

NOCA 2013 Annual General Meeting
Monday June 24, 2013
7:30 pm
Via teleconference

1. Introductions – call to order 7:36 p.m.

Stephen Chenier, NOCA President for the 2013 fiscal, welcomed everyone to the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Northern Ontario Curling Association

2. Attendance:

Board:

Region 1: Muriel Anderson, Michael Szajewski

Region 2: Kris Woznesensky, Marion Clark (Vice-President)

Region 3: Jennifer Widera, Karen Saarimaki

Region 4: Joan Sheppard

Region 5: Ron Henderson (Secretary/Treasurer), Sandra Lahti

Region 6: Stephen Chenier (President), Heidi St. Onge

Regrets: Ian Fisher (Region 4)

Staff:

Leslie Kerr - Executive Director, Dick Henderson – Technical Coordinator

Other Attendees:

Cindy McFeeters, Chris Ransom, Kelly Irvine, Roma Lundgren, Jacques Begin, Peter Hinz, Matthew Craig

3. Constitution of meeting:

Stephen Chenier reported that the notice of meeting had been sent to all voting delegates 45 days prior to the meeting and to the club delegates 30 days prior to the meeting.

a. Acts of Directors:

Motion:

THAT the actions of the NOCA Board of Directors for the 2013 fiscal year be ratified

Moved: Muriel Anderson

Seconded: Karen Saarimaki Carried

b. Report on Credentials:

Muriel reported that 11 of the 12 Directors were present, and that a quorum of 7 was required so the meeting is duly constituted.

Muriel explained the voting structure to the delegation. Only the 12 Regional Directors carry a vote at the AGM. This ensures that all regions are equally represented at the AGM regardless of the location of the meeting. Delegates were encouraged to ask any questions they had during the meeting.

4. Acceptance of Agenda:

Motion:

THAT the agenda be accepted.

Moved: Marion Clark

Seconded: Karen Saarimaki Carried

c. **Minutes of June 9, 2012 AGM**

Motion: That the minutes of the AGM dated June 9, 2012 be accepted with the following corrections:

- The motion approving the actions of the directors should be for the 2011- 2012 year;
- Dave Kawahara spelling corrected.

Moved: Muriel Anderson

Seconded: Joan Sheppard

Carried

d. **Business Arising:**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

e. **Reports:**

a. **President's Report – Stephen Chenier**

- As President for the 2013 fiscal year, Stephen Chenier presented his report

b. **Financial Report – Ron Henderson** (attached draft financial statements and financial report)

- Ron reported that the financial statements are only in draft form as they must be accepted at the AGM before the Auditor can present the final statements.
- The NOCA had a review conducted for this fiscal year. An Audit is only required for the year prior to applying for a Trillium grant.
- After the loss in 2012, the NOCA Board made adjustments to the budget and now reports a small profit in the 2013 fiscal year of \$1019.00 which included the writing off of a \$5000 bad debt.
- The NOCA Board achieved its goal of a balanced budget in 2013 due to changes in the budget, largely in the competitions revenue/expense areas.
- The equity of NOCA is approximately \$160,000
- The board has approved a balanced budget for the 2014 fiscal year. This balanced budget was created without any increases to per capita or entry/registration fees.
- The main issue facing NOCA is the lack of sponsorships. The Board and staff are working to create more partnerships for this year.

Motion:

THAT the draft financial statements for the year ending April 30, 2013 be accepted as presented

Moved: Karen Saarimaki

Seconded: Kris Woznesensky

Carried

c. **Executive Director's Report – Leslie Kerr (attached)**

- Leslie presented her report and thanked the Board, staff and volunteers for their hard work during the year.

d. **Development Report – Dick Henderson** (see attached reports)

- Dick presented the Development Report, and referenced the Head Official and Wheelchair Coordinator's reports.
- The highlights in the development area are as follows:
 - The Youth Challenges were well organized and resulted in more playdown entries for the third consecutive year at the Bantam level. This program is developing a strong base of young curlers
 - The upcoming season is an Ontario Winter Games year which means that the top 3 Bantam Boys and Bantam Girls teams from NOCA's provincials will attend the Games. The winning teams (boys and girls) will attend the Canada Winter Games in 2015.

- 3 teams are interested in going to the International Junior Curling Championships in Pinerolo Italy. This is not a NOCA event but an invitational. Joan Sheppard reported that she took her team to Scotland two years ago and that it was a great experience. She offered to talk to any teams interested to share her experience.
- The Bantam Boys (Tanner Horgan) and Bantam Girls (Jenna Poirier) winning teams are working on a date and location to play against their counterparts from the OCA for the opportunity to participate at the U18 Optimist International Bonspiel.

e. Competitions Report – Karen Saarimaki (attached)

- Karen highlighted that it was a great year for NOCA with the Jacobs rink winning the Brier and earning a silver medal at the World Men's
- The Men's competition format was reviewed at the May Board meeting and it was decided that the format will be an 8 team round robin with 3 teams each coming from the East and West Qualifiers, and 2 teams coming from CTRS points (must be in the top 75)
- The Mixed Doubles event was a lot of fun – we need to really promote this event
- The Head Official has done more training of officials and Regional Officials
- Peter Hinz reported that he and Tim Warkentin will be creating a guide for coaches to use when they go to nationals. He will use the expertise of coaches who have gone in the past. Karen agreed that this would be a very useful tool, not just for coaches but for all teams as well
- Karen thanked the clubs who hosted events this year and the office staff for their hard work during the competitions season

f. Bylaw / Manual Report – Muriel Anderson (attached)

- Muriel reported that the committee had worked very hard on reviewing and revising policies this year as well as recommending bylaw amendments.
- The Bylaw amendments are largely just a consolidation of the topics to make them more concise and organized. The only major change in the bylaws is that in April 2014 the Board structure will change from 12 Regional Directors to 6 Regional Directors and 3 Directors at large.
- Steve thanked the committee for their efforts on this tedious process

Motion:

THAT the Constitution and Bylaws be accepted as presented.

Moved: Muriel Anderson

Seconded: Sandra Lahti

Carried

g. Canadian Curling Association Report – Stephen Chenier (2012 NCC/AGM report attached, 2013 NCC/AGM press release attached)

- Steve will report to the Board regarding the 2013 NCC at the August Board meeting but informed everyone that the meetings this year were very cooperative in spirit compared to previous years.
- 2 NOCA clubs received funding this year from the Curling Assistance Program (CAP). We will promote this more next year.
- Kelly Irvine asked about the Kirkland Lake CAP grant wondering if that meant there might be some wheelchair curlers coming out of that club. Leslie will review the application and respond to Kelly

h. Ontario Curling Council – Peter Hinz for Ryan Lafraniere (attached)

- Peter reported that a lot of work has been done this year to bring the Ontario Curling Council into compliance with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's requirements for a Provincial Sport Council. He stressed the importance of compliance as it affects funding for programs, and participation in the Ontario and Canada Winter Games, and Quest for Gold programs.
- Peter thanked Leslie, Steve, Andrea Ronnebeck and Ryan Lafraniere as well as the committee who met in Toronto in November for their hard work

Motion:

That the reports of the Board of Directors and Staff for 2012-13 be accepted.

Moved: Marion Clark

Seconded: Muriel Anderson

Carried

f. New Business:

a. Motion to conduct an Accounting Review:

Motion:

THAT an Accounting Review be conducted

Moved by: Ron Henderson

Seconded by: Kris Woznesensky

Carried

b. Motion to appoint an Auditor/Accountant

Motion:

THAT BDO Dunwoody in Thunder Bay be named as the Auditor for 2014.

Moved: Ron Henderson

Seconded: Joan Sheppard

Carried

g. Awards Presentation

Marion Clark reported that the following awards had been or will be presented. She noted that there were no nominations for the NOCA 2012-13 Volunteer Awards (3 awards available), and no nominations for Honorary Life Memberships.

Pat O. Reid Coaching Award:

This award will be presented in the fall – recipient has been declared but not notified yet.

NOCA 2012-2013 Club Recognition Award:

Voyageur Curling Club (Mattawa)

This award was presented to the executive by the Mayor on June 24th at the Town Council Meeting.

Jacques Begin (club President) thanked the Board for this award. He reported that the club is very proud to accept it and that the Mayor commended the club and stated that they are a vibrant community asset.

Roma congratulated the Club and Jacques on receiving this award.

Sport Alliance of Ontario Award:

Marion reported that the NOCA had nominated Muriel Anderson for the Syl Apps Volunteer Achievement Award (for outstanding volunteer commitment to amateur sport in Ontario).

Leslie accompanied Muriel to Toronto to receive her award in June.

Muriel thanked the board for the nomination.

Retiring Board Members:

Steve thanked Roma Lundgren, and Heidi St. Onge for their work as Board members.
Both Heidi and Roma completed their terms this spring.

Motion: THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Ron Henderson

Seconded: Marion Clark

Carried

Unapproved

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

June 24, 2013

The 2012 Canadian Curling Association Annual NCC was attended by Leslie Kerr, Muriel Anderson and myself. A detailed was presented at the August Board meeting, some of the highlights include:

- Juniors will be expanded to fourteen (14) teams with a mixed doubles event
- Equitable access to all Championships starts in 2015

The 2013 Annual NCC was attended by Leslie Kerr, Marion Clark and myself. A detailed report will be presented at the August Board Meeting, some of the highlights include:

- A very trouble free NCC with a sense of co-operation.
- Continued review by the ED panel in regards to the Masters, Mixed and Mixed doubles championships. All other sanctioned Championships are prepared and moving to the equitable access (except Juniors which will be all teams) with twelve (12) teams advancing to the formal Championship.

I attended a monthly conference call meeting of the CCA Board and Member Association Presidents, while also working on the CCA-MA Code of Conduct Committee. Our liaison from the board was Hugh Avery and in 2013/2014 it will be Shirley Osbourne.

In the late fall a request by the OCC to meet and discuss the PSO role of the OCC and their mandate from the Ontario Government was held. The Ministry is looking for the OCC along with the NOCA and OCA to be in compliance with their sport governance model. Ongoing discussions towards this goal are in place with an anticipated finalization this summer.

Letters to all Provincial Champions were written and a special congratulations to our Brier Champions & World Silver Medallists was sent.

I met in person on several occasions with the President of the OCA (Joan O'Leary) and am pleased to report that the OCA-NOCA has a very solid working relationship with mutual respect and understanding. I will continue to foster that relationship with our sister association in Ontario.

I would like to thank all Directors for their dedication and hard work. And also recognize our two outgoing Directors Roma Lumgren and Heidi St-Onge

2012/2013 Profit/Loss

The projected 2012/2013 budget has a projected operating budget of **-\$5,000** (Nexcap Write-off account for \$5,000)

2013/2014 Budget

Draft Budget Objective

Prepare a draft budget that is balanced.

Key Budget Facts

- No revenue increases
- As per Board direction, the following programs are balanced
 - Competitions
 - Amethyst
 - Dominion
 - Programs
- Membership dues decrease from \$96,600 to \$95,000 (Even though NOCA added three more clubs)
- No new sponsorship (New sponsorship seen as a bonus to budget)
- \$1,800 reduction in OCC base funding offset by program reductions
- 2% salary increase for staff (No increase last year except Leslie as per her contract)
- Various expense reductions based on prior year actual expenditures

2013 NOCA Year End Equity Position (reviewed)

2012 Opening Balance	\$159,557
Operating Deficit	(\$3,078)
Unrealized Investment Gain	\$4,096
Transfer to Amethyst and Wheelchair reserves	(\$1,896)
Year-End Equity Position	<u>\$158,679</u>

Northern Ontario Curling Association
Financial Statements
For the year ended April 30, 2013
(Unaudited)

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Review Engagement Report

To the Members
Northern Ontario Curling Association

We have reviewed the statements of financial position of Northern Ontario Curling Association as at April 30, 2013, April 30, 2012 and May 1, 2011, and the statements of operations and net assets and cash flows for the years ended April 30, 2013 and April 30, 2012. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of inquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the Organization.

A review does not constitute an audit and consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our reviews, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Thunder Bay, Ontario
June 24, 2013

Northern Ontario Curling Association
Statement of Financial Position
(Unaudited)

	April 30 2013	April 30 2012	May 1 2011
Assets			
Current			
Cash	\$ 159,694	\$ 32,641	\$ 86,639
Investments (Note 3)	108,831	195,358	138,354
Accounts receivable (Note 4)	3,156	55,898	11,209
Prepaid expenses	15,192	19,646	10,491
	286,873	303,543	246,693
Long term investment	-	-	40,510
Equipment (Note 5)	15,950	8,062	3,047
	\$ 302,823	\$ 311,605	\$ 290,250
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Current			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 6)	\$ 10,371	\$ 7,084	\$ 13,939
Deferred revenue (Note 7)	114,516	135,872	86,061
	124,887	142,956	100,000
Deferred capital contributions (Note 8)	12,406	4,137	-
	137,293	147,093	100,000
Net assets			
Amethyst reserve fund	4,000	3,000	3,000
Dominion reserve fund	2,851	1,955	-
Surplus	158,679	159,557	187,250
	165,530	164,512	190,250
	\$ 302,823	\$ 311,605	\$ 290,250

On behalf of the Board:

_____ Director

_____ Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Northern Ontario Curling Association Statement of Operations and Net Assets (Unaudited)

For the year ended April 30	2013	2012
Revenue		
Amethyst camp	\$ 94,029	\$ 94,353
Assessments	5,465	5,799
Deferred capital contributions	4,150	1,034
Competitions	52,423	69,961
Dominion CCC	24,017	21,766
Sponsorship	12,755	6,563
Inventory sales	388	249
Membership dues	94,392	96,674
Operating grants	72,992	37,955
Program funding	39,346	43,110
Miscellaneous income	3,448	6,002
	<u>403,405</u>	<u>383,466</u>
Expenditure		
Amethyst camp - program expense	92,501	93,773
Amortization	5,519	2,495
Bank fee	288	233
Bad debts	5,000	3
Competitions	50,659	84,898
Dominion CCC	21,474	21,916
Programs	33,532	33,582
Development	37,933	4,250
Insurance	4,584	4,396
Inventory write-down	316	398
Office	15,796	19,739
Personnel	86,911	86,057
Professional fees	2,658	3,725
Other association fees	24,195	23,689
Meetings	18,282	18,865
Marketing	6,835	6,904
	<u>406,483</u>	<u>404,923</u>
Deficiency of revenue over expenditure for the year before the undernoted	(3,078)	(21,457)
Unrealized gain (loss) on long term investments	4,096	(4,281)
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditure for the year	1,018	(25,738)
Net assets, beginning of year	159,557	187,250
Transfer to Amethyst Reserve	(1,000)	-
Transfer to Dominion Reserve	(896)	(1,955)
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 158,679</u>	<u>\$ 159,557</u>

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Northern Ontario Curling Association Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

For the year ended April 30	2013	2012
Cash flows from operating activities		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditure for the year	\$ 1,018	\$ (25,738)
Items not involving cash		
Amortization of equipment	5,519	2,495
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(4,150)	(1,034)
Unrealized loss (gain) on long term investments	(4,096)	4,281
	<u>(1,709)</u>	<u>(19,996)</u>
Change in non-cash working capital balances (Note 9)	39,127	(10,888)
	<u>37,418</u>	<u>(30,884)</u>
Investing activities		
Purchase of equipment	(13,408)	(7,510)
Contributions received in the year	12,419	5,171
Purchase of investments	(50,334)	(100,000)
Disposition of investments	140,958	79,225
	<u>89,635</u>	<u>(23,114)</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash for the year	127,053	(53,998)
Cash, beginning of year	32,641	86,639
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 159,694</u>	<u>\$ 32,641</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Northern Ontario Curling Association Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited)

April 30, 2013

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared using Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. These standards use the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable; expenditures are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipts of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

Nature and Purpose of Organization

The Northern Ontario Curling Association was incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario on April 26, 2007 without share capital. The Northern Ontario Curling Association is a regional umbrella organization to which Northern Ontario curling clubs belong. Its purpose is to promote and develop the sport of curling in Northern Ontario. The corporation is exempt from income tax under section 149 (1) (l) of the Income Tax Act.

Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. All investments have been designated to be in the fair value category, with gains and losses reported in operations. All other financial instruments are reported at cost or amortized cost less impairment, if applicable. Financial assets are tested for impairment when changes in circumstances indicate the asset could be impaired. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale or issue of financial instruments are expensed for those items remeasured at fair value at each balance sheet date and charged to the financial instrument for those measured at amortized cost.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and bank balances with a maturity of three months or less.

Equipment

Equipment is initially recorded at cost. Amortization is provided as follows:

Banners	- 20% declining balance
Computer equipment	- 33% declining balance
Office equipment	- 20% declining balance
General equipment	- 20% declining balance

Northern Ontario Curling Association Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited)

April 30, 2013

1. Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

Revenue Recognition	The Northern Ontario Curling Association follows the deferral method of accounting for government grants and program contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenditures are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.
Contributed Services	Members contribute approximately 800 hours per year to assist the Association in carrying out its operating activities. Due to the difficulty in determining the fair market value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.
Contributed Materials	Contributed materials which are used in the normal course of the organization's operations and would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at their fair value at the date of contribution if fair value can be reasonably estimated.
Use of Estimates	The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The principal estimate used in the preparation of these financial statements is the accruals and estimated useful life of equipment. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.
Amethyst Reserve Fund	The reserve fund consists of internally restricted funds to provide working capital during the fluctuating periods when operating expenditures exceed program funding or if equipment is needed.
Dominion Reserve Fund	The Organization has an agreement with a sponsor whereby 10% of the entry fees for certain events is set aside in a reserve fund for future wheelchair curling development.

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2. First Time Adoption

Effective May 1, 2012, the Association adopted the requirements of the new accounting framework, Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations (ASNPO) or Part III of the requirements of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) Handbook - Accounting. These are the Association's first financial statements prepared in accordance with this framework and the transitional provisions of Section 1501, First-time Adoption have been applied. Section 1501 requires retrospective application of the accounting standards with certain elective exemptions and mandatory exceptions. The accounting policies set out in Note 1 have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2013, the comparative information presented in these financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2012 and in the preparation of an opening ASNPO balance sheet at the date of transition of May 1, 2011.

The Association issued financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2012 using generally accepted accounting principles prescribed by the CICA Handbook - Accounting Part V - Pre-changeover Accounting Standards. The adoption of ASNPO resulted in no adjustments to the previously reported assets, liabilities, net assets, excess of revenue over expenses and cash flows of the Association.

3. Investments

	2013	2012
Canadian Treasury Bills	\$ 2,394	\$ 2,382
Equities and Equity Funds	55,637	51,553
Guaranteed Investment Certificates	50,800	141,423
	\$ 108,831	\$ 195,358

The guaranteed investment certificates carry interest rates at 1.009% and mature May 2013.

4. Accounts Receivable

	2013	2012
General	\$ 1,556	\$ 52,875
Government remittances receivable	1,600	3,023
	\$ 3,156	\$ 55,898

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5. Equipment

	2013		2012	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Cost	Accumulated Amortization
Office equipment	\$ 3,291	\$ 2,381	\$ 3,291	\$ 2,153
Computers	14,328	8,015	6,887	4,906
General equipment	11,137	3,055	5,171	1,034
Banners	1,515	870	1,515	709
	<u>\$ 30,271</u>	<u>\$ 14,321</u>	<u>\$ 16,864</u>	<u>\$ 8,802</u>
Net book value		<u>\$ 15,950</u>		<u>\$ 8,062</u>

6. Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

	2013	2012
Trade	\$ 7,371	\$ 2,163
Accrued liabilities	3,000	4,921
	<u>\$ 10,371</u>	<u>\$ 7,084</u>

7. Deferred Funding

	2013	2012
Amethyst - sponsorship	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000
Amethyst - registration	86,867	85,846
Amethyst - busing	2,876	2,147
Amethyst - course registration	500	250
Canadian Curling Association - High Performance	-	5,000
Ontario Trillium Grant	17,573	41,629
Other	5,200	-
	<u>\$ 114,516</u>	<u>\$ 135,872</u>

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8. Deferred Capital Contributions

	2013	2012
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 4,137	\$ -
Additions	12,419	5,171
Amortization	(4,150)	(1,034)
	\$ 12,406	\$ 4,137

9. Statement of Cash Flows

	2013	2012
Accounts receivable	\$ 52,742	\$ (44,689)
Prepaid expenses	4,454	(9,155)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,287	(6,855)
Deferred revenue	(21,356)	49,811
	\$ 39,127	\$ (10,888)

10. Financial Instruments

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Association is not exposed to significant currency or market risk arising from financial instruments.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Association is exposed to interest rate risk arising from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect the value of fixed income denominated GIC investments.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Association if a customer or counter-party to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the Association's receivables. The Association does not believe it is subject to any significant concentrations of credit risk related to accounts receivable.

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10. Financial Instruments (cont'd)

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Association encounters difficulty in meeting its obligations associated with financial liabilities. Liquidity risk includes the risk that, as a result of operational liquidity requirements, the Association will not have sufficient funds to settle a transaction on the due date; will be forced to sell financial assets at a value, which is less than what they are worth; or may be unable to settle or recover a financial asset. Liquidity risk arises from accounts payable. Management believes they are not exposed to significant liquidity risk.

11. Comparative Figures

Certain prior year figures have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

Executive Director Report
NOCA Annual General Meeting
June 24, 2013

Once again it was a very busy year for the NOCA administration.

Following is a summary of the year from an administrative viewpoint.

Finances:

- The finances of the NOCA are monitored very closely on an ongoing basis. This year a review was conducted. A balanced budget was approved and the year-end financial statements show a slight surplus which includes the writing off of a \$5000 bad debt.

Communications:

- NOCA Notes is distributed weekly to approximately 800 people
- NOCA's Facebook page is updated regularly (generally daily during the season). Tweets are automatically generated from the Facebook account.
- The website is updated regularly. Pageviews increased by 10% over last year.
- A new website has been created and will be launched in the fall. Staff are training on the new site over the summer.
- A Communications committee will be struck this year with the goal of improving communications between the Regional Directors, Club Delegates, and Clubs.
- A Member Benefits manual will be available to clubs in the fall

Sponsorship:

- Thank you to The Dominion (Amethyst Camp, Men's Provincial, The Dominion Curling Club Championships), John Shea Insurance (Mixed Provincials), PBL Insurance (bus for Amethyst), Brent Belzile and the Middaugh rink (Amethyst Bursaries), Bearskin Airlines (transportation partner), Rock Clock (timing program), Jet Ice (ice logos for Men's provincials, Amethyst Camp, and support for Ice Technician courses), Hurricane Web Designs (playdown registration), Shoppers Home Healthcare (Wheelchair Provincials), Choice Hotels, Avis, and Budget.
- Leslie and Dick will take the lead this season to develop a sponsorship plan. Kris and Ian will be on the committee.

Development:

- The Amethyst Camp filled in record time. There are 57 Northern Ontario campers, up from 46 last year.
- Curling Week was held November 17-25, 2012. The draw to the button was very complicated and will not be done again in its current form. Plans are underway to have a closest to the pin contest for prizes such as a big screen TV for the winner and his/her club. This year Curling Week will be held November 16 – 24, 2013.
- Youth Challenge participation numbers increased this year and this resulted in an increase in Bantam entries in the playdowns. More courses were held this year than last.
- Thanks to Dick Henderson for his ongoing creativity in the Development area. (see Dick's report on development).
- Bill Charlebois did more officials' training and we now have many people trained in most areas. The goal will be to now have a Head Official in the East and Bill in the West.
- Dave Kawahara continues to promote Wheelchair and Visually Impaired curling

Competitions:

- Once again it was a very busy season.
- The Northern Ontario teams fared very well at the national level and we should be very proud of them.
- Rock Clock and Playdowns.com were both very useful.
- See report from Karen Saarimaki. Thanks to Karen for her diligence as Competitions Chair!

Trillium:

- This was the first year of a three year Trillium grant. The main part of the funding allowed NOCA to hire two Development Coordinators, Cindy McFeeters in the East (regions 4,5,6), and Chris Ransom in the West (regions 1,2,3).
- The main functions of the Coordinators include:
 - Developing and promoting curling to Aboriginal Youth and Adults. Cindy and Chris utilized the Native Friendship Centres to access programs and start relationships with groups particularly through the Aboriginal Wellness programs
 - Work with Rocks and Rings to ensure that clubs know when the program is in the community and can either send representatives to the school or at least have information about their youth programs available
 - Develop a Member Services Manual
 - Promoting Floor Curl (similar to Rocks and Rings, but not a prescribed program. This is simply a demonstration of curling off ice using Floor Curl equipment)
 - Promoting NOCA to affiliated and non-affiliated clubs. Cindy's work directly resulted in a new club affiliating, and another will likely affiliate next fall
- Equipment Purchases were also made with the grant:
 - Eye on the Ice program for monitoring ice and club/arena airflow/humidity/temperature. This program was used at the Amethyst Camp, Men's provincials, Canadian Masters, and at the Level 3 Ice Technician course.
 - Heart rate monitors (3 sets), and speed traps (3 sets). These will be used to train and monitor athlete development. A set will be located in each of Regions 2, 4 and 5/6 and will be available for coaches to use in all regions.
 - 12 computers and monitors were purchased for use at NOCA provincials and other events when available. They were used at several events this year. The equipment will be located in Regions 2, 4, and 6 but will be available for any provincial provided transportation by vehicle for the equipment (2 Rubbermaid totes) is available.

This summer will be spent catching up and preparing for the fall.

Thank you to our Sponsors, the Board of Directors, Staff, our Curling Clubs, and the countless Volunteers for making this association so successful.

I am looking forward to another challenging season as the NOCA continues to evolve and improve operations and services to members and member clubs in the goal of promoting and developing the sport in Northern Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Kerr
Executive Director

Development Committee Report
NOCA AGM
Monday, June 24, 2013

The 2012-13 Curling year was an exciting year for the NOCA development committee.

Coach Training

A total of 11 coach training sessions were held with the following number of coaches attending:

Club Coach – Youth – 33

Club Coach – 8

Competition Introduction Coach – 15

Also, 11 coaches completed their Coach Evaluations.

It is important that Clubs contact NOCA as soon as possible when the need arises as it is important that this information be circulated to all clubs in the region.

Athlete Training

1. Amethyst curling camp was full with 96 campers and 23 staff.
2. Talent Identification
Two High Performance Camps were held in Thunder Bay and Espanola to train Provincial Bantam medalist teams and to identify athletes who showed potential at regional and provincial championships. Two identified athletes were invited to attend the Amethyst Camp in 2013.
3. IJCCB – Pinerolo, Italy
 - a. Two teams have expressed interest in participating in this event which will be held in later April 2014
4. U18 – Team Poirier(Sioux Lookout) and Team Horgan(Sudbury) will compete against southern Teams for the right to represent Ontario at this event Mar.25-31, 2014 in Vancouver.

High Performance

A HP cmte has been developed and includes Andrea Ronnebeck(Kenora), Bill Charlebois and Rick Lang(Thunder Bay), Tom Coulterman(SSM), Jan Pula and Nicole Dubuc-Carboneau(Sudbury) and Dick Henderson(NOCA). The purpose of this committee is to share training experiences, develop HP programs as needed and to address the HP needs of athletes in NO.

Youth Challenges

6 Challenge events were held attracting over 200 young curlers.

Again, these are great training and preparation opportunities for teams and coaches. Past hosts have found that these events not only attract athletes and coaches but also many family followers who support the clubs by accessing concessions.

A Youth Challenge committee has been formed which includes Julie Seim (Cochrane), Jennifer Widera (Marathon), Sandra Lahti (Sudbury), Chris Ransom(Sioux Lookout), Blythe Servant(SSM) and Dick Henderson(NOCA). The purpose of this committee is to exchange information, provide support to host clubs and move these events forward.

Learning Facilitator training

Three LF's attended Master Learning Facilitator and Evaluation Training

Participation

Bantam Playdowns

Region	Bantam		Junior	
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
1	4	4	2	2
2	3	2	4	4
3	2	1	1	1
4	2	5	1	3
5	4	3	5	3
6	1	2	2	1

Ice Technician Training

Level I and II filled courses prior to Amethyst Curling Camp

Officials

See attached report

Wheelchair

See attached report

AWAD

Visually Impaired Open Houses – Sudbury CC – Bill Sloan
- FWCC – Dave Kawahara

It is very important that clubs contact NOCA when considering hosting all events so that communications amongst all clubs in NO be maintained and strengthened.

The 2013-14 season will be a real scheduling challenge with the effects of the Winter Olympics and the OWG. Winners at the OWG will represent Ontario at the Canada Winter Games 2015 while the second place team will represent Ontario at the U18 Invitational 2015.

Respectfully submitted

Dick Henderson

Report of the NOCA Head Umpire 2012/13

This year, we have not had any reports of major incidents at our regional or provincial events. This was largely because Leslie Kerr forwarding me the contact information of all the people acting as Head Umpires at regional playdown. I was then able to contact most of these people, to advise them on procedures, and encouraging them to call me (at any time) if they have any situation they want advice on. Although we did have 1 or 2 complaints, none of them had any major affect on the outcome of a game.

This season has seen us reach a new level in the number of trained Head Umpires for the Association. We are now to the point where we have competent people in all but region. # 6 however there are Head Umpires in region #5 that are willing to cover these Provincial events. I will attach a list with this report.

There has been a number of requests from clubs that wish to host officiating courses. We now have several officials trained to teach the Level 1 & 2 courses. We did this by bringing them to Sault Ste. Marie be trained as instructors, and for them to work at our newest event, Mixed Doubles.

I feel we have come a long way in only 4 years. I/We will continue to identify and train officials in the coming seasons with a goal of having a minimum of 1 trained person in each of our clubs.

I would like to thank the Board and Leslie for the cooperation you have given me in these 4 years. I realise that on occasion I have gone over budget, but that has allowed us to reach this point in less than the 5 years we had originally talked about.

I hope to continue to serve you for a few more seasons.

Thank you

Bill Charlebois

Northern Ontario Curling Association 2012 - 2013 Wheelchair Curling Report

NOCA Wheelchair Curling Report			
Participation:			
2012 - 2013 Season		printed on:	13-Apr-13
	Male	Female	Total
Recreational			
Thunder Bay-Adult	6	6	12
Thunder Bay-Youth	1	2	3
Sudbury	0	0	0
Kenora/Dryden	1	1	2
Total Recreational	8	9	17
Competitive			
Thunder Bay	6	3	9
Sudbury	4	1	5
Kenora/Dryden	3	0	3
Total Competitive	13	4	17
NOCA Grand Total	21	13	34

Both recreational and competitive wheelchair curling continued in 2012 - 2013 season with varying degrees of participation in the three wheelchair curling centres, namely, Thunder Bay, Kenora and Sudbury areas. While the provincial playdowns in Kenora had two new curlers participating, the number of teams entered continues to remain at four. NOCA plans to further promote the participation is currently being researched and an advertising and promotion plan is expected to be implemented at the start of next season of curling.

The NOCA wheelchair curling champions was Team Sonogo - FWCC consisting of Skip – Gino Sonogo, Third – Doug Dean, Second – Richard Dawid, Lead – Lola Graham, Coach – Mike Bergquist, Assistant Coach – Dough Gelmich. The competitive results for the NOCA at the 2013 Wheelchair Curling Championships in Ottawa improved over the previous year from losing in the 3 – 4 tie breaker to qualifying for the 3 – 4 game by finishing 4th after the round robin of nine games. Team Sonogo was defeated by Alberta in the 3 – 4 game. Congratulations Team Sonogo.

Sudbury wheelchair curler, Norm Martel, was part of a team that won the Men's League Club Championship. Congratulations, Norm.

2 Person Stick Curling:

In November 2012 a small group of volunteer members of the FWCC began to organize the start of 2 person stick curling. The Sudbury CC and the Kenora CC both having wheelchair curlers as part of their membership were engaged and have agreed to participate in this initiative. The discussions culminated in the formation of the Northern Ontario Stick Curling Association.

The purpose of the Association can be summarized as follows:

- To develop and promote a type of curling that is more suitable to the life style and physical health of current and former curlers
- To develop a type of curling game that levels the competitive playing field for wheelchair curlers inasmuch as the sweeping allowed in the game is limited to the area between the hog line and the back line.
- To liaison with the national and other provincial stick curling associations to share experiences and coordinate events.

To expand on the above stated purpose, 2 person stick curling

- provides a healthy and social opportunity to former curlers whose changing physical health and time balance needs does not allow them to continue to enjoy the game of curling.
- provides a competitive opportunity to wheelchair curlers to improve the skills of wheelchair curlers. Unlike the sweeping version of curling, the number of competitive opportunities for wheelchair curlers is far less.
- 2 person stick curling acknowledges and anticipates the need of an aging non-curling community to engage in a winter activity that is suitable for their emerging life style both from a time balance and financial point of view.
- provides the opportunity to curling clubs to diversify their service and retain and/or increase their membership.

There are currently three curling clubs that are in the Northern Ontario Stick Curling Association (NOSCA) which is overseen by a committee. This committee is as follows:



Chair:	Dave Kawahara, FWCC – Thunder Bay
Secretary/Treasurer:	Jan Hlady, FWCC – Thunder Bay
Member:	Bill Sloan, Sudbury CC
Member:	Bill Downey, Kenora CC
Member:	Mel Prairie, FWCC

The NOSCA wishes to engage other clubs in the northern Ontario curling province who are interested in joining the association. Being wheelchair accessible is not a prerequisite to participate in the association. Any club that is interested, please email Dave Kawahara at dkawahara@shaw.ca for further information.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Kawahara
Wheelchair Curling Coordinator
NOCA

Appendix

Appendix

Summary of Events: 2012 – 2013

Wheelchair Curling:

- Wheelchair Curling Open House
 - Fort William CC (FWCC) on October 14, 2012: approx. 16 wheelchair curlers six of which were new to recreational curling.
 - Sudbury CC in October 2012: The attendance to this event was not what was expected. Efforts to recruit new curlers are planned by the organizers.
 - Kenora CC: an open house was not held this past year due to commitments related to the wheelchair provincials.

- Career Fair Booth
 - FWCC – Thunder Bay: December 27, 2012: Career Fair booth was set up to promote both the FWCC including wheelchair curling to potential club members who were visiting family during the Holiday Season.

- Family Day Wheelchair Demonstrations: FWCC: February 18, 2013
 - A demonstration of curling including wheelchair and stick curling was held as part of the Family Day events organized by the City of Thunder Bay.
 - A small ice surface with a regulation sized house logo was set up by volunteers and an enjoyable afternoon by 'never-curled-before' participants resulted.

- Wheelchair Curling Provincials – Kenora CC: February 22 – 24, 2013
 - Four teams participated (2 – Thunder Bay, 1 – Sudbury, 1- Kenora)
 - Format: Top two teams competed for Championship
 - Team Sonogo defeats Team Ficek to win the right to represent the NOCA in Ottawa

- Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championship: Ottawa, March 25 – 31, 2013:
 - Team Sonogo, FWCC qualifies 4th and is defeated in the 3 – 4 game by Alberta.
 - BC over Alberta in the semi finals and Quebec prevails over BC and is the 2013 Canadian wheelchair curling champions. Next year's event is in Montreal.

2 Person Stick Curling

- 2 Person Stick Curling Bonspiels:
 - FWCC
 - January 12, 2013: open bonspiel with 20 teams. The one-day spiel is thoroughly enjoyed by all participants.
 - April 6, 2013: open bonspiel with 24 teams.
 - Kenora CC
 - March 2, 2013: open bonspiel with 20 teams and was an excellent introduction of 2 person stick curling to club members
 - Sudbury CC
 - December 2012: open bonspiel with 12 teams
 - April 17, 2013: open bonspiel with 12 teams
- 2 Person Stick Curling League
 - FWCC: Saturday afternoon with 8 teams
 - Sudbury CC: Tuesday afternoon with 12 teams
 - Kenora CC: proposal to Board for a week day league next season
- 2 Person Stick Curling Clinic
 - FWCC: January 10, 2013 The clinic for older women was attended by 20 curlers and non-curlers. Volunteer club instructors provided an on-ice experience enjoyed by all participants.

COMPETITION'S REPORT – May 11/13 K. Saarimaki

Northern Ontario had a great year with Brad Jacobs and team winning the 2013 Brier, as well as a silver medal at the World Championship. The Jacobs team also qualified for the Olympic Pre-Trials to be held in November along with the Tracy Horgan and Krista McCarville teams.

The number of teams competing in NOCA Championships continue to decline since our first year of competition in 2007-08 with the largest decrease coming in Men's playdowns. Bantam participation continues to increase indicating that our emphasis on development at the youth level appears to be paying off. This past year there was no funding at provincial level, and entry fees were lowered.

Summary as follows:

	2012-13	Overall	
Bantams	+4	+8	
Juniors	-3	-6	
Seniors	-5	-16	
Masters	+5	+2	
Women	-2	-10	
Men	-11	-40	
Mixed	+5	-2	
Mixed Dbles	first year		
Wheelchair	0	+3	
Dominion	-6	+5	(only 5 years)
Overall	-3	-57	

We still must try to come up with ideas as to how we can increase the number of entries at our events, considering our vast geography, the economy, cost etc.

COMPETITION FORMAT:

a) Overall

A number of our provincial championships consisted of a 1 versus 2 final game, with any undefeated team having to be beaten twice, which made scheduling difficult. The decision was made to eliminate this at all provincial championships. We will now implement a semi-final between the 2nd and 3rd place teams, with the winner to play the 1st place team in a one game final.

Format for regional competitions and open provincials will continue with one change – round robin for 5 to 8 teams, with triple knockout for 9+ teams (previously round robin was for 5 to 7 teams, triple knockout for 8+ teams)

b) Bantam/Junior/Senior

We have held an 8 team split provincial (male/female) at the Bantam, Junior and Senior level over the past three seasons with the top 2 teams meeting in a championship final (any undefeated team having to be beaten twice). The number of teams has held steady in Juniors and Seniors, with Bantams again showing an increase.

Bantams	25	29	33
Juniors	29	32	29
Seniors	24	26	23

The Senior and Junior qualification will continue as is with one team qualifying from Regions 1,3,4, and 6, and two from each of Regions 2 and 5 (with unfilled spots being allocated as per our current competition guides). For Bantams one team will qualify from each of the six

regional competitions, which will be moved back to December. There will be two challenge rounds held in January, for two other spots– one west (1,2, and 3) and one east (4,5, and 6).

We want to have eight teams at our provincials, so if the allocation of the eighth spot cannot be accomplished fairly according to the current criteria listed in the Competitor's Guide, then the eighth spot will be given to the Region that had the highest original number of entries. If there are two or more regions with the same original number of entries, then the spot will be given to the region closest geographically to the host site.

Seniors will continue to play 10 end games until such time as the CCA changes National competition from 10 to 8 (Worlds are currently 8). Three day game days will be eliminated, with an extra day being added to the competition. Senior teams will not be allowed to have a fifth man at Provincial championships (fifths are not allowed at Nationals) but can either use the spare pool or play with three players.

c) Masters, Wheelchair, Mixed Doubles, Mixed - Provincial Championships will all continue to be Open competitions (no qualification). Any triple knockout will result in three qualifiers, followed by a semi-final and final (change in Mixed). The National Masters currently offers no support to teams participating, but this may change, as there is a possibility of a competitor's card being needed in order to help with this.

d) Women

Next season will be the last year for the Ontario Scotties involving teams from both Southern Ontario and Northern Ontario (four teams currently qualify) to determine who goes to the (National) Scotties. In 2014-15 Northern Ontario will have its own entry at the Scotties, so we will have to look at how to increase participation in Women's playdowns working towards our Northern Ontario championship.

e) Men

With the declining number of teams participating in Men's competition, the decision was made to change from a nine team provincial (3 from each of two qualifiers, one from each of two challenge rounds and CTRS leader) to an eight team provincial with three teams advancing from each of two qualifiers, one East, one West, held two weeks apart in January, with two spots given to the top two NOCA teams in the CTRS standings (as long as they are in the top 75). For 2013-14 the East Challenge round will be held second (the Provincial is also being held in the east), with the opposite to occur in 2014-15 and so on. Teams may enter one or both Challenge rounds. A team that doesn't qualify out of the first Challenge round may enter the second one, (another fee will be charged), and the deadline to enter will be two days after the first round. Teams will be considered to be the "same team" if at least 3 players are the same.

Three game days will be eliminated (except for Saturday if a tiebreaker is needed).

f) Mixed Doubles

This was the first year for Mixed Doubles. Only four teams entered the open Provincial championship but all teams and spectators thoroughly enjoyed it. We will work on promotion of this event as it is supposed to become an Olympic event in 2018. This is a great format for all clubs, to offer as an alternative to the game as we currently know it – only two player teams, games take approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes, players are more involved throughout the whole game.

g) Dominion

Rules/eligibility are determined by Dominion. Our ED is part of a committee who will be taking ideas back to Dominion to discuss. Clarification regarding teams playing in major/super leagues – they may enter the Dominion playdowns as long as they also play as a regular team in another league.

h) Wheelchair

The Provincial is an open competition with a single round robin held among four teams this year. This could be changed to a double round robin – ED will check with players competing.

Overall we have not changed the number of sites required for competition – we added two sites to Bantams, and removed two sites required for Men's competition.

Officiating at our competitions is improving. We are hoping to have some of our Head Officials do training in their own regions next season to make officiating more consistent across the province.

Competitor Guides are always a work in progress. Changes will be made due to changes in competition formats. We will attempt to tidy up wording, make it more specific and consistent across the board, following wording from National guides, in particular to areas such as rock selection, fifth man. The tiebreaker document will be looked at in order to make it clearer to both officials and players, for both regional and provincial competitions, in particular for determining one, two, or perhaps three qualifiers advancing out of a competition.

Rotation of Provincial Hosting Sites will be updated and will include Mixed Doubles.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Saarimaki
Competitions Committee Chair

Policy and Bylaws Report – June 2013

Policies reviewed and accepted in 2012-13

1. Hosting - October
2. Finance – October
3. Discipline and Complaints - December
4. Appeals – December
5. Privacy – December
6. Conflict of interest – December
7. Social media – January
8. Health and Safety – May
9. Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) - May

Outstanding policies

1. Personnel policy
2. Workplace Violence and Harassment Policy

Bylaws

Governance changes are taking place over two years. The notice of motion is attached with details. The bylaws reflect the changes that are being implemented in 2013-14.

The bylaws have been reviewed and changes made have not altered the intent of the bylaws. The changes simply improve the clarity of the bylaws. For example “member” has been changed to “member club” where appropriate.

Muriel Anderson

Chair, Policy/Bylaw committee

Northern Ontario Curling Association

Notice of Motion

January 15, 2013

On March 18th 2013, at a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors, Michael Szajewski, Director Region 1, will make a motion to amend the By-Laws of the Northern Ontario Curling Association.

Synopsis

The net effect of these changes will be to reduce the size and alter the composition of the Board of Directors of The Northern Ontario Curling Association. The Board will move from one male and one female director from each of six regions for a total of twelve regional directors, to one director from each of six regions and three at large directors for a total of nine directors. The regional director elections that are scheduled for the spring of 2013 will be deferred until the spring of 2014.

Rationale

The elimination of three Directors from the Board will reduce cost and gain efficiencies for the operations of the Northern Ontario Curling Association. Member Clubs will preserve their regional representation through the six regional Directors. The addition of three at large Directors will enable the Board to acquire specific skills and expertise from the wider community to assist in strategic planning for and management of the Association. The deferment of elections for a one year period will enable the existing Board to provide a seamless transition to the new governance structure.

Motion

On March 18th 2013, at a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors, Michael Szajewski, Director Region 1, will make a motion to amend the By-Laws of the Northern Ontario Curling Association as Follows. Deletions are indicated by Strike Trough's and additions are identified by the colour red.

As of March 19th 2013

4.5. Election of male directors shall be:

- a) In 2012~~4~~ and every third year thereafter in Regions #1, 3 and 5
- b) In 2013~~5~~ and every third year thereafter in regions #2, 4 and 6

4.6. Election of female directors shall be:

- a) In 2012~~4~~ and every third year thereafter in regions #2, 4 and 6
- b) In 2010~~5~~ and every third year thereafter in regions #1, 3, and 5

As of April 1st 2014

3.11. ~~Seven (7)~~ **Five (5)** directors shall constitute a quorum at a general meeting.

3.22. Regional meetings shall be convened by the Regional Directors:

- a) Such meetings shall take place within the prescribed region or by electronic means as provided for in these bylaws no later than 2 weeks prior to the Association's annual general meeting.
- b) Approval of business at regional meetings requires a simple majority of voting delegates in attendance.
- c) The purposes of the regional meetings are:
 - i) The election of directors, ~~one (1) male and one (1) female, from each region, for a total of twelve (12).~~ **one (1) director from each region for a total of six (6).**
 - ii) To plan regional competitions.
 - iii) To deal with any recommendations, concerns and/or requests from member facilities and member clubs.

4.2. The board of directors shall consist of ~~twelve (12) directors, one (1) male and one (1) female~~ **nine (9) directors. Six (6) regional directors**, one from each region, elected prior to the annual meeting by the delegates at their regional meetings, **and three (3) at large directors elected by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.**

4.5. ~~Election of male directors shall be:~~

a) ~~In 2014 and every third year thereafter in Regions #1, 3 and 5~~

b) ~~In 2015 and every third year thereafter in regions #2, 4 and 6~~

4.6. ~~Election of female directors shall be:~~

a) ~~In 2014 and every third year thereafter in regions #2, 4 and 6~~

b) ~~In 2015 and every third year thereafter in regions #1, 3, and 5~~

4.5. Election of directors shall be:

a) In 2014 regions 1 and 6 will elect one director each for a one (1) year team. In 2015 and every third year thereafter regions 1 and 6 will elect one (1) director each for a three (3) year term.

b) In 2014 regions 2 and 5 will elect one director each for a two (2) year team. In 2016 and every third year thereafter regions 2 and 5 will elect one (1) director each for a three (3) year term.

c) In 2014 regions 3 and 4 will elect one director each for a three (3) year team. In 2017 and every third year thereafter regions 3 and 4 will elect one (1) director each for a three (3) year term.

4.6. Election of at large directors shall be three (3) in 2014 for terms of one(1), two(2) and three (3) years. In 2015 and every year thereafter one (1) director shall be elected.

4.11. The directors may at any time, appoint a person ~~of the same gender~~ who is eligible for election as a director, to fill the term, ~~from that region missing a director~~, on the organization's board of directors. That person shall hold office only until the conclusion of the next annual meeting but is eligible for re-election.

4.19. The president may call a meeting of the Board of Directors at such time and place as he or she may determine. Upon the request of any ~~five (5)~~ **four (4)** directors, the president shall call a meeting of the board.

4.20. ~~Seven (7)~~ **Five (5)** directors present together, in person via conference telephone call or other electronic method authorized by the executive, shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the directors.

Duties of Officers and ~~Regional~~ Directors

4.31. The ~~Regional~~ Directors of the Association shall act as Committee Chairs, and under guidance from the Association, act in the interest of their region in the areas of programs, services, and playdowns, and shall act as conduits of communication between the Association and its member facilities and member clubs.

NOCA Report on the National Curling Congress and CCA Annual General Meeting
June 2012

Stephen Chenier, Muriel Anderson, and Leslie Kerr attended the CCA NCC and Annual General Meeting for Northern Ontario.

Many discussions and topics were presented during the Thursday and Friday sessions including:

- Task force on Championship Committee
- Constitutional Review
- Member Association Meeting
- Notices of Consideration
- Financial and Budget
- Curling Summit
- Member Best Practices
- CCA Board Candidates
- MA Conference calls
- Member Association Code of Conduct Committee (of which I am now a member)
- Scheduling
- Member consultation
- CCA staff reports
- Awards Celebration
- Annual meeting

Many issues were raised but the continuing trend of some animosity between the Member Associations, CCA Board and CCA staff seems to persist. A presidents' only dinner was requested by Resby Coutts from Manitoba and attended by all. We discussed many topics and are prepared to work on a workable solution that will enable all parties to continue working towards their goals while promoting the game of curling to all.

The CCA will be presenting a Championship report shortly in an effort to prepare for the future of the stated goal of all MA having equitable access to all Championships. One of the motions passed at this year's meeting was to continue having all fourteen MA represented at the Junior Nationals. Danny and Warren are working on a viable solution to this effect and will present it later this fall.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Chenier
President - NOCA



**For Immediate Release
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CCA annual meetings reflect positive vibes for curling

OTTAWA — Delegates headed home from the 2013 Canadian Curling Association National Curling Congress and Annual General Meeting with fresh resolve to continue improving and growing the sport in Canada.

The NCC and AGM were held this past weekend in Ottawa to review the 2012-13 curling season and discuss visions for the sport in the near- and long-term future.

“It was a positive few days for the Canadian Curling Association and for the sport of curling,” said CCA Chief Executive Officer Greg StremLaw. “The spirit in the room was one of keeping the big picture in mind and continuing to build our sport, at the grassroots, the club, Member Association and international levels. It was exciting, quite frankly, to hear the ideas that were generated from the various sessions in Ottawa. I believe our association and our sport is well-positioned to take some significant strides forward, and the 2013 NCC and AGM only strengthened that belief.”

The CCA is coming off a season during which Canadian teams finished on the podium six times at eight world-championship events, including three gold medals.

That international success inspired some glowing words of praise from Canadian Olympic Committee president Marcel Aubut in his keynote address to the delegates to open the NCC.

“Your results are nothing short of outstanding. You deliver the goods,” said Aubut in his speech. “You have an incredible culture of gold. Being best in class is in your fibre ... This is an organization of difference-makers ... You are our go-to people for leadership. We appreciate this.”

In addition to the meetings, the CCA also held its second annual Awards and Hall of Fame banquet. Former CCA chair of the board of governors Laura Lochanski, along with athletes Cathy King and Sonja Gaudet were officially inducted into the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame.

As well, the winners of the Dominion Members Association Cup, presented by TSN, and the Governor’s Cup were announced.

Ontario captured the Members Association Cup for posting the best overall results at the eight CCA national championships, while Nova Scotia won the Governor’s Cup for posting the largest year-to-year improvement.

At the AGM, delegates and board members held elections to replace outgoing governors Laura Lochanski of Edmonton and Jim Mann of Richmond, B.C., who both completed their tenures.

Taking their place for five-year terms will be Peter Inch of London, Ont., and Lena West of Victoria.

Additionally, the CCA Board of Governors held an internal election to declare that Hugh Avery of Halifax will serve as chair for the 2013-14 season, while Marilyn Neily of Pleasantville, N.S., will be the vice-chair.

Also:

— The Optimist Junior Interclub Curling League was approved for affiliate membership in the Canadian Curling Association.

— The residency requirements for players to compete for Member Associations was altered to remove passports from the list of required documents because they didn't provide sufficient evidence of residency. As well, there was further clarification of what constitutes a full-time and part-time student.

— The work of the CCA's Constitutional Review Committee was endorsed, allowing the CCA to continue its work towards revising its bylaws to comply with the Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act. The membership also endorsed the CCA to proceed to file for its Articles Of Continuance to complete the transition of the Association to the new legislation.

Dates for the 2014 National Curling Congress and Annual General Meeting will be announced soon.

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About the Canadian Curling Association

The Canadian Curling Association (CCA) is the national sport governing body responsible for the development, promotion and organization of curling in Canada. In cooperation with its Provincial and Territorial Member Associations from across Canada, the CCA provides programs and services to curlers ranging from the youngest 'little rocker' (age 7 and up), to those participating at ages 70 and over – and from aspiring Olympians to Canadians with special needs, coaches, curling facility operators, ice makers and officials. The CCA also oversees and provides the comprehensive management of the Season of Champions event portfolio; develops and administers the Canadian Team Ranking System (CTRS) for Olympic qualification; and organizes and operates the championship system for Juniors (under 20), Seniors (over 50), Mixed, Women, Men, University and Wheelchair.



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Ontario Curling Council
REPORT TO NOCA AGM
2013-2014

As the recognized Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) for curling in the province of Ontario, the Ontario Curling Council (OCC), as a council with its two Member Associations (MA), the Ontario Curling Association (OCA) and Northern Ontario Curling Association (NOCA), was awarded the Capacity Building Priority Grant in order to help the OCC move towards compliancy within the Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport (MTCS).

The OCC and MAs identified a number of areas where policies were not up-to-date or did not meet the requirements of the MTCS Sport Recognition Policy. As such, the OCC and MAs worked towards the common goal of:

- Becoming compliant with the Sport Recognition Policy (2010);
- Aligning policies of the PSO and MAs to ensure consistency across the sport, in the province of Ontario
- Ensuring that Membership policies across the province are consistent in keeping with programs and services provided;
- Developing new By-laws that meet the requirements of the new Not-For-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (Ontario) that was scheduled to become effective July 2013.

It is important to note that should the OCC be non-compliant, our sport and funding would be in jeopardy. Non-compliance also impacts our participation in the Ontario Winter Games, the Canada Games and funding for Quest for Gold Athletes.

Although the Board of Directors of the OCC meets monthly via conference call, there were two in-person meetings in November 2012 and May 2013 in Toronto to discuss compliancy and develop a plan to finalize curling submissions to the provincial government. Together with input from the MAs, Scott Cooper (MTCS Sport Consultant), Al Will (Non-Profit Organization Consultant), and with OCC's Legal Counsel. As at May 31, 2013, the OCC has submitted the paperwork to the MTCS for assessment, as outlined in the Capacity Building Priority Grant.

The Quest for Gold cards for the 2012-2013 have been finalized and the athletes receiving a full card will be awarded \$5,300.00 and a half-card is \$2,650.00. Thank you to Janice Pula and Dick Henderson, who along with myself represented the NOCA during the criteria development and selection processes. The Quest for Gold Committee will be meeting over the summer to review curling's application process.

I would also like to echo the sentiments of the OCC's Chief Administrative Officer, John McCrae, in expressing my thanks to Leslie Kerr and the Northern Ontario Curling Association for their continued support during the past year. I would also like to thank my fellow board members representing the NOCA, Andrea Ronnebeck and Peter Hinz (Chair), for their continued assistance on Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

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