

# Manitoba Stick Curling Association

## Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club  
September 29, 2021, 1:00PM

In attendance:

Britta Spiring, President	Dave Anton, Secretary	Bev Schick Treasurer
Rae Campbell, Communications Officer (Killarney CC)		Warren Johnson, Events Coordinator

Member Representatives:

Leroy Clarke (AMCC), Jim Webster (Swan River CC), Larry Weatherburn (Eriksdale CC), Charlie McCullough (Carman CC), Resby Coutts (Fort Rouge CC), Les Oliver (St Vital CC), Dan Namba (Fort Garry CC), Bill Reid (Wildwood at Thistle CC), Tim Namba (Dominion City CC), Ray Sherrin (Marquette CC), Jim Rouse (Warren CC), Al Rear (Victoria Beach CC)

**Welcome** by Britta Spiring, President.

**Approval** of Agenda

**Approval** of Minutes of AGM held September 22, 2020 – ***motion*** to approve by Dan Namba, second by Les Oliver. Carried.

**Presidents Report\*** (Britta Spiring) – as circulated. All reports will be as circulated to representatives in advance of this AGM. Highlights and updates will be provided as necessary.

***Motion*** to approve by Bill Reid, second by Less Oliver. Carried.

**Treasurers Report\*\*** (Bev Schick) – as circulated. Note that the MSCA chequing account balance also includes the deposit paid to the Canadian Stick Curling Association from Curl Moncton Inc regarding their intention to host the 2021 CSCA Championships, now being held April 23-26, 2022.

***Motion*** to approve by Les Oliver, second by Charlie McCullough. Carried.

**Communication Report\*** (Rae Campbell) – as circulated.

***Motion*** to approve by Jim Webster, second by Leroy Clarke. Carried.

**Events Report\*** (Warren Johnson) – as circulated with updates as to CSCA dates and announcement that registration is open.

***Motion*** to approve by Warren Johnson, second by Dan Namba. Carried.

**New Business:**

**Elections:** The terms of Events Coordinator, Communications Officer and Secretary mature concurrent to this meeting. Nominations have been received as follows:

- **Events Coordinator** – Warren Johnson has agreed to stand for an additional 2 year term. No nominations from the floor. **Motion** to elect Warren Johnson by Leroy Clarke, second by Ray Sherrin. Carried.
- **Communications Officer** – Paul Batchelor has agreed to stand for a 2 year term. No nominations from the floor. **Motion** to elect Paul Batchelor by Charlie McCullough, second by Jim Webster. Carried.
- **Secretary** – Resby Coutts has agreed to stand for a 2 year term. No nominations from the floor. **Motion** to elect Resby Coutts by Bill Reid, second by Les Oliver. Carried.
- We greatly appreciate and thank Rae Campbell and Dave Anton for their contributions to the MSCA in their terms as Communications Officer and Secretary.

**Rules:** CSCA has adopted new rules of play which were circulated to Ernie Oliver Bonspiel participants. These rules have been circulated to Curling Canada for publication with rule updates in summer 2022:

1. Wheelchair curlers will be allowed to use on ice assistants to help anchor their chair, to help sorting stones after each end and provide sweeping when requested.
2. Stones delivered from a wheelchair or from a standing and stationary position between the top of the house and the nearest hog line should position their stones within 18 inches of the centre line prior to release.
3. Teams that call time outs will now be allowed to meet anywhere on the ice surface for 90 seconds. The opposing team will be allowed to meet between the hog lines at the same time.

### **2023 CSCA Championships:**

- Manitoba has the opportunity of hosting the 2023 CSCA Championships.
- Discussion as to whether we should pursue.
- Host facility has to be accessible and should have a minimum of 8 sheets of ice. This could be a combination of clubs. We have attempted to gauge interest from Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Morris (which is fully accessible but we would have to utilize ice at a secondary venue). Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club is also a possibility.
- Club representatives are generally in favour of pursuing. Next steps would be to call for volunteers to form the Hosting Committee.
- Fundraising Committee: Dave Anton has agreed to work with Britta Spiring on this committee. MSCA is interested in fresh ideas and welcomes additional individuals to assist.
- Discussion as to funding for Manitoba Provincial Stick Champions to travel to the Canadian Stick Championships.
- Funding for 2022 will be \$500 to the Open Champion and \$500 to the Womens Champion IF THEY COMMIT TO TRAVEL TO THE CSCA Championship.
- We continue to endeavor to balance the event budgets and make the Manitoba Provincial events self supporting.
- A recent survey of event costs and support for champions indicates that MSCA is fair in its support.

**Motion** to Adjourn (1:45pm) by Jim Webster. Second by Leroy Clarke.

\*Reports attached below. \*\*Copy of Financial Report available on request to [manitobastick@gmail.com](mailto:manitobastick@gmail.com)

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**President's Report**

September 29, 2021

The 2020-2021 curling season started slow and ended abruptly and far too early. We are cautiously looking forward to the 2021-2022 season as clubs and leagues install ice and roll out return to play protocols.

While we could not meet on ice or in person, the MSCA executive met on a regular basis via Zoom. There were often complications to signing in but we improved over time and meetings were productive. The major topics surrounded event planning as we remained hopeful that some 2021 events could proceed, then discussion moved on to planning and budgets for 2022. Communication and website remained in the forefront to ensure all curlers stayed informed.

We had a successful meeting with the team at Curl Manitoba to educate ourselves and ensure that we are in a position to access available supports and a broader platform to promote our game.

CSCA met on a regular basis as well. There was large debate over incorporating and after first deciding against incorporation and adopting a formal Constitution at the AGM, the CSCA amended its position and is now incorporated and has developed draft By-Laws (based on the approved Constitution) for approval at the next AGM.

The CSCA has adopted 3 supplemental rule changes. The rules are associated with timeouts, and additional clarification regarding wheelchair competitors or competitors with confirmed mobility issues. These rules are posted on <https://canadianstickcurling.ca/> and have been shared with Curling Canada to include with their 2022 rule updates. The updated rules may also be accessed on the MSCA website <https://manitobastickcurling.ca/rules/>.

Fundraising remains an issue on our agenda. It continues to be necessary to cover the annual fees of the MSCA website and we could benefit from a major sponsor for the Provincial Championships, mainly to support jackets and travel stipends. We will be approaching existing sponsors and have been researching prospects.

Also on the wish list is a grant to support clinics over a broader geographic area.

Manitoba has a wonderful legacy with the inclusive sport of Stick Curling. Our open format is gender and strength neutral and is a strategic, competitive game. My wish is that representatives of the MSCA continue to be actively involved with our national organization and continue to support and promote the open format.

I Move that my report be accepted as submitted.

Respectfully,

Britta Spiring.

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**COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

Good Day everyone – the Association’s goal with Communications is to keep our contacts and league representatives up to date with what is going on both in our province and nationally. At the beginning of the 2020-21 season we all had played one or two games. Because of the covid-19 situation folks were unable to travel and leagues began to grow! Then the Health Authorities shut everything down. Some clubs tried to keep their ice hoping restrictions would ease, but as time went on clubs decided to close their doors.

Our email blasts were fairly regular - every month or every two months. Even with clubs closing we let folks know status of future planned events!

We have two websites showcasing education, photos of past champions, 6 Ender gallery, results gallery and information of upcoming bonspiels and clinics. On our Manitoba site we list all of our league contact info that we are aware of. It is important that we have up to date information for anyone looking for a place to play this great game and to see if there is a league in their community. They can find a place to both learn our “2 Person Stick Game” and also join up! A huge thank you to all the reps for supplying this information.

The following three sponsors help us run the Manitoba website and we sincerely thank them!

[manitobastickcurling.ca](http://manitobastickcurling.ca)

Sun Life - Jim E. Anton      Fairway Ford

Earl’s Automotive

It has been an honor to be part of the MSCA as Communications Officer but it is time for new ideas! Thank you to all the folks that I have met over the past few years through this process and also on the ice! Have a great year everyone and good luck to my successor!

I move that MSCA adopt my report for 2021 as presented!

Respectfully submitted

Rae Campbell – September 29, 2021

## MANITOBA STICK CURLING ASSOCIATION

### **AGM REPORT ON CLINICS AND EVENTS**

#### CLINICS

- PRIOR TO THE COVID SHUT DOWN LAST SEASON WE MANAGED TO RUN 3 CLINICS
  - PEMBINA
  - CHARLESWOOD
  - BEAUSEJOUR
- BEAUSEJOUR STARTED A NEW STICK LEAGUE
- OVER LAST 6 YEARS HELD 30 CLINICS – 650 NEW STICK CURLERS
- CURRENTLY WORKING ON PLANS FOR 2 NEW STICK CLINICS
- ENCOURAGE ALL STICK CURLERS TO ASSIST WITH ANY NEW STICK CURLERS AT THEIR CLUBS WHO WANT TO LEARN HOW TO USE A DELIVERY STICK. EXCELLENT GUIDELINES ARE ON THE WEBSITES.

#### EVENTS

- ALL EVENTS IN 2020 – 2021 WERE CANCELLED DUE TO COVID

#### PLANNING FOR 2021 - 2022

- OUR 3rd WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP NOW SCHEDULED FOR SPRINGFIEL CURLING CLUB ON JAN 18 & 19, 2022
- 16 TEAMS (EXPANADABLE TO 20) POOL SYSTEM AT \$100/TEAM
- OUR 17<sup>th</sup> OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP NOW SCHEDULED FOR FEB 4, 5 & 6, 2022 AT AMCC
- LOOKING FOR 40 TEAMS (POOL SYSTEM) AT \$140 PER TEAM

#### CANADIAN STICK CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2020 & 2021 CANADIAN OPEN & CANADIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS WERE CANCELLED DUE TO COVID
- MONCTON WILL HOST THE 13<sup>th</sup> CANADIAN OPEN AND THE 2<sup>nd</sup> CANADIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS APRIL 22 TO 25, 2022
- 40 TEAMS IN EACH DIVISION (TOTAL 80 TEAMS)
- ENTRIES OPEN NOVEMBER 1, 2021 - \$160 PER TEAM
- EACH PROVINCE HAS 2 BERTHS RESERVED UNTIL MARCH 1, 2022 FOR THEIR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS FROM 2022
- EACH PROVINCE ALSO HAS 2 BERTHS AVAILABLE FOR EARLY REGISTRATION PRIOR TO GENERAL REGISTRATION (NOV 1, 2021)
- MANITOBA HAS NOT DECIDED HOW THOSE 2 EARLY REGISTRATION BERTHS SHOULD BE USED
- WE ARE CONSIDERING TO USE THEM AS SUPPORT FOR OUR CHAMPIONS FROM 2020, IF THEY WISH TO ENTER
- MONCTON ALSO HOSTING A "DOUBLES" DEMONSTRATION EVENT ON APRIL 26 - \$60 PER TEAM, DEADLINE MARCH 31, 2022
- IN 2023 MANITOBA IS SCHEDULED TO HOST THESE EVENTS

I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF MY REPORT FOR 2021.

I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

WARREN JOHNSON - SEPTEMBER 29, 2021