



2013 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Held Tuesday 27th May 2014 as a Conference call

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Minutes

1. Attendance / Apologies

Meeting chaired by ACF President Hugh Millikin and opened at 20:07 hrs AEST

Attendance:

From NSW: Ian Palangio, Steve Johns and Hugh Millikin

From QLD: Jennifer Thomas, Dave Thomas, and Laurie Weeden

From VIC: Andrew Kinleyside

From WA: Elliott Douglas

Apologies: John Anderson, Kim Forge, Sandy Gagnon, Matt Panoussi and Vaughan Rosier (all from VIC)

2. Identification of Delegates of State Curling Associations

Delegates:

From NSW: Ian Palangio and Steve Johns

From QLD: Jennifer Thomas and Dave Thomas

From VIC: Proxies from Sandy Gagnon and Vaughan Rosier with Steve Johns

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of 2012 Annual General Meeting

Motion to accept the 2012 Annual General Meeting minutes (held in 9 April 2013) by Dave Thomas. Seconded by Ian Palangio. Minutes Accepted.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising.

5. Reports:

President's Report (Hugh Millikin)

Australian curling continues to receive more visibility with 2014 being a Winter Olympic year.

Curling continues to be played by our almost 150 members in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

The greater visibility has driven short term interest but without a dedicated facility we still struggle to grow the active base of players. We must continue to leverage the interest to increase our membership.

We held successful National Championships to select our representative teams in Men's, Mixed Doubles and Senior Men's. Thank you to the National organisers and all the players in those events for making them successful. Australia was represented internationally at the following events:

1. PACC – Men and Women's team competed in Shanghai, China.
Women (5th), Men (6th)
2. JPACC – Junior Men and Women's competed in Harbin, China.
Men (5th), Women (5th) – well done to the juniors and those people that took time out of their schedule to be there.
3. WSCC – Senior Men's and Women's teams competed in Dumfries, Scotland
Men (3rd), Women (7th)* best finish for a Seniors Women's team
4. WMDCC – Mixed Doubles team competed in in Dumfries, Scotland
Mixed Doubles (12th)

Thank you to the State reps and members of the ACF for their efforts this year. In particular I would like to thank Laurie for her exceptional efforts to keep us all in line and Kim for her

organization of the competitions. Curling needs the continued support of each of the State associations to continue to drive membership and participation.

WCF Report (H.Millikin reported on J.Anderson's behalf as J.Anderson is WCF Rep)

At the WCF congress in August 2013 a new constitution and structure was approved. The organization continues to transition from a niche sporting body to a world class sporting organization. The changes adopted at the congress will be truly implemented at the World Congress in Reno this September. A new board will be elected to drive the sport forward. I will be running for the position of the Asia Pacific regional Vice President. One of my goals is to expand the qualifying process for the World Championships and Olympic games to give smaller curling nations a better opportunity.

The WCF has a substantial bank balance and is looking to use that financial position to build the sport world-wide. I am currently working with the WCF and their development team to be the first recipient of the "Curling Club in a Box" program. This initiative would enable Australia to finally have a dedicated facility.

Curling has had great success at the Winter Olympics Games. Television coverage and ratings continue to give the sport visibility and funding. The WCF has officially requested the expansion of the curling program to include Mixed Doubles. We will know if the sport will be included in Korea 2018 in the next few months.

AOC Report (H.Millikin)

The Olympic Winter Institute continues to focus on the funding of top 5-10 world ranked athletes. Until Australia has a team that is close to qualification for the Winter Olympic Games, it is unlikely there will be expanded funding. The Sport Federation and the AOC continue to give "encouragement" grants for participants at qualifying events. The AOC is very keen for us to get a team to the games but given limited funding and our current ranking, we are not high on the list.

PACF Report (H.Millikin)

The Pacific Asia Curling Federation and the European Curling Federation were disbanded in late 2013 and the WCF has taken over the running of the Region Championships. The member countries in each region will still be responsible for hosting, but the WCF will oversee the events to ensure compliance with the Olympic qualification process. It is Australia's turn to host the APJCC in January 2015 but we will have to defer again due to our financial position.

Australia is also due to host the regional Men's and Women's in late 2015. The plan is to use that hosting as part of the initial installation of a dedicated facility.

6. Financial Report (Treasurer, L.Weeden)

The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement have been circulated to all members and posted on the ACF website. This financial year follows the calendar year so runs from January to December 2013.

In 2013, the ACF again maintained a positive balance with \$8,085.26 in the bank account.

Income over the course of 2013 consisted of State membership dues and insurance payments, World Curling Federation (WCF) Development and Assistance Programme (DAP) funds and Travel Reimbursements, AOC Grant funds, bank interest and competition fees for Nationals entries.

Expenses related to ACF insurance costs, DAP funds, Victorian Consumer Affairs, WCF membership fees, junior travel reimbursement from WCF, AOC Grant payments to the men's and women's teams, National's competitions, and general administration costs (postage, etc). It was a typical year for the ACF.

The ACF continues to maintain two accounts at Westpac (these were set up Dec 2011 to enable internet banking) – a higher interest earning internet-only account (Cash Reserve) and a regular Cheque Account. The higher interest earning account earned \$103.02 (2013) compared to the \$10.64 (2013) from the cheque account. Again, it is worthwhile having the higher interest earning account.

The ACF utilises MYOB, which is an accounting computer software program, to maintain our financial records. This allows for straightforward monthly reconciliation, invoice creation and customised report generation.

A quick thank you to Hugh Millikin and Kim Forge (the two other signatories aside from me) for their prompt online approvals to allow electronic fund transfers to take place. I'd also like to recognise the entire Executive Committee for being highly responsive when approvals were required to reimburse or invoice.

Jennifer Thomas moved to adopt the financials and seconded by Ian Palangio. Financials adopted.

7. Election Of Officers and Committee Members

a. Appointment of State Curling Representatives

Election of Vice-President

Two nominations for Vice-President: Jennifer Thomas (QLD) and Kim Forge (VIC)

Vote Results: Kim Forge declared Vice-President (Majority approved)

Next year there will only be a vote for President to maintain continuity on the executive committee per the constitution as the President is intended to serve a 2 year term without requiring nomination and voting in 2014.

The ACF Executive will consist of the following individuals for the 2014/15 curling season:

President	Hugh Millikin
Vice-President	Kim Forge
NSW Representative	Ian Palangio
QLD Representative	Dave Thomas
VIC Representative	Matt Panoussi
Treasurer	Laurie Weeden

8. Membership

a. Membership Reports from State Curling Associations

Each State must report

i. the number of members

Total Curlers in Australia 80: NSW 12; QLD 31; and VIC 37

ii. list of officers

NSW: President Steve Johns and Lisa Bow is both Secretary and Treasurer

QLD: President Dave Thomas, Vice President Mark Wuschke, Treasurer Andrew Stanley-Jones, Secretary Jennifer Thomas, General Committee: Janine Colwell, Scott Colwell, Max Thomas

VIC: President Gerald Chick, Vice President Bruce Freshwater, Secretary Ian Gagnon, Treasurer Doug Turek, General Committee: Matt Panoussi, Lynn Hewitt

iii. date of last AGM

NSW: 22nd February 2014

QLD: 6th April 2014

VIC: 26th May 2014

b. Membership Fees

i. Proposed membership fees for 2014

Last year a vote was made in favour to reduce the membership vote to \$200/vote. J.Thomas put a motion to continue with the same amount as last year at \$200/vote, D.Thomas seconded the motion. Membership fee of \$200/vote accepted.

9. Other Business

a. Curling WA Inc. Membership

Elliott Douglas, Chairman of Curling WA Inc. created in March 2014, has already established bank accounts, quotes for rocks from Scotland and Canada, putting together a business plan to approach 3 ice rinks with Curling WA providing stones and equipment and the proposal for the rink to use the stones for corporate events providing some discount in fees and ice availability to Curling WA . Most members at the moment are new to the sport. E.Douglas feels they are well positioned in WA to attract the oil and gas workers from Canada, Scotland etc living in the surrounding areas. Looking to be a full-fledged voting member. I.Palangio indicated all three States currently with curling have gone about setting it up a bit differently and suggested E.Douglas speak with a contact from each State to gain knowledge about what worked and didn't work before approaching rinks in WA. Agreement this would be beneficial.

10. Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 20:41hrs AEST

Minutes by L. Weeden

Signed as a Correct Record



Hugh Millikin

President

Date 1 June 2014