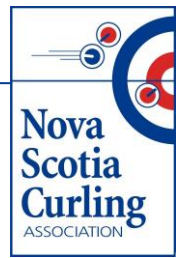


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ITEM	ACTION	SPONSOR	ATTACHMENT/ ACTION
1.	Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.	C. Mosher	
2.	Approval of Agenda C. Mosher asked if there were any additions or changes to the meeting agenda that was circulated. No additions/changes were offered, agenda was approved.	C. Mosher	
3.	Approval of Minutes of December 7, 2020 meeting C. Mosher asked if there were any additions or changes to the meeting minutes that were circulated. J. Lamb noted that the date of the next meeting in item 10 was incorrect. Minutes were approved with the one revision.	C. Mosher	<i>Secretary will revise date.</i>
4.	Competitions Director's Report Andrew reminded directors that all scheduled events in February have been cancelled. Current public health restrictions make travel for competitions not possible until March 7, 2021. The Executive will have a meeting after the next public health announcement on February 19 to determine if March events will go ahead. If provincial events can take place in March (after March 7, 2021) then Nova Scotia will have qualifiers. If provincial events in March are not able to be held, teams who won in 2020 will represent Nova Scotia at national events. Curling Canada has announced a qualifying event for World Juniors in fall of 2021. This means that Nova Scotia will need to hold a provincial qualifying event in early October.	A. Abraham	



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	<p>Provincial Mixed Championships were not held in 2020 due to COVID pandemic so there is currently no Nova Scotia team to attend Nationals scheduled for November 7-14, 2021. If March qualifying event does not go ahead, an event will need to be held in early fall.</p>		
<p>5.</p>	<p>Treasurer’s Report A draft of the 2021-2022 Budget together with Balance Sheet and Income Statement to December 31, 2020 was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Cameron reported that first draft of the 2021-2022 budget was based on a “normal” year and updated with additional expenses as anticipated including costs associated with Canada Winter Games being held in 2023.</p> <p>Cameron highlighted areas of significant change in the draft budget.</p> <p>Chris asked for questions about the finances. Jeff shared that there is no expense line for South Shore. Tiffany asked about costs for Webmaster in both this fiscal year and next year. Chris mentioned that uniform costs should be raised due to additional national junior events. Tiffany suggested that streaming costs should be returned to \$6,000 to cover all provincial events. She also asked about costs related to strategic plan development. Virginia clarified difference in rent expense line being due to cost of storage unit being reported separately.</p> <p>Discussion took place around hosting grants. Consideration is being given to increasing grants to clubs hosting NSCA sanctioned events. Analysis of entry fees, event costs and the amount of hosting grants was reviewed.</p>	<p>C. MacKenzie</p>	<p><i>Cameron will add an expense line for South Shore to budget.</i></p> <p><i>Cameron will adjust other concerns on the 2nd draft of the budget.</i></p> <p><i>Virginia will contact NB Curl to ask how they determine amount of hosting grants.</i></p>

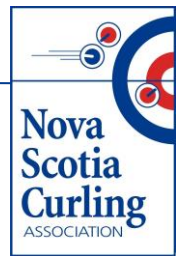


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	<p>Jeff asked about performance to date on this year’s budget. He asked if NSCA was in an “okay” position for this time of year. Cameron responded that the current position was satisfactory. Virginia shared that membership dues were still owing to Curling Canada and will be submitted prior to March 31, 2021.</p>		
<p>6.</p>	<p>Executive Director’s Report Virginia shared that 17 clubs have applied for federal government funding and an announcement is expected around February 22, 2021. The NSCA also applied for financial support. Applications for the third round of funding are due on March 7, 2021 and directors are asked to remind clubs in their region of that date.</p> <p>Sport Nova Scotia has announced additional funding for COVID related expenses that clubs can apply for through their regional sports consultant. This can be shared with clubs.</p> <p>Virginia shared that this has been a year of uncertainty for everyone and noted some examples of poor behaviour directed toward board members and staff. She reminded directors to reinforce everyone has been trying their best when confronted with negative remarks.</p> <p>Kruger has reached out to inquire about how their financial support will be recognized with the cancellation of the provincial Scotties playdowns. Dustin, Scott and Virginia have developed promotional material that will be shared on each day of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts profiling a curler, coach or other supporter and acknowledging Kruger’s financial support of curling and celebrating their 40th anniversary.</p>	<p>V. Jackson</p>	



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7.	<p>President's Report Chris Mosher reiterated the need to be kinder to each other during a time of uncertainty and changing guidelines. He shared that Curling Canada has released new junior events for later in 2021.</p>	C.Mosher	
8.	<p>New Business Policy Review will be deferred to next meeting due to the absence of M. Strang. Planning for AGM has begun with confirming the date with Sport Law Strategy Group to obtain their services again this year. NSCA By-laws state that the Association is required to have a review engagement every year. Virginia has asked both Sport Nova Scotia and Registry of Joint Stocks Nova Scotia if that is the level of financial oversight they require to learn that it is not a requirement for them. It is suggested that a revision to the by-laws be brought forward to the AGM for approval updating the requirements to be a notice to reader prepared annually and a full review take place every 3-4 years. Alison presented Nominating Committee Report. Vacancies exist for the role of Director of Competitions, Regional Director Central and Regional Director Annapolis Valley. Chris asked Directors for other items of business. None were raised.</p>	C. Mosher	<p><i>Alison and Cameron will develop new by-law wording and circulate it for approval by Directors.</i></p> <p><i>Directors are asked to send the names of potential new directors to Alison</i></p>
9.	<p>Roundtable Tiffany brought forward a concern related to lack of response from Technical Director to inquiries related to coaching clinic/locker room. Tiffany asked about some bonspiels still listed on NSCA website. The process for cancelling was clarified by Virginia.</p>	C. Mosher	<p><i>Tiffany will forward emails to Virginia for followup.</i></p>



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	Jeff thanked Chris and Virginia for their time and support relating to his club over the last couple of months. Yvon also thanked Virginia and Chris for their support with providing a letter required by his club.		
10.	Adjournment The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Sunday March 14, 2021 at 6:30 pm and will focus on finances and budget approval. The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:17 pm.	C.Mosher	

Alison Davidson

Alison Davidson, Secretary