

**NOCA 2010 Annual General Meeting
Sunday June 13, 2010
Laurentian University, Sudbury**

1. Introductions – call to order 11:07 a.m.

Muriel Anderson, NOCA President, welcomed everyone to the 2010 Annual General Meeting of the Northern Ontario Curling Association

2. Attendance:

Board:

Region 1: Muriel Anderson (President), Don DeBenedet

Region 2, Kris Woznesensky, Bev Junnila

Region 3: Jennifer Widera

Region 4: Kathy Ingram, Ian Fisher

Region 5: Ron Henderson (Secretary/Treasurer), Roma Lundgren

Region 6: Stephen Chenier (Vice-President), Bob Hardy

Staff:

Leslie Kerr - Executive Director, Dick Henderson – Technical Coordinator, Bill Charlebois – Head Official

Other Guests:

Ryan Lafraniere – Ontario Curling Council, Debbie Grillanda, Brent Belzile, Cory Belzile, Tom Leonard, Janice Vettoretti, Lance Loach, Monique Loach, Maymar Gemmell, John Kelly, Al Gemmell, Jocelyn Dovigi

3. Voting Structure:

The voting structure was explained 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:

Muriel indicated that she would like to change the agenda so that the awards would be presented at the start of the meeting so that the recipients could leave should they want to.

Motion: That the agenda be adopted as amended.

Moved: Roma Lundgren

Seconded: Bob Hardy Carried

5. Awards Presentation:

Leslie Kerr thanked Brent Belzile from Nexcap Finance Group for their ongoing sponsorship of the Bantam and Junior Playdowns. Brent was presented with photos of the Bantam and Junior Provincial winning teams.

Bev Junnila presented the following awards:

NOCA 2009-2010 Volunteer Award:

Jayne Santerre, Terrace Bay CC (accepted by Jennifer Widera)

Morris Stoyka, Fort William CC (accepted by Kris Woznesensky)

Serge Bastien, Iroquois Falls CC (accepted by Bob Hardy)

NOCA Honorary Life Memberships:

Jan Pula (accepted by Debbie Grillanda)

Rob Sinclair (accepted by Don DeBenedet)

Ryan Lafraniere presented the following awards on behalf of the Ontario Curling Council:

Pat O. Reid 2009 Ice Technician Award:

Tom Leonard, Sudbury Curling Club, Maple Leaf Ice Consulting

Pat O. Reid 2010 Ice Technician Award:

Ian Fisher, Soo Curlers Association

Muriel Anderson presented the following awards:

NOCA 2009-2010 Club Recognition Award:

Fort William Curling Club (accepted by Kris Woznesensky)

NOCA Directors completing their term:

Al Gemmell (3 year term as President and Region 4 Director)

Paul Burke (3 year term as Region 2 Director)

Debbie Grillanda (3 year term as Secretary Treasurer and Region 5 Director)

Ken House (3 year term as Region 3 Director)

6. Minutes of September 20, 2009 AGM

Motion: That the minutes of the AGM dated September 20, 2009 be accepted.

Moved: Ian Fisher

Seconded: Jennifer Widera Carried

7. Business Arising:

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. Reports:

a. **President's Report** – Al Gemmell (see attached President's report)

- As President for the 2009-2010 season, Al Gemmell presented his report

b. **Financial Report** – Ron Henderson (see attached report)

- Ron Henderson presented the year-end financial statements and a review of the year past. He then outlined the changes to the budget which include both some recommended revenue and expense changes. Ron reported that the HST played a major factor in the budget changes as well as the deficit recorded at year end, and the loss of the \$20,000 in grants from the CCA and WCF.
- Discussion took place regarding the fact that some clubs have collected some of their memberships already for the next season. Ron explained that the Board had discussed this at length, and that in the future notice would be given to clubs earlier so that they could adjust their fees. Unfortunately the year end was not until April 30 so the budget was not passed until the June 10th meeting which included the per capita fee increase.
- A question was asked as to why the funding from the CCA and WCF was no longer available. Leslie explained that it was a three year funding grant meant for new organizations for development. The amalgamated NOCA received this funding for 2007, 2008, and 2009.

Motion: That the financial statements for the year ending April 30, 2010 be accepted as presented

Moved: Kathy Ingram

Seconded: Don DeBenedet Carried

Motion: That the 2010 financial report be accepted as presented

Moved: Ian Fisher

Seconded: Steve Chenier Carried

- c. **Executive Director's Report – Leslie Kerr** (see attached report)
- d. **Development Report – Kathy Ingram** (see attached report)
- e. **Competitions Report – Steve Chenier** (see attached)
 - Discussion took place regarding The Dominion Curling Club Championships. This event was very successful and clubs who did not participate will be encouraged to this season. In 2009 event NOCA had 31 teams enter, and in the 2010 event there were 46 teams entered.
 - Steve noted that the Sudbury CC had been awarded the 2012 Mixed Canadian Championships, and the Fort William CC had been awarded the 2012 Canadian Wheelchair Championships.
 - Steve thanked all of the clubs who hosted events this past season.
- f. **Communications, Curling Week, and Sponsorship Reports** – as submitted and attached by Paul Burke
- g. **Constitution/Manual Report – Muriel Anderson**
 - Muriel reported that there were some changes required in the bylaws so that they reflect where the organisation is at present. Steve Indig from the Center for Sport Law will assist the committee with reviewing the bylaws this year. Current changes will be addressed in New Business.
 - The Manual is a work in progress and will require some review this season as well.
- h. **Canadian Curling Association Report – Muriel Anderson**
 - Muriel reported that the CCA Annual General Meeting and National Curling Congress will take place June 17 – 20, 2010 in Gatineau.
 - There are some items which will be addressed at the CCA AGM including a one-time competitor fee (instead of paying a competitor fee for each event a person enters in a season), as well as equitable access for all Member Associations for CCA competitions.
 - Muriel and Steve will attend the NCC and AGM as voting delegates, and Leslie will be a non-voting delegate. A report will be given at the next Board meeting.
- i. **Ontario Curling Council – Ryan Lafraniere (for Jan Pula)** (see attached report)
 - Ryan presented a thank you gift to Jan Pula for her service as OCC chair-elect and chair over the past three years. Debbie Grillanda accepted on behalf of Jan.
 - Ryan reported that the OCC Board members representing NOCA are Peter Hinz (Chair Elect), Andrea Ronnebeck, and himself.
 - The Pat O. Reid Coach of the Year Award for a Northern Ontario Coach has been awarded to Glen Poirier from Sioux Lookout.

Motion: That the reports of the Board of Directors and Staff for 2009-2010 be accepted.

Moved: Bob Hardy

Seconded: Ian Fisher Carried

9. New Business:

a. Bylaw Changes – Muriel Anderson

- Muriel reported that Subsection 11.2 which addresses amending the bylaws, as well as Subsection 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.9, and 4.10 which address Election and Appointment of Directors need to be changed as attached

Motion: That subsection 11.2 be amended as presented.

Moved: Don DeBenedet

Seconded: Kathy Ingram Carried

Motion: That subsections 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.9, and 4.10 be amended as presented.

Moved: Ian Fisher

Seconded: Kris Woznesensky Carried

b. Motion to conduct an Accounting Review or Audit:

Motion: To conduct an Accounting Review or Audit as required.

Moved: Steve Chenier

Seconded: Ron Henderson Carried

c. Motion to Appoint an Auditor

Motion: That Stewart, Sande & Zimmerman be appointed as the Accounting Firm for the NOCA

Moved: Ian Fisher

Seconded: Bob Hardy Carried

Motion: THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Bev Junnila Carried



PRESIDENT'S REPORT JUNE 13, 2010

Three years have been completed since the amalgamation and your Board and Staff have made significant achievements. During the first year, there were 57 pages of mostly negative postings and comments on the web site message board. Last year, there were 2 postings and neither was directed at the board. This is definite progress and verifies that our decisions have been the correct ones. During the past year most of the manuals, guidelines, policies and procedures have been reviewed and completed. The NOCA is settling into a routine rather than having to address numerous issues.

I must thank all the Directors for their support, dedication and efforts to improve curling in Northern Ontario. However, I will single out Steve Chenier for his many hours as chair of the Competitions Committee. We have now arrived at the point where all our playdown formats are generally accepted.

Our Executive Director, Leslie Kerr, is a huge asset to the organization. Her dedication, flexibility, initiative and insight are certainly appreciated. It has been a pleasure working with Leslie and she has made all our jobs easier.

Development produced many successful events under the leadership of Technical Coordinator Dick Henderson, along with the Development Committee and Leslie. The Dominion Amethyst Junior Curling Camp continues to flourish with full attendance again, coupled with the ice technician courses. Bantam Camps last year were so successful that this program will be expanded in the coming season. Six clubs hosted very successful "Let's Go Curling" weekends. Bill Charlebois increased the training of officials exponentially. Dave Kawahara continues to promote wheelchair curling and is working on expanding the program to the Sudbury area. Everyone in these areas has done a great job.

Jan Pula is completing three years as an NOCA appointed Director on the Ontario Curling Council. As Chair, she guided the reorganization from Curl Ontario to OCC. Thank you, Jan, for your dedication to this job.

Our competitive teams represented Northern Ontario exceptionally well in 2010 and moved us back onto the national scene. I particularly want to recognize the efforts and results of the Brad Jacobs, Krista McCarville, Kendra Lilly and Vicky Barrett teams who all came within a shot of reaching the finals.

The NOCA is in good shape financially with net funds of \$156,000. However, the three-year support from the World Curling Federation (\$12,000) and the CCA (\$8,000) ended this year. Sponsorship has increased, but this area needs more contributors. On the plus side, due revenue increased as clubs collected more fees from rental leagues. However, affiliation of all the smaller clubs continues to be a difficult goal.

It has been a great journey, but it is time for new ideas and enthusiasm. I wish Muriel Anderson, Board, Staff and all our curlers success this coming year.

Al Gemmell

Northern Ontario Curling Association Financial Report and 2010-2011 Budget

2009/2010 Financial Highlights

- Year end April 30th 2010
- \$111,848 in cash
- \$131,628 in investments
 - GIC's \$80,111
 - Mutual Funds \$49,158
 - T-Bills \$2,359
- Total current assets - \$243,476
- Mutual Funds realized a gain of \$9,838
- No long term debt
- Non-material short term liabilities
- Audited review of financial statements has been completed
- 2009/2010 Year end deficit of \$19,530

2010/2011 Budget Highlights

- Realignment of accounts to match revenues and expenditures
- 2010/2011 Budget Issues
 - HST
 - Loss of \$20,000 in base funding from WCT and CCA
 - Coupled with 2009/2010 deficit the starting point was a deficit of \$39,530
- Recommended Revenue Adjustments
 - Increase in Competition Fees
 - Increase in Sponsorship
 - Increase in Membership Dues from \$12 to \$15

- **Recommended Expense Adjustments**
 - **Reduction in Advertising**
 - **Reduction in Meeting Expenses**
 - **Reduction in Learn Facilitator Training**
 - **Reduction in Officiating Expenses**

- **As a result of these actions**
 - **The following programs are completely self funded**
 - **Competitions**
 - **The Dominion Championships**
 - **Amethyst Camp**
 - **All other programs offered by NOCA**
 - **Projected 2010/2011 deficit of \$14,183**

NORTHERN ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS AT
30 APRIL 2010

Stewart, Sande & Zimmerman

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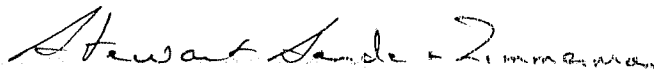
REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Board of Directors:

We have reviewed the statement of financial position of the Northern Ontario Curling Association as at 30 April 2010 and the statement of operations and net assets for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by management.

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

Based on our review, 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 generally accepted accounting principles.



STEWART, SANDE & ZIMMERMAN
Chartered Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

FORT FRANCES, Ontario
1 June 2010

NORTHERN ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 APRIL 2010
(Unaudited - see Review Engagement Report)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 111,848	\$ 37,795
Investments, note 2	131,628	166,008
Accounts receivable	14,435	75,441
Inventory, note 1	<u>12,480</u>	<u>17,037</u>
	270,391	296,281
CAPITAL, note 1, schedule 1	<u>4,101</u>	<u>5,295</u>
	<u><u>\$ 274,492</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 301,576</u></u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	\$ 5,965	\$ 8,884
Deferred revenue	<u>85,980</u>	<u>90,615</u>
	91,945	99,499
NET ASSETS		
NET ASSETS, Statement 2	<u>182,547</u>	<u>202,077</u>
	<u><u>\$ 274,492</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 301,576</u></u>

On behalf of the Board:

_____ Director

_____ Director

NORTHERN ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2010

(Unaudited - see Review Engagement Report)

	<u>2010</u>
REVENUE	
Amethyst camp	\$ 87,024
Assessments	6,028
Reserve Fund Curl Ontario	4,338
Competitions	111,323
Sponsorship	3,933
Inventory sales	238
Membership dues	93,116
Grants	61,694
Other program funding	9,750
Program fees	39,851
Miscellaneous income	<u>9,172</u>
	<u>426,467</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Amethyst camp - program expense	87,102
Amortization	1,474
Bank fee	199
Competitions	118,350
Insurance - liability	4,229
Office	23,155
Personnel	89,695
Professional fees	4,145
Other association fees	24,665
Marketing	20,393
Meetings	26,755
Courses and camps	37,782
Development	<u>17,891</u>
	<u>455,835</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES BEFORE THE FOLLOWING	(29,368)
Unrealized gain on investments	<u>9,838</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR	(19,530)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>202,077</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 182,547</u>

NORTHERN ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS AT 30 APRIL 2010
(Unaudited - see Review Engagement Report)

The Northern Ontario Curling Association was incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario on 26 April 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.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies of the organization:

(a) Basis of Accounting

Revenue and expenditures are recorded according to the accrual basis of accounting. Investment income includes dividend income and is recognized when it is earned. Investments are recorded at fair market value and as such, unrealized changes in the investment are recorded on the statement of operations and net assets.

(b) Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles 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. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and the effect on the financial statements of changes in such estimates in future periods could be significant.

(c) Amortization of Assets

Capital assets are amortized at the rates set out in schedule 1 on the declining balance basis.

(d) Revenue Recognition

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions and operating revenues are recognized as revenue when they are received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

(e) Contributed Services

Members contribute approximately 800 hours per year to assist the organization 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.

(f) Inventory

Inventory is valued at cost and was counted at year end.

NORTHERN ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS AT 30 APRIL 2010
(Unaudited - see Review Engagement Report)

2. INVESTMENTS, at fair market value

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Canadian T-bills	\$ 2,359	\$ 2,356
Equities and equity funds	49,158	38,652
Guaranteed Investment Certificates	<u>80,111</u>	<u>125,000</u>
	<u>\$ 131,628</u>	<u>\$ 166,008</u>

3. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

A statement of cash flows is not presented since the cash flow information is readily apparent from other financial statements or is adequately disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

4. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The organization's financial instruments consist of cash, guaranteed investment certificates, other investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and deferred revenue. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values, unless otherwise noted.

5. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

No comparative figures were presented on the statement of operations and net assets due to reorganization of the general ledger to more accurately reflect the operations of the organization.

NORTHERN ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

SCHEDULE OF COST OF CAPITAL ASSETS AND ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION
AS AT AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2010
(Unaudited - see Review Engagement Report)

COST OF CAPITAL ASSETS

	BALANCE 30 APRIL 2009	ADDITIONS	BALANCE 30 APRIL 2010
Office equipment	\$ 3,011	\$ 280	\$ 3,291
Computer	5,134	-	5,134
Banners	<u>929</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>929</u>
	<u>\$ 9,074</u>	<u>\$ 280</u>	<u>\$ 9,354</u>

ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION

	RATE	BALANCE 30 APRIL 2009	CHARGE FOR YEAR	BALANCE 30 APRIL 2010
Office equipment	20%	\$ 1,069	\$ 444	\$ 1,513
Computer	33.3%	2,438	899	3,337
Banners	20%	<u>272</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>403</u>
		<u>\$ 3,779</u>	<u>\$ 1,474</u>	<u>\$ 5,253</u>

NET BOOK VALUE AT 30 APRIL 2010

\$ 4,101

Executive Director Report
NOCA Annual General Meeting
June 10, 2010

The third year of operation for the Northern Ontario Curling Association was busy and challenging but each year there are less different items which require attention. Following is a summary of the year from an administrative viewpoint.

- The finances of the NOCA are monitored very closely on an ongoing basis. The budget for this year took many hours of work with the Finance Committee and there are some revenue and expense changes that will have to be communicated very succinctly to the membership.
- A database of competitors and coaches is now in place and will require constant updating
- Curling Week was very successful
- The Don't Hibernate campaign was very hard to measure in terms of success. There are still posters available for clubs to use for this year.
- Media Concepts was the graphic Designer and they did a great job of creating posters for courses, and posters and print ads for Curling Week, and the Don't Hibernate Campaign
- With the assistance of the Communities in Action Fund grant, Dick created a "Let's Go Curling" brochure that will be distributed to all clubs, and to as many schools as possible. 6000 of the brochures were printed. This brochure is an information piece which describes the basics of curling.
- One of the main functions of this position is to seek funding in the way of grants and sponsorship. A grant has recently been secured to hold two Coach Symposiums in the fall. The funding for this program comes through the Ministry of Health Promotion (special projects), The Coach Association of Canada, and Investor's Syndicate.
- The Bantam Competitions which were held with the assistance of a Team Ontario Development Grant Program were very successful. 7 competitions are scheduled for this year and school teams will be invited to attend. A sponsor is needed for these events.
- A Bantam/High Performance Camp was also held last season in Elliot Lake.
- The Dominion Amethyst Junior Curling Camp filled very quickly (96 campers) with 36 campers attending from Northern Ontario.
- A good response was received this year for the NOCA awards, as well as the Pat O. Reid coaching awards.
- NOCA News is emailed to all club delegates, Board, staff, Learning Facilitators, and other contacts on a weekly basis in the curling season. It is created as needed in the off season.
- The website continues to be very well used, and the webmaster updates the site on a regular basis during the competitions season.
- Communication with the other Executive Directors, Member Associations, the CCA, and the OCC continues to improve and be beneficial to all parties. I still sit on the ED Council executive as the Secretary.
- This summer will be spent catching up and preparing for the fall.
- Playdowns.com was a very successful partnership. All event sites looked the same and entering results was very user friendly.

Thank you to our Sponsors, the Board of Directors, Staff, and many 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
to the
NOCA AGM June 13, 2010

The Development Committee met face-to-face in Thunder Bay in September 2009 and then informally by email as needed, and monthly by teleconference call since January 2010.

16 Learning Facilitators attended the training workshop in Thunder Bay in conjunction with the AGM in September. The hope was to hold one Competition Coach training session in each inter-region but due to poor responses, the only coaching course held was at the Port Arthur CC on March 26-28, 2010 with 3 participants. The plan for the coming season is to hold two Coaching Seminars, one in Thunder Bay, September 10-12 and one in Sudbury, October 22-24, and cover all levels of coaching – Club Coach Youth, Club Coach and Competition Coach. A grant application was submitted by Dick and Leslie and has been approved to subsidize the cost of the Coach Symposiums. Learning Facilitators will receive training through these Coach Symposiums.

Let's Go Curling Weekends were held at Kakebeka Falls CC, Thessalon CC, Sioux Lookout CC, Cobalt-Haileybury, Espanola and Blind River CC. These weekends included a Club Coach Youth training course which resulted in 24 registrants becoming certified. Over 100 people participated in these weekends in the learn to curl clinics, and fun events.

A Level 3 Coaches Technical course was held after the Amethyst Junior camp in July 2009 and 15 people participated in this course. Level 1 and Level 2 Ice Technician courses were held prior to Amethyst with 24 people receiving certification.

The Committee has been discussing minimum coaching standards to be adopted by NOCA for competitions. Changes to NCCP courses and transition equivalencies for coaching certification were taken into consideration before recommendations were presented to the Board at the June 2010 meeting. A decision by the Board is deferred until an implementation date is set by the CCA, possibly at the NCC later in June.

The Bantam High Performance Camp was held in Elliot Lake October 23-25 with 10 teams participating. In addition, Bantam Challenge competitions were held, one in Thunder Bay and one in Copper Cliff. The purpose of the challenge competition was to provide a competitive training opportunity to help prepare for Inter-Regional and Provincial championships. Teams were assigned a mentor coach who provided input on team dynamics, strategy

and skills. Coaches were able to interact with the team while playing the game. Response was so overwhelmingly positive that there are 4 challenge competitions in the west (Atikokan, Thunder Bay, Longlac and Nipigon) and 3 competitions in the east (Copper Cliff, Soo Curlers, and Idylwyld in Sudbury) scheduled for 2010-2011.

The Dominion Amythest Junior Curling Camp will once again be held in Sudbury and is full with 96 curlers, 36 from NOCA.

Head Official, Bill Charlebois traveled to some of the provincial championships to oversee training of officials prior to competitions. The Scotties Tournament of Hearts held in Sault Ste. Marie resulted in 40 volunteers trained by CCA officials as on-ice observers, timers or statisticians.

Report of the NOCA Head Umpire – Bill Charlebois

Year 1 has been a positive experience for this position. Six people have been identified as potential Regional Head Umpires:

- Ron Del Pino from Thunder Bay (Region 2) worked the Scotties
- Bill Groom from Sudbury (Region 5) worked the Dominion Provincials, and the Men's Provincials.
- Jim Graham from Elliot Lake (Region 4) worked the Senior Provincials in Blind River.
- Malcolm MacDonald from Timmins (Region 6) worked the Women's northern Provincials in Cochrane and the Masters in Englehart.
- Chris Ransom from Soo Lookout (Region 1) was to have worked the Mixed in Kenora, but because of family commitments, had to drop out at the last minute. I covered that Playdown.
- Karen Saarimaki from Geraldton (Region 3) will also work as a head umpire next season.

I traveled to a number of these events, and conducted very quick Level I & Level II courses. Although this has worked this season, we need to look at having all our head umpires come together (in either 1 or 2 locations) and learn to teach these courses. This will eventually save the cost of me traveling to train new people.

In closing, I wish to thank the board for their financial and moral support in this area. I am hoping to add additional people next season.

Report of the Coordinator for Wheelchair Curling – Dave Kawahara

NOCA 2009/010 Highlights

Thunder Bay Program: Summary of Participants:

	Recreational	Competitive	Totals
Male	2	7	9
Female	6	2	8
Totals	8	9	17

As above by Manual vs. Power Chairs

	Recreational	Competitive	Totals
Manual	3	9	12
Power	5	0	5
Totals	8	9	17

NOCA Events in 2009/2010

ParaSport Qualifier Bonspiel December 12, 13, 2009

No. of Participants: 14 wheelchair curlers, 2 able-bodied curlers

Location: Fort William Curling Club

Teams and Ranking

Team Ficek

Team Levesque

Team Dawid

Team Sumner (mixed team: wheelchair front end able-bodied back end and their win-loss record was not included in the ranking)

NOCA Provincial Championships

Location: Kenora Curling Club

Date: February 5 – 7, 2010

Number of participants: 12

NOCA Introductory Wheelchair Clinic - January 10, 2010

Location: Sudbury Curling Club

Clinic Facilitator: Dave Kawahara

Number of participants: 17

An in-class session presented by Powerpoint was followed by on-ice demonstration and training. Many club curlers volunteered and provided invaluable assistance during the three hour on-ice session. The outcome of the clinic is that the Sudbury Curling Club lead by President Bob Sloan will support the development of both recreational and competitive wheelchair curling. Appropriate ice time is to be finalized for the 2010-2011 season.

Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championship

Kelowna B.C.

March 15 – 21, 2010

Gold, Silver, Bronze: BC Host, BC, Manitoba (Field of ten)

NOCA Champions: Team Ficek; T8 out of 10 teams (3W – 6L)

Objectives and Program for 2010/2011 Season

- To Host the 2011 NOCA Wheelchair Championships at the Fort William Curling Club, February 25 – 27, 2011
- Recruitment:
 - To increase the number of teams participating in the above mentioned Championships to four or more. To achieve this goal, the following initiatives will be undertaken:
 - Continued support of the development of wheelchair curling in Sudbury, Ontario
 - Formation of a third competitive team in Thunder Bay and/or the development of a spare pool in the event of sickness of any competitor
 - Continued support of the existing team from the Kenora/Dryden area
 - Recruitment of curler by networking with support agencies such as the Canadian Paraplegic Association and physiotherapy support organizations.

- Coach Development
 - Engage interested able-bodied coaches to become involve with wheelchair curling
 - Re-application of the General Motors grant to finance development of wheelchair coaches.
 - Developing existing coaches to go to the next level by applying for Quest for Gold grants
- North Bay Initiative
 - I am working with a former curler who lives in North Bay, Robert Stevens, is very interested in starting wheelchair curling in North Bay.
 - Since there is on accessible curling club in North Bay, my advice to him was to start by advocating for accessible modifications to the curling club. He has committed to this goal and will be networking with anyone who can assist him. I will be in touch with him during the summer to support him in any way.
- The 2010 Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championships will be hosted by the Fort William CC.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Ingram
Development Committee Chair



COMPETITION REPORT

June 13, 2010

2010/2011 SCHEDULE & PLAYDOWNS

The conclusion of another competitive season has come and gone and plans for next year are well underway. Total entries for all competitions were down six (6) teams from the previous year. The largest drop was in Senior Curling with ten (10) less teams. Some of the loss/gain can be attributed to geography while the current economic climate must also be considered as a possible reason.

2010-2011 COMPETITION CALENDAR (see enclosed calendar)

The committee has worked to finalize a calendar that reduces many conflicts and keeps the calendar flowing for volunteers and competitors alike. This is a tough challenge annually with over thirty-five (35) separate events spread over the Province.

2009/2010 COMPETITION REVIEW

Congratulations to all teams that participated in any competition this year. Any athlete who decides to compete at this level is dedicated and willing to sacrifice much to attain their goals. This year saw Northern Ontario achieve many awards at the National Level and on behalf of the committee and all members of the NOCA congratulations on your success and keep up the good work. GO NORTHERN ONTARIO GO.

TEAM JACOBS (Soo Curlers)	3 rd Place finish – TIM HORTON'S BRIER
TEAM MCCARVILLE (FWCC)	3 rd Place finish - SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS 5 th Place finish – TIM HORTON'S ROAR OF THE RINGS
TEAM LILLY (Idylwyld)	3 rd Place finish - M&M CANADIAN JUNIOR WOMEN'S
TEAM BARRETT (Sudbury CC)	2 nd Place finish – CANADIAN SENIOR WOMEN'S
TEAM HACKNER (PACC)	4 th Place finish – CANADIAN SENIOR MEN'S



COMPETITION REPORT

2010-1011 RULE CHANGES

The following rules have been clarified and defined.

Replacement players: Teams may now replace one of the original players with an eliminated player. The team must keep three (3) of the original players as stated on their competition entry form.

Players pool: The participants in the players pool must come from the host region at provincials

Residency: Each team must be comprised of one player who actually has a domicile in the region.

A new manual system will be implemented for this season with the hopes of clarifying all events and implementing an easy system for all. Each event will have a separate players handbook (ie Inter-Region Seniors and Senior Provincials will be two separate and unique manuals).

A new officials manual will also be implemented and cover all unique areas of officiating along with rules for tie-breakers and rock selection.

NOCA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2010-2011 SEASON (June 28, 2010)

	NEXCAP Bantam		NEXCAP Junior		DOMINION	SCOTTIES	Senior		Masters		DOMINION Men & Women	Wheelchair
	Boys	Girls	Men	Women	Men	Women	Mixed	Men	Women	Men	Women	
Entry Deadline	Jan. 26		Nov. 3		Dec 15 / Jan 19	Nov. 17	Mar. 2	Dec. 29	Jan. 12		Feb. 16	Jan. 5
Entry Costs	\$320		\$320		(per event)	\$ 280 ***	\$ 160 ***	\$ 280 ***	\$ 320		\$ 250	\$320
SUPERSPIEL					Cost \$ 550 PACC Nov. 12-15							
					Cost \$ 550 Soo Curlers Dec. 3-5							
REGIONS					Jan. 14-16						Mar-2011	
					\$320 ***							
1					Keewatin						Kenora	
2												
3					Longlac CC							
4					Tarentorus						Deer Trail	
5					Copper Cliff CC						Idylwyld CC	
6					Cochrane						Horne Granite CC	
INTER-REGIONS	Feb 18 - 20		Nov. 26 - 28		Jan. 28-30			Jan 21-23				
					\$ 180							
1&2	Sioux Lookout		Fort William CC		Qualifying			Port Arthur CC				
3&4	Little Current		Marathon		E. Soo Curlers			Blind River				
5&6	Kapuskaing CC		Conniston CC		W. Atikokan			Region 5				
N. ONT /	Mar 10-13					Dec. 9 - 12						
	McIntyre CC					Nipigon CC						
PROVINCIALS			Jan 6 - 9		Feb. 6 - 13	Jan 24 - 30	Mar. 24-27	Feb. 24-27	Feb. 3 - 6	Apr-2011	Feb. 25-27	
			Granite CC		FWCC	Thornhill G&CC	Soo Curlers	Fort Frances	Kakabeca CC	Sault Ste. Marie	FWCC	
CANADIAN			Jan. 29-Feb 5		Mar 5 - 13	Feb 19 - 27	Nov. 20-27	Mar 19 - 26	Mar. 30 - Apr. 5	Nov-2011	Mar 26 - Apr 2	
			Calgary AB		London, ON	Charlottetown, PEI	Morris MB	Digby NS	Winnipeg, MB		TBD	
WORLDS			Mar 5 - 13		Apr. 2 - 10	Mar 19 - 27	Apr. 15 - 24	Apr. 15 - 24			Feb. 21 - Mar 1	
			Perth, Scotland		Regina, SK	Esbjerg, Denmark	St. Paul MN	St. Paul MN			Prague, CR	

Travel time is not included in the above dates

OTHER EVENTS	Dates
Grand Slam (Masters) - Windsor	Nov. 3 - 7
Canada Cup (Medicine Hat)	Dec. 1 - 5
Grand Slam (Masters) - Vernon	Dec 15 - 19
Continental Cup (Vernon)	Jan 13 - 16
Grand Slam (Cdn Open) - Oshawa	Jan 26 - 30
World University Games- Erzurum, Turk	Jan27 - Feb 6
OFFSAA curling	Mar 23 - 26
CanadaWinter Games - Halifax NS	Feb 11 - 27
CIS/CCA University	Mar. 16 - 20
Players Champ - Grand Prairie	Apr 12 - 17

BANTAM CHALLENGES:		
WEST	Atikokan	Nov. 20-21
	Thunder Bay	Dec. 28-30
	Longlac	Jan. 15-16
EAST	Nipigon	Feb. 5-6
	Copper Cliff	Dec. 18-19
	Soo Curlers	Jan. 15-16
	Idylwyld	Feb. 12-13

Travel time is not included in the above dates

***** All Men, Women, Senior, and Mixed Competitors must also pay a one-time CCA Competitor fee of \$30/person. This fee covers all events a competitor enters in a curling season. This fee will be added to the registration fee.**



Communications, Curling Week and Sponsorship Report
For NOCA Annual General Meeting
June 2010

Curling Week in Northern Ontario:

The inaugural **Curling Week in Northern Ontario** was held Oct. 31 to November 8, 2009. Presented by Bearskin Airlines, all clubs were invited to host special events and promotions during this week. People were encouraged to visit their local club to enter a free draw for tickets to the National Scotties in the Soo. Folks also went to the NOCA website to vote for the “Top 5 Moments in Northern Ontario Curling History” which were unveiled later in the season. Surveys indicate that participating clubs want Curling Week to continue. The challenge will be to find a date that works for all which is difficult because clubs start at different times.

Graphic Design Agency:

Media Concepts in Sudbury did an excellent job as NOCA’s graphic design agency of record creating various pieces including posters and ads for the Fall Campaign, Curling Week in Northern Ontario and the Let’s Go Curling Weekends.

Newsletter:

Leslie Kerr compiled NOCA Notes on a regular basis on the website. A goal for the future may be to provide a NOCA News Newsletter regularly.

Website:

NOCA’s www.curlno.ca website remains popular and likely our most effective communications tool. This year we utilized Playdowns.com for the first time for event results with positive feedback. Suggested future website projects include utilizing the e-mail newsletter feature.

“Don’t Hibernate...” Campaign:

“Don’t hibernate this winter... get out and curl!” was the message in NOCA’s fall campaign to encourage participation in curling. This consisted of various print and radio advertising across the North as well as posters distributed to all regions.

Media Relations:

A media conference was held in Thunder Bay around the time of NOCA’s AGM to announce the competitive schedule and to launch the promotion of Curling Week in Northern Ontario and introduce Bearskin Airlines as the Presenting Sponsor.

Northern Ontario Curling Guide:

Originally scheduled for this season, plans are now in the works to produce a printed curling guide to be distributed across Northern Ontario in the fall to promote the sport, at no cost to NOCA.

Official Clothing Supplier:

Mallons Corporate Impressions in Thunder Bay continues to supply and sell clothing with the NOCA logo and/or Moose graphic. Anyone, including competitors and fans traveling to National Championships, can purchase items in the NOCA clothing line.

Sponsorship:

Bearskin Airlines was a new sponsor this year as was Cameco who came on to support the Masters. The Dominion and Nexcap continue to be tremendous supporters of NOCA. Sponsorship is an area with much potential for growth in the future for the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Burke
Communications, Curling Week and Sponsorship Chair
Regional Director (Region 2)

OCC Report - June 2010/NOCA

2009-10 - a year for consolidation for the OCC. after three years of a restructuring process. It was time to test out what the NOCA and OCA Boards, along with the OCC Board members had worked hard at putting in place.

The OCC was repositioned with the mandate to focus “on identifying and securing funding for its member associations in order that they may carry out the educational and development programs...” necessary to provide quality recreational and competitive curling opportunities to the people of Ontario.

We all suffered a major setback with the announcement last August, that our Base Funding from the Ontario Government had been considerably reduced. This placed major stress on the NOCA budgets and plans for the upcoming season and for the foreseeable future. With more and more sport bodies qualifying for funding the OCC and the Associations will have to be diligent in meeting funding application requirements. Through this recent experience, we learned where we can improve on our grant application. To the Regional Directors of the NOCA falls the very important task of urging all clubs to report **all** the participation numbers – not just members but clinic, bonspiel numbers, rental league numbers, technical course participants and so on . The Ministry is most interested in how many people we are impacting. In the future, the OCC’s role to source other funding avenues, will become crucial.

There has been considerable effort made to reduce administration (OCC) costs to the bare bones. All meetings were conducted by conference calls and business was often conducted by email, thus eliminating the considerable costs of travel, hotels and per diems. The consensus to date is that face-to-face meetings are not required, so these savings will be on going. Further savings will be realized through the move to an audit review rather than a full audit, and a reduction in rental fees for office space. All of these cost cutting measures should free up more dollars for the Associations

Quest for Gold Funding remained under the jurisdiction of the OCC and presented its own set of demands. At the request of the NOCA, a committee was struck to look into providing more equal access to qualification points for Northern applicants. The committee members were from both Associations. Changes were made to address the request and assessment is to be on going. The NOCA had one recipient of a full card – that went to Kendra Lilly of Sudbury.

November brought change to the Council. Director North, Steve Amyot, found it necessary to tender his resignation. The added burden of overseeing the rebuilding of the local curling club, which had been destroyed by a fire, made continuing on the Board a demand he could not adequately meet. Our thanks to Steve for the time and effort he did give to the Council and we wish him all the best with his rebuilding project. The NOCA recommended Ryan Lafraniere to fill the vacated position. Ryan is a welcomed addition, bringing considerable curling experience, as well as youthful energy.

The objective of the Restructuring process was to put the OCC in a better position to assist the NOCA/OCA, in facilitating and encouraging the growth and development of curling in Northern Ontario. As we dealt with the many immediate crises that developed over the year, *perhaps* the mandate, mission and values of the new OCC were at times overshadowed. During the process we lost key players and personnel changed along the way. Now again we see new people coming aboard, to add their strengths and experiences to the Council. As I leave the OCC, I encourage the

members of the new Council to review the mission, mandate and values, evaluate the process so far, and then build mechanisms that will allow for further progress

As I complete my term with the OCC, I would like to mention a few things that as the Chair I would have liked to have done better or differently.

Encourage better communication:

- Encourage OCC Board members to contact their Association Executive Directors, and OCA/NOCA Board members, and vice-versa more often. Your NOCA OCC Board members are Peter Hinz, Ryan Lafraniere and Andrea Ronnebeck.
- Encourage more dialogue between the NOCA and OCA – working together will be critical to success. The elimination of face-to-face encounters has restricted the opportunities for dialogue between the OCA and NOCA. Can technology help provide a more collaborative environment for information sharing, brainstorming and networking opportunities?
- Development of some kind of assessment/feedback tool to determine if the OCC is meeting the needs of its stakeholders

In closing, I would like to express a very sincere thank you to NOCA Executive and Committee members who have completed their terms and are taking a well deserved rest. Thank you to Al and Maymar Gemmell, Debbie Grillanda, Ken House, and Paul Burke. Most curlers have no idea how much time, thought and effort these people have given to nurture the sport of curling in Northern Ontario. They all deserve your sincere thanks. And to Leslie Kerr – who does not rest, thank you for your insights and dedication to the NOCA

I will continue to be involved in curling in Ontario – happily in areas where I am far more comfortable and qualified, than administration. I am confident that the OCC will - with timely action and specific aims for the future - be successful in assisting the NOCA and OCA, as they continue to grow the sport of curling in Ontario.

Respectfully,
Jan Pula

Amending the bylaws

THE CURRENT BYLAW IS:

- 11.2. Amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws shall not be made except by the following procedure:
- a) By giving notice at an annual general meeting of the proposed amendments to be submitted at the next annual general meeting. A minimum period of two (2) months must elapse from the time the notice is submitted until dealing with the amendment(s).
 - b) By submitting notice of proposed amendments to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, who, will in turn, submit it to all member facilities and member clubs, and directors of the Association. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association must receive this notice three (3) months prior to the time it is to be put before any annual general meeting. The member facilities and member clubs must receive the notice two (2) months prior to the time it is to be put before any annual general meeting.
 - c) A two-thirds affirmative vote of all present directors eligible to vote shall be required to carry any amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

11.2 AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

- a) Voting – These Bylaws may only be amended, revised, repealed or added to by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Directors present at a meeting duly called to amend, revise or repeal these Bylaws. Upon affirmative vote, any amendments, revisions, addition or deletions will be effective immediately.
- b) Notice in Writing – Notice in writing is to be delivered to the Board forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the meeting at which it is to be considered, and is to be delivered to member facilities and member clubs thirty (30) days prior to meeting at which it is to be considered.
- c) Waiver of Notice – Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Bylaws, the notice provisions of 11. 2 (b) above may be waived by an affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the Directors present.

NOTICE DEFINITIONS

Written Notice - In these Bylaws, written notice will mean notice which is hand-delivered or provided by mail, fax, electronic mail or courier to the address of record of the Association, Director or Member, as the case may be.

Date of Notice - Date of notice will be the date on which receipt of the notice is confirmed verbally where the notice is hand-delivered, electronically where the notice is faxed or e-mailed, or in writing where the notice is couriered, or in the case of notice that is provided by mail, five days after the date the mail is post-marked

Error in Notice - The accidental omission to give notice of a Meeting of the Directors or the Members, the failure of any Director or Member to receive notice, or an error in any notice which does not affect its substance will not invalidate any action taken at the Meeting.

Election and Appointment of Directors

- 4.3 Candidates may run in only (1) region.
- 4.4 Only individuals nominated by a member facility or member club in good standing are eligible for election as a director of the Association.
- 4.5 The terms of office for the first male directors:
a) Regions #1, 3, and 5 shall be two (2) years.
b) Regions #2, 4, and 6 shall be three (3) years.
- 4.5 Election of male directors shall be
a) In 2009 and subsequent odd years in regions #1, 3, and 5.
b) In 2010 and subsequent even years in regions #2, 4, and 6.
- 4.6 The terms of office for the first female directors:
c) Regions #1, 3, and 5 shall be three (3) years.
d) Regions #2, 4, and 6 shall be two (2) years.
- 4.6 Election of female directors shall be
a) In 2009 and subsequent odd years in regions #2, 4, and 6.
b) In 2010 and subsequent even years in regions #1, 3, and 5.
- 4.7 Subsequent terms of office for all directors with the exception of the above shall be two (2) years. Directors will serve for no more than two (2) consecutive terms. If no candidates run for election, the director (s) may serve an additional term.
- 4.7 Terms of office for all directors shall be two (2) years. Directors will serve for no more than two (2) consecutive terms. If no candidates run for election, the director (s) may serve an additional term.
- 4.8 The Executive Director will notify the Secretary-Treasurer of the Directors elected, no later than one (1) week post-election.
- 4.9 Each director from the regions shall represent that region's interest on service delivery and playdown committees.
- 4.9 Each director from the regions shall represent that region's interest on programs, services, and competitions.
- 4.10 At the first meeting of the board of directors prior to the annual meeting and at each first meeting of directors held after an annual general meeting, the directors shall elect a president, a vice president, and a secretary-treasurer, who shall take office immediately and shall hold office until the election of their successors following the next annual general meeting.
- 4.10 At the April meeting of the board of directors held after the election of new directors, the directors shall elect a president, a vice president, and a secretary-treasurer, who shall take office immediately and shall hold office until the election of their successors the following year.
- 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.