curl events. On the other some clubs close their doors to the sport. For years curling at several country clubs struggled to maintain their membership levels and remain sustainable in somewhat unfriendly environments. In the fall of 2017 it was announced that Scarboro Golf & Country Club would be closing its doors to curling. Rumours about other clubs closing or thinking about closing became common place. Losing 6 sheets of ice when the interest in curling is growing world wide is difficult to understand. Now the Toronto area has been rocked by the closing of the curling section at Weston Golf and Country club.

We need a call to arms. It is more important than ever for the TCA to work with its member clubs at the grassroots level to ensure that the sport is sustainable in the remaining member clubs. We need to work hardest where environments are less curling friendly in places like country clubs that are having difficulty understanding or recognizing the value that their curling sections provide.

All who love curling need to celebrate the world wide successes of the sport and the development of elite curlers while doing everything to make sure that the grassroots levels can continue to flourish too.

Here are some items of note from the 2017-2018 season:

TCA Membership. Scarboro Golf and Country Club announces that it will close its doors to curling at the end of the season.

TCA Championships. The team of Championship Chairs and their committees for successfully hosted five championship events for the 2017-2018 season. Thank you to all of them, especially to Jeanette Soo, Director of Championships, for supporting all the Championship committees. Together with our sponsors and all those who curled in these events they deserve a huge round of applause for keeping the spirit of the game alive and contributing to the health of the sport of curling in the Greater Toronto Area.

Sponsorship. Sponsors continued to be the lifeblood of TCA Championship events, making them possible and successful. The ongoing support of Goldline is integral to the TCA. They support all our Championship events and have done so for years. Levesque Wealth Planning continues to support the Business Women's Championship. Delmanor continues to support the Mixed Championships, Day Women's Championship and Men's Championships. Mosaic continues to support the Day Women's Championship and the Business Women's event. Mulmar Springs Farm continues to sponsor the Day Women's Championships. The Men's Championships welcomed Living Assistance Services to its list of sponsors. UOIT signed on as the main sponsor of the Youth Championships. Thank you to all our sponsors.

Ice donation Honorariums. Honorariums were introduced to thank clubs hosting TCA Championship events. These honorariums were funded through a TCA Facility Fee added to event entry fees.

Outdoor Curling. A decision was made by the City of Toronto to discontinue the delivery of outdoor curling at their two locations in the city. The initiative between the City of Toronto and the TCA to host an introduction to curling at Nathan Philips Square was called off at the last moment due to unfavourable weather conditions. An initiative between Parks Canada and the TCA to host an introduction to curling at the Rouge National Park was also called off at the last minute due to unfavourable weather conditions.

Youth Championships. A new look and feel to the Youth Championships was hosted by Oshawa Curling Club and Oshawa Golf & Country Club thanks to the effort of championship chair Jonathan Giancroce. This year's event will be chaired by Grant Cowan.

Grand Slam of Curling Players' Championship. An informal partnership exists between the TCA and the Grand Slam of Curling. Their event is promoted through TCA member clubs and event volunteers are organized by the Players' Championship local organizing committee: Paivi, Chris and Jason. In return we receive a portion of event program sales and a generous donation to our junior development programs. This year the money was used to support our interclub league championship events.

Youth Interclub Leagues. Thanks to Dave Rooney for all the work he does to organize and run the youth interclub leagues.

It was a pleasure to serve the Toronto Curling Association for two years as President, after serving several years as the Director of Championships. Thanks to the support of all the TCA Board Members and special thanks to the many hours of behind the scenes work of Vice President and Communications Director Danielle Inglis, Championships Director Jeanette Soo, Treasurer John Headley, and Board Member at Large Cory Randell. It is my pleasure to hand over the role of President to Danielle Inglis who I am sure will do a wonderful job.

Good curling to everyone!

GRACE BUGG – PRESIDENT