

Date:	Sunday, February 22, 2026
Time:	6:30pm ADT
Location:	Teams Meeting – in calendar

In Attendance: T Breen, J Chase, J Haigh, D Chisholm, D Baldwin, B Densmore, A Veinotte, C MacEachern, H Avery

Regrets: L Turner

Absent:

#	Agenda Item	Presenter(s)	Action items
1	Welcome and Call to Order – 6:33 pm	D Chisholm	
2	Conflict of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	D Chisholm	
3	Discussion of Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Densmore was busy doing work with Stick Curling this past month. They delivered sessions in Brookfield, Boyleston, and Baddeck. There were three tournaments, and some clinics were delivered as well. 	All	
4	Consent Agenda for Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve the agenda – B Densmore Seconded by J Chase All in Favour. Motion carried. 	D Chisholm	
5	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	D Chisholm	
6	Financial Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Densmore provided an overview of the Finance Director’s Report, noting membership numbers are up from last year. February will show more costs associated with championships. The Review Engagement is complete. The multi-year budget draft was submitted to the Executive for review. Once reviewed, it will be circulated for the board. 	B Densmore	
7	Executive Director Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> D Baldwin has been focused on the 2026/2027 Championship Calendar of Events 	D Baldwin	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSCA received \$7,500 in funding from Sport Nova Scotia to revamp the NSCA website. Looking for support on the design aspect. J Haigh to help with final quality assurance testing. 		
8	<p>Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final copy of the Strategic Plan is included in this Board Meeting Package. • The Board discussion amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Section 1.2 – Clarification that the increase is related to forecasted sponsorships, merchandise sales, two additional calendar events. ○ Section 1.3 – Ideally sessions could be delivered from a variety of sources including Sport NS, NS Curling, etc. It is noted that M Larsen has stepped down as Director of Membership. We are actively recruiting for this vacancy. Curl Ontario has a robust offering of webinars that could aid our development and implementation. D Baldwin is working with Jill Brothers to establish an NS Curling YouTube channel with resources. ○ Section 2.1 – Under Timeline and error was identified. It should read “1000 participants” rather than “1000 opportunities.” 	D Baldwin	<p>Section 1.3 Action: D Chisholm will contact Matt/Tim from Curl Ontario regarding their current offerings.</p> <p>Section 2.1 Action: Amend to read “1000 participants” rather than “1000 opportunities.”</p> <p>Strategic Plan Action: D Chisholm to distribute updated Strategic Plan to stakeholders and Regional Directors for feedback.</p>

<p>9</p>	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Review – Policy Administration Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion of Policy changes. One edit identified under Section 4 – change “currency” to “relevancy” ○ MOTION: To approve the Policy Administration Policy as presented made by B Densmore. Seconded by J Haigh. All in Favour. Motion carried. • Governance Tool Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ D Baldwin and D Chisholm are working on a governance tool that uses AI to analyze NS Curling and Curling Canada policies. It is intended to aid in the development and strengthening of new and existing policies. It is not intended to make decisions for NS Curling. • Governance Structure Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The board discussed the current division of governance and operations and whether it aligns with the NS Curling suite of policies. ○ Of note, the board discussed the boundaries of the Executive Director’s decision making without board approval for clarity. ○ D Chisholm indicated that the Operations Committee, which was suspended, has been reinstated to help filter decisions. The President and the Executive Director also have a weekly one-to-one meeting to assist in this matter. ○ B Densmore also acts as a mentor to D Baldwin for support ○ It was clarified that the Operations Committee is a filter and not the decision maker for the board itself. • Call for Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Celebration of Excellence</i> – Colleen Fitzgerald is leading the organization of this year’s event. J Haigh offered to support day-of tasks/needs. Board members were directed to advise D Chisholm if they are interested in also supporting this event. Past events have been offered free of charge, but we will be charging a \$20 entry fee to offset the cost. 	<p>D Chisholm</p> <p>D Chisholm</p> <p>D Chisholm</p> <p>D Chisholm</p> <p>D Chisholm</p>	<p>Policy Review Action: Under Section 4 – change “currency” to “relevancy”</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Nominations Committee</i> – There are several vacancies on the board that require filling. B Densmore and D Chisholm are the current members of the Nominations Committee and are looking for more Board support. ● D Baldwin Laptop Expense Notification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ D Baldwin requires a new computer that will support the AI capabilities that NS Curling is moving toward. The equipment will cost \$4500 rather than \$1500. Policy supports this purchase. ● Championship Calendar of Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A draft Championship Calendar of Events was reviewed by the board. ○ D Baldwin identified two new Junior events. One is geared toward junior curlers who may not pursue National events. The other is geared toward high performance teams and may be open to neighbouring provinces and possibly Northeastern US states. ○ The Board discussed dividing the men’s and women’s Ocean’s Provincial Championships. Potential pros and cons were reviewed and consultation with the high-performance athletes and Oceans representatives was recommended prior to any decision making. ● Curling Day in NS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feedback from Curling Day in Nova Scotia was reviewed and it will continue next year. The date for next year is being finalized and is potentially the end of November or beginning of December. Members noted that advising clubs of the date as soon as possible will be beneficial to aid in planning events. ● Hall of Fame Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kathy Siddall will run the committee. H Haigh will act as the board liaison. Virginia Jackson will also support this initiative and has institution knowledge to offer. ○ T Breen reviewed the drafted Terms of Reference for this committee. ○ MOTION: To accept the Terms of Reference as: presented made by T Breen. Seconded by B Densmore. All in Favour. Motion carried. 	<p>D Baldwin/B Densmore</p> <p>D Baldwin</p> <p>T Breen</p> <p>T Breen</p>	<p>Championship Calendar Action: D Baldwin will consult with Oceans representatives and send a survey to the athletes for feedback.</p>
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10	In Camera Session – None	D Chisholm	
12	Next Meeting March 29, 2026, at 6:30 pm (however another meeting will be held prior to review the Championship Calendar once more before distribution.	D Chisholm	
13	Adjournment 9:03 pm	D Chisholm	