

**Nova Scotia Curling Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – APPROVED**  
Sunday April 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm by Zoom

**Present:** Mike Strang, Chair, Rob Belliveau, Alison Davidson, Alan Graham, Jeff Lamb, Elliott LeBlanc, Yvon LeFort, Cameron MacKenzie, Scott Priske, Patti Simpson, Virginia Jackson

**1. Call to Order**

M. Strang, President, called meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

**2. Approval of Meeting Agenda**

M. Strang asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda as circulated.

**Motion:** That the meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

**Moved by:** E. Leblanc

**Seconded by:** J. Lamb

**Motion carried.**

**3. Approval of Minutes of March 6, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors**

M. Strang asked if there were any errors or omissions from the minutes of the previous meeting.

J. Lamb corrected the wording of next steps in Strategic Planning Committee Report.

**Motion:** That the minutes of the March 6, 2022 meeting be approved as amended

**Moved by:** J. Lamb

**Seconded by:** P. Simpson

**Motion carried.**

**4. President's Report**

M. Strang reminded directors of the upcoming national meeting of Curling Canada in late May sharing that there is a difference of opinion between large provincial associations and smaller provincial associations relating to actions recommended in a Deloitte study. Smaller provinces do not see much traction on actions taken. He indicated that he is looking forward to the discussions at the meeting.

M. Strang shared that it had been a difficult week for him personally.

**5. Executive Director's Report**

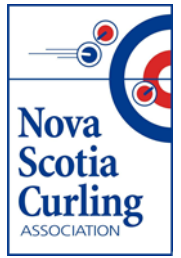
V. Jackson reported that approval for hiring a Technical Director has been received. The position will be funded to the end of March 2023 and recruitment will begin as soon as possible. The new technical director needs to be seen in clubs across the province. It is hoped that Hit Draw and Tap can be reinstated within the responsibilities of that position.

Executive Directors are also getting together, in person and virtually, during the Curling Canada meetings in May.

There will be a Women in Curling Summit in Truro on October 22, 2022, focusing on encouraging women to look at coaching in greater numbers.

The Bid Package for competitions in 2022-23 is being worked on by the Executive Director and the Competitions Director. Expressions of interest have been received from Bluenose Curling Club and Shelburne Curling Club.

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Final touches are being applied to the provincial sport reporting tool in preparation of the submission on April 12, 2022. The in-person meeting on April 26, 2022, has been shifted to a virtual meeting due to increasing Covid numbers.

In response to a question, V. Jackson informed directors that the position of Performance Coach has been extended to March of 2023 as well.

**6. Competitions Director's Report**

R. Belliveau reported that the competitive season was soon coming to a close with the final event, Seniors being held on April 21-24th at Halifax Curling Club.

He reminded directors that a low turnout for most events will impact revenue received.

R. Belliveau shared that beginning a discussion about obtaining new rocks/planning for the purchase of new rocks is timely.

**Motion:** That the President's Report, Executive Director's Report and Competitions Director's Report be accepted.

**Moved by:** P. Simpson

**Seconded by:** E. Leblanc

**Motion carried.**

**7. New Business**

**a. Nominating Committee Report**

A. Davidson reported that the Nominating Committee had met on 3 different occasions. A confidential tentative list of candidates was shared, noting that two candidates who had expressed an interest a position had withdrawn their commitment over the previous week. The committee has focussed on building equity in gender for the Board, the candidates for the positions of Treasurer and Northern Zone are both female. The key role of Competitions Director remains open with R. Belliveau offering for the position of Vice President.

R. Belliveau raised the possibility of adding additional roles to the Board as the by-laws support this option. Having additional people to help accomplish the goals of the mission of NSCA would help. The Nominating Committee will discuss further at their next meeting.

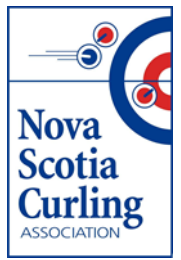
The process of how to welcome new members to the board and the idea of mentorship was discussed.

**b. Strategic Planning Committee Update**

J. Lamb thanked regional directors for following up with member clubs in their area. Feedback received was similar to that obtained through earlier survey. It is recommended that "The Business of Curling" course from Curling Canada would be well received by member clubs. A call with regional presidents is scheduled to take place in 6 weeks.

J. Lamb noted that the current budget is formatted as an accounting budget and not a program/service budget – the committee asks if it could be displayed differently. C. MacKenzie responded that it is possible to change the presentation and it could be discussed further in the in-camera session.

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A planning meeting for next year is being scheduled for late April, potentially April 26, 2022 to address needs of clubs.

**c. Membership fee reduction**

The consensus of the Board is that NSCA did not stop working for its members at all and that a reduction in membership fees would not be necessary for this year. V. Jackson agreed to communicate this to member clubs.

Action: V. Jackson will send a message to member club outlining the Association's position.

**d. Annual General Meeting**

The Secretary shared with the Board that the Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday June 11, 2022, based on the availability of Sport Law representative.

**e. Removal of Director**

M. Strang shared Article 7. 12 of the NSCA By-Law outlining when a Director can be removed from their position. He outlined how the actions of the Past President have met the requirements.

**Motion:** That the Past President, C. Mosher be removed from the Board of Directors.

**Moved by:** J. Lamb

**Seconded by:** E. Leblanc

It was recommended that the decision be communicated in writing to the Past President.

**Motion carried.**

Action: A. Davidson will prepare the letter notifying of his removal from the Board of Directors.

**8. In Camera Session**

P. Simpson moved that the Board move in to in-camera session at 7:40 pm.

E. Leblanc moved that the Board leave the in-camera session at 8:20 pm.

**9. Adjournment**

M. Strang moved adjournment of the meeting at 8:23 pm.

**10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on Sunday May 29, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

*Mike Strang*

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Mike Strang, President NSCA

*Alison Davidson*

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Alison Davidson, Secretary NSCA