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## Minutes of the Nova Scotia Curling Association Board of Directors Meeting

November 19th at 6:30pm by Zoom

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In attendance: Virginia Jackson, Devon Chisholm, Colleen Fitzgerald, Elliott LeBlanc, Scott Priske, Lou White, Bruce Lohnes, Mandy Grace, Yvon LeFort, Jeff Lamb, Rob Belliveau, Leigh Melanson, Anne Banks

Regrets: Christine Keddy, Theresa Breen

Item	Details	Sponsor	Attachment/ Action
1.	<b>Welcome and Call to Order</b> R. Belliveau welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm.	R. Belliveau	n/a
2.	<b>Consent Agenda Package</b>  <b>Motion:</b> The consent agenda package be approved as circulated with a shift in the order of agenda items to facilitate a Mayflower Curling Club presentation to occur at 7:05pm.  R. Belliveau outlined the new order of agenda items and called a vote on the agenda and to proceed. Majority voted in favour.	R. Belliveau	n/a
3.	<b>Conflict of Interest</b> No conflicts of interest were declared.	R. Belliveau	n/a
4.	<b>Correspondence Items</b> (none)	n/a	n/a
5.	<b>New Business</b> a. SAGM Date Initially planned for early in the season (fall), but shifted strategically to mid-season. Proposed date of January 14th to allow time post-holiday but also to	R. Belliveau	n/a

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	<p>communicate the necessary items for that meeting in the required timeframes.</p> <p>Sought direction from Regional Directors on timing of meeting to avoid conflict with anything from member clubs. Conflict for one Board Member who is involved in Jr. Mixed Doubles on that proposed weekend.</p> <p>Suggested date of Saturday, January 13th at 1:00 pm. Board members were in favour of that date. R. Belliveau confirmed we will proceed with a January 13th SAGM.</p> <p>Clarification that the strategic plan has already been voted on and approved, but may be discussed (i.e., presented, clarified) at the SAGM.</p> <p>b. Competitions Update                  B. Lohnes provided a verbal report in lieu of a written report in advance.</p> <p>Expressions of interest have been sent to member clubs for hosting for the upcoming 3 years. B. Lohnes encouraged Regional Directors to encourage clubs to consider becoming a host.</p> <p>All events to-date this year have exceeded previous year participation and financial expectation.</p> <p>Club series event. There is currently one entry in the club mixed. B. Lohnes encouraged Regional Directors to promote amongst members.</p> <p>Trophy inventory is in progress and the majority require updates. V. Jackson and staff are in the process of this.</p> <p>Wheelchair curling championship received no entries. Curling Canada recently made changes to the wheelchair regulations to allow up to 2 free agents to play for another</p>	<p>B. Lohnes</p>	<p>n/a</p>
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	<p>jurisdiction. B. Lohnes and V. Jackson are collaborating on an approach for NS to submit a team to the national-level event.</p> <p>Question from J. Lamb about why or how the number of wheelchair curlers in NS has declined. B. Lohnes detailed several factors that may impact.</p> <p>Comment from A. Banks that there could be limited interest for Club Series events due to the entry timeline being earlier than previous years. Discussion on possible methods of promoting the Club Series (Tier III) such as social media. V. Jackson confirmed the Technical Director is working on a social strategy for each event this year.</p> <p>c. Mayflower Curling Club Update  <i>M. Christie and K. MacDiarmid joined the group at 7:02pm to provide an update on the new MCC build in Timberlea, NS, targeted for the Fall 2025 grand opening.</i></p> <p>The existing Mayflower Curling Club has been sold and land is under contract with an expected closing date this winter. Working with Lindsay Construction and an architecture firm on the design. Will be going to membership of MCC in December for budget approval, which includes looking for additional fundraising sources. MCC is submitting a \$3 million ask to the provincial government to advance curling in HRM, NS and the Atlantic Canada region.</p> <p>NSCA has been asked for a letter of support as a part of the funding request to the provincial government. Representatives of the board have been involved at various stages through the project so far.</p> <p>Several questions from Board Members were fielded about details of the planning</p>	<p>M. Christie                  K. MacDiarmid</p>	<p>n/a</p>
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	accounting practices to bring to current standards.		
7.	<b>Next Meeting</b> <i>The next regular meeting of the board will be December 17th at 6:30pm, and regularly on the third Sunday of each month.</i>	R. Belliveau	n/a
8.	<b>Adjournment</b> The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.	R. Belliveau	n/a

## Record of Minute Approval from Meeting Chair & Secretary

Approval complete

on Jan 4, 2024



### Approval activity



mandymgrace@gmail.com approved



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Robert Belliveau approved



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Mandy Grace requested approval from mandymgrace@gmail.com, Robert Belliveau

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