

Records of Decisions
Annual General Meeting
Navan Curling Club
Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Present – Executive Committee members: Judy McCarthy (chair), Mike Cullen, Wayne Sundholm, Scott Craven, John Bradley, David Baker, Gerry Lalonde, Dan Bissonnette, Roy Berlinquette (Past President) and Agnès Caron

Absent – Executive Committee members: Brian Cullen and Jim Scorsone

1. **Call to Order** – Judy McCarthy called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Check for Quorum** – The Quorum was reached as 23 regular members were in attendance. Attendance sheet attached.
3. **Approval of last AGM Records of Decisions – March 27, 2011** - The Records of Decisions of March 27, 2011 were approved. Moved by Sheila Minogue-Calver and seconded by Paul Caron. All in favour.
4. **Business Arising out of AGM Records of Decisions of March 27, 2011** – Judy McCarthy informed members that there weren't any outstanding items from last year.
5. **Treasurer's Financial Report** - Mike Cullen explained the Financial Statements Year Ended May 31, 2011, the Profit & Loss to February 29, 2012 and the Prior Year Comparison report, the bonspiels' revenues, the Balance Sheet with Prior Year Comparison report, the 4X4 signs in the ice shed, the Nevada Fund and next year's draft budget. It is proposed that the budget for the June 2012 to May 2013 be approved. Moved by Mark Raegele and seconded by Scott Craven. All in favour. Passed.
6. **Standing Committee Reports** - All the Directors' reports were made available for members to read 4 weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.
Match – Judy McCarthy thanked Wayne Sundholm for a great job as a member of the Executive Committee for a few years as he's stepping down as Match Director.
Kitchen – Judy McCarthy has approached a few people for the Kitchen Director position. So far it is yet to be filled.
7. **Correspondence** -
 - **2012 Provincial Stick Curling Championship** - Judy McCarthy read an e-mail received from Cathy Keys from the Glanford Team: "We were thrilled to be a part of the Stick Championship held at your club. The hospitality and courtesy to us was beyond all expectations and we want to thank you and your club members for that. Ice conditions were the very best at all times and the food...snacks....and meals were more than delicious every day. Hotel accommodations were excellent. A big THANK YOU to you and your committee for making this so special for us and for being such perfect hosts."
 - **Ottawa Hospital Breast Cancer Fund** - Judy McCarthy also read a letter she has sent. "In April the 2012 Provincial Stick Curling Championship took place at our club. This four day event was a success due to an exceptional organizing committee. It was the committee's wish that the proceeds of the 50/50 draw be donated to your fund. It is with great pleasure that The Navan Curling Club presents this cheque of \$295.00 to help with Breast Cancer Research and Patient Care in the Ottawa area.
 - **Little Rocks** - Judy McCarthy also read an e-mail from Cynthia Millan. "By the way - at the Little Rocks Regionals on Sunday, Navan did very well. One of our teams advanced all the way to the finals and lost by one rock in an extra end. It was very close! In addition, a player from Navan (Julia Millan, Scott's daughter) was chosen to receive the "Coaches Pick" award for the entire Regional event - the

Mike Moore award for the player who best demonstrated Sportsmanship, Skill and Spirit. Once again, Navan players did us proud!

8. **New Business -**

Manager - Sheila Minogue-Calver expressed her gratitude to Chuck Calvé's fine work as the Club's Manager. Chuck is an asset to the club and he's always in a good mood and makes people laugh. He also has a great sense of helping curlers and visitors when in need. Good job Chuck!

Present President - Sheila Minogue-Calver praised the current President's hard work towards the Navan Curling Club throughout the year. Thank you Judy for such a wonderful job.

Instructional Clinics - Ross Bradley brought the idea that the club should probably look into certifying a number of members to use the defibrillator and to qualify a number of members for CPR and as First Aiders for the next season. With the number of members growing it would be a protection for all. John Bradley mentioned that the Nevada fund could be used to pay for the training. Chuck Calvé volunteered to look into the matter by talking to Mike Duncan first.

Bantam Curling – Paul Bérubé informed members that the Bantam program completed another successful year with over 20 youth registered. Navan hosted a very successful spiel on January 7th with teams from as far away as Montreal competing. All the curlers and parents had a fun-filled day and thanks to our organizers and volunteers we kept on schedule. We also had teams representing Navan in every open bonspiel around the Ottawa Valley and did quite well in a number of them. The Bantam Curlers performed well, and showed great sportsmanship. They also stayed warm but looked cool in their new Navan club jackets – thank you! Coach Paul Engelbrecht introduced eight of our curlers to competitive curling this year, volunteering his time for extra practices on Tuesday afternoons. Their first real taste of competition was in the regional boys' and girls' playdowns in Arnprior. Later, our mixed team went all the way to the B final at Zone 1 playdowns in Alexandria. We have several curlers who want to continue curling competitively next year. Two of them are attending high profile curling camps over the summer. There will be a demand next year for more competitive coaches who meet the OCA rules for Bantam level competitions. The guest coaches tradition at Navan continued thanks to Richard's connections in the curling community. At our bonspiel on Jan 7th, we were lucky to have Jason Camm come out and talk to all 64 Bantams about his curling experiences. He was a wonderful speaker and inspired all the curlers. We were lucky to also have Lynn and Alison Kreviazuk come out as guest coaches on March 18th. Not only did Lynn and Alison help us run drills that day, they graciously hung around to sign brooms and sweaters. After 5 years of running the Bantam program, Coach Richard Phillips is handing the reins over to him. Richard successfully grew the program from 8 youth when he started, to over 20 today. Thanks to Richard we now have a fun club curling on Sundays balanced with more serious competitive curling for those who want it. Richard will return to help run our bonspiel next year and of course we are counting on him to bring in more star guest coaches! Paul is happy to take on the responsibility of running the club program this year as well as the coaching of at least one of our competitive teams. He has been coaching with the Little Rocks program for the last three years and with Bantam this past year. In early 2012, he became a Trained Competition Coach and in the Fall he plans to become a Certified Competition Coach. All four of his children will be Navan members next year, three in Little Rocks and one in Bantam. We are very fortunate to have Paul Engelbrecht returning next year to coach both our club and competitive curlers. In addition he is hoping to round out the coaching staff with at least one other parent who has been helping on-ice for several years now and has coaching experience in several other sports. Finally, on behalf of Richard, himself and all the parents, he would like to thank Donata Leuenberger for her work as coordinator this year. We have never had so many teams in bonspiels and I think everyone who wanted to play, got to play. The coordinator job is frankly a lot more work than the coaching. We are extremely grateful for her efforts.

Little Rocks - Paul Bérubé informed members that the Navan Little Rocks program continues to be very popular, with over 40 members drawn from families all across the eastern-Ottawa region. We run a well-structured, if somewhat frantic program every Sunday consisting of off-ice instruction, on-ice drills and short (2-4 end) matchups. We emphasize safety, keeping focus on the game and good

sportsmanship. Coaching is tailored to the experience level of the curlers, so that the novices can learn the basics while the experienced (and older) youth can improve their skills. The program works and it shows. Our curlers are frequently commended by other clubs for their good sportsmanship and attention to curling etiquette. Our annual bonspiel is one of the most popular in the area. The success of the program is due in large part to Scott Millan's on-ice leadership over the past seven years. Next year, Scott will be giving up his role as the program contact, but remaining as one of our coaches. Paul has been working with him on-ice for the past three years (learning the program), and is happy to take on his role. We are joined on-ice by several other parents. We sent 29 teams to 15 separate bonspiels in the 2011-2012 season, and 40 of our 44 registrants took the opportunity to participate. Except for our Zones teams, participation in every bonspiel is opened up to members on a first come, first-served basis so that everyone who wants to play, gets the chance. Cynthia Millan, the Little Rocks Co-ordinator, has been responsible for organizing and coordinating all of these events over the past seven years. He can't emphasize enough how challenging her job is and how grateful we are for her contribution. Unfortunately, Cynthia is also giving up the coordinator job. We are in the process of confirming her replacement. On the competitive side, we entered two teams in the Zone 1 playdowns in Metcalfe and won both the A and the B titles! Both teams are now gearing up to compete in the OVCA Championship at RCMP on April 15. It should be noted that Navan does not run a competitive program in Little Rocks (not yet). The first time these curlers played together was at the Zone 1 playdowns. A challenge we had this year was the sheer number of curlers on the ice at the same time. With over 40 youth in the program, we regularly had more than 32 on the ice. It slowed down the drills, took away from 1:1 coaching time and forced us to invent creative matchups for games. Next year we would like to **limit membership to 36 Little Rock curlers**, giving us a full draw plus one spare per sheet. Unfortunately it means that some curlers will end up on a waiting list. He ask for the cooperation of the club in this effort, as we will need to register our 2012-2013 members on a first come, first-served basis and after 36 are registered, advise families that they are on a waiting list. Paul closed by thanking the club for their decision to purchase two new sets of rocks for the Little Rock program. We continue to enjoy top-notch facilities and ice here at Navan CC. Having matching sets of rocks on all of our sheets gives our curlers a consistent experience no matter which sheet they play on. It also means we will not have to borrow rocks from another club for our annual bonspiel. On behalf of all the Little Rockers, thank you very, very much.

Registration/Payment and Refund Policy - David Baker explained to the members this new policy to avoid any grey areas with the registration fees. The approval of the Registration/Payment and Refund Policy has been moved by Paul Bérubé and seconded by Paul Caron.

Membership Fees 2011-2012 - David Baker explained the new membership form. There are no increases this year. The Youth Registration Form now has a Representative Member fee added to it. The approval of registration forms has been moved by Stewart Shonfield and seconded by Heather Young. All in favour. Passed.

9. **Report of Past President – Provincial Stick Championships in April 2012** – Judy McCarthy informed members that the Navan Curling Club had a busy year in 2011-2012. The Club was successful in its application for a Trillium Grant of \$65,000 that allowed the installation of a new compressor in the ice plant and the addition of a dehumidifier in the ice shed. A bulletin board was installed, a new sound system was installed, a new kitchen counter and new faucets were installed, the roof was repaired a new water conditioning system was installed, 2 sets of little rocks were purchased. The rug in the ice shed was replaced, club jackets for Juniors were purchased, the Provincial Stick Curling Championship was held on April 1 – 4, 2012. The Navan Curling Club continues to be an active member of the Navan Community and was delighted to be invited to be a part of the Time Capsule. Our contribution is a list of the Navan Curling Club founding members and a club pin.

- 10. Election of Officers** - The 2012-2013 list of Executive Nominees was available to members. There is still 1 vacant position to be filled. No other nominations. Moved by Monique Laviolette. All in favour. Passed.
- Past President** – Judy McCarthy; **President** – John Bradley; **Vice President** - Scott Craven; **2nd Vice President** – Keith David; **Treasurer** – Mike Cullen; **Secretary** - Agnès Caron; **Social** – Dan Bissonnette; **Bar** – Eric Fleming; **House and Property** – Gerry Lalonde; **Membership** – Brian Cullen; **Kitchen** – (to be determined); **Communications/Publicity** - David Baker; **Match** – David Scott; **Ice** – Jim Scorsone
- 11. Adjournment** - It was moved by Chuck Calvé and seconded by Heather Young that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.