

TCA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 22 June 2015

LOCATION: Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club – Armour Room

ATTENDING: Hugh Murphy, George Cooke, George Karrys, Sindy Jagger, Grace Bugg, Danielle Inglis, Richard Hart

REGRETS: Jason Chang, Michelle Smith, Jeanette Soo, Cory Randell, Dave Rooney

1. MEETING TO ORDER

George K called meeting to order at 7:07pm.

2. MINUTES

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes

- George K moved, Hugh seconded - CARRIED.

3. FINANCES

a) TCA maintains roughly 40K at hand; \$4,700 in the GIC; most Championships run at break-even, while the Goldline Men's has a surplus of \$1,400

b) Wes needs to invoice TCA; Danielle to follow-up

c) TCA passed a CRA audit, however we need to add HST reference numbers to our Championship entries; Grace to examine

d) Discussion ensued regarding a committee to examine amendments to our Constitution in time for AGM voting, specific to loan allowances but also including other requirements such as compliance with new not-for-profit guidelines; Hugh to follow up with George K; George C to assist with the process (see 8. TCA EVOLUTION)

e) Grace is in possession of the mailbox keys; TCA still has money banked with UPS with regard to mail forwarding

f) Cheque numbers: Missing are 783, 816-820, Hugh to confirm; Signed are 769-772 and 821-830

g) The Board expressed appreciation for Paivi Liitela's donation of \$780 in Players' Championship event program sales revenue to TCA

h) The board expressed appreciation for Gerry Geurts' willingness to not invoice TCA for CurlingZone's promotion of our "Game On Toronto" grant application contest

- i) George K inquired as to the status of the Retractor Banner purchase; the purchase was never made and TCA should decide to proceed or not for 2015-16 season
- j) Cindy noted our annual insurance renewal date of October 22, meaning the renewal documents will arrive at the mailbox on or about September 27
- k) George K. noted that Cindy has passed along two boxes of TCA financial documents to him

4. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Grace reiterated details of Circuit participation (see previous meeting minutes) and brief discussion ensued re. the entry price tag for the 2015-16 season. It was generally agreed that the Circuit entry costs and signup dates should be confirmed ASAP; Grace to address this moving forward with BoD assistance as required.

5. CURLING CANADA SUMMIT

- a) Summit workshops were briefly discussed, including a feisty one that dealt with safety helmets
- b) Ray Pavlove's two-player game initiative was discussed – two players play four ends of curling, with four rocks each, then go for a beer. Play lasts one hour, costs \$50.00 per player and Ray's event ran with local sponsorship as a charity fundraiser. His desire is to take it national, and Curling Canada is interested. Discussion ensued about Ray or Cory presenting this at the AGM. George K noted that with the newly confirmed Olympic medal status of the Mixed Doubles discipline, "anything goes" when it comes to using new formats to attract new recruits. George K to follow up with Hugh and Cory regarding a Pavlove Presentation.

Cricket is hosting a Mixed Doubles cashspiel in March 2016, just before Canada's Mixed Doubles national trials. Richard to ask convenor Mike Harris about incorporating TCA

Hugh's Summit session on ice technicians revealed a troubling reality: We don't have enough ice technicians

George C noted that Curling Canada is "on to something" with their creation of their separate fundraising body, "For the Love of Curling" ... singular passion (curling) plus a cause = success... can TCA find its cause?

6. OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD

After much discussion and two rounds of voting, a single 2015 TCA Outstanding Contribution Award winner was chosen from the approximately 20 nominations received. The plaque is to be retrieved from Dixie and the 2015 winner's name inscribed in time for presentation at the September AGM. The winner's name shall remain unpublished until that time.

7. TCA BoD RECRUITMENT

a) Hugh is expected to be elected to the board of the Ontario Curling Association but will not leave TCA due to his relations with the City. However, he will be stepping down as President.

b) George Cooke announced, with regret, that he will be stepping away from the board

c) Grace will remain on the board this season but intends to depart as of 2016-17

d) Names were suggested for TCA BoD recruitment and a list was created

8. TCA EVOLUTION

a) Discussion regarding restructuring TCA as a more active and/or effective body. George C commented that TCA is made up of "observers" and not "doers" and as long as our bylaws are up for review and for change at the AGM, TCA should rework BoD structure and accountability actionables to "put some guts in there". Another idea would see the BoD oversee working committees, engaging a larger group of volunteers possibly including the TCA club reps. George C also noted previous BoD acknowledgement of a need for an Executive Director. George K to consult BoD members individually regarding these concepts, changing roles and expectations etc.

b) As discussed in email messages, TCA is considering a branding change. If TCA is considering organizational change for the AGM, branding should be addressed as well. George K to email the board members to ask for input on suggested name changes, which currently include "**Greater Toronto Area Curling Association (GTACA)**" or "**Greater Toronto Area Curling (GTAC)**". (In the latter case, by dropping "Association" the TCA would move in the direction many amateur sport organizations have already taken, including CurlManitoba, CurlIBC, SaskCurl and Curling Canada)

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Danielle, as per her role with Donalda, will be attending a meeting of TCA-area curling centre managers on August 25. Danielle will “add TCA’s voice” to the meeting at her discretion; Danielle and Grace will also consult regarding informing the managers of Circuit information in an attempt to ease logistics including event reporting.

Danielle is seeking a student intern to work for TCA; will advise on progress for next meeting

Tom Worth has moved from managing Bayview to Leaside and Dave Ellis has moved from Dixie ice tech duties to Leaside. Grace reported that Leaside has moved from a City-owned operation to an independent organization which leases from the City. The board noted that Dixie manager Bob Garvin has left his position, and Dixie is currently in the hiring process.

Apparently TCA used to host a major, AGM-sized meeting each spring in addition to the fall AGM. Many BoD members agreed that re-introducing this meeting to the calendar is a worthy consideration.

10. NEXT MEETINGS

The next BoD meeting is set for August 24, 7:00pm at Toronto Cricket.

As noted in the previous meeting minutes, the AGM is set for September 15, 7:00pm at a location TBD (probably Weston).

11. ADJOURNEMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:30pm

- Richard moved, Sindy seconded – CARRIED.