



Toronto Curling Association Annual General Meeting – October 22, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. In order to be an Annual General Meeting (AGM) there must be a simple majority of Toronto Curling Association (TCA) clubs in attendance. There are 21 TCA clubs, meaning a simple majority would be 11 clubs. At the time the meeting was called to order 12 TCA clubs were represented. In attendance were

- Sean Holman – TCA President – Mississauga and Thornhill
- Greg King – TCA Treasurer – High Park
- Adrienne Cunningham – TCA Youth Director – Thornhill
- Chris Wai – TCA Event Director (also representing TCA club High Park)
- Paivi Liitela – Leaside Curling Club
- Graeme McCarrell – Toronto Cricket Club
- Roz Gough – Dixie Curling Centre
- Patrick McConnell – Dixie Curling Centre
- Patricia Bandurka – Granite Club
- Martin Mui – Unionville Curling Club
- Jason Leneeuw – Tam Heather Curling & Tennis Club
- Jack Inouye – York Curling Club
- Julie Hastings – The Thornhill Club
- Fred Berkhuisen – Richmond Hill Curling Club
- Janet Murphy – Mississauga Golf and County Club
- Paige Sinclair – East York Curling Club

The following matters were addressed during the meeting:

1. Approval of April 29, 2025 Special meeting Minutes

MOTION – That the minutes from the April 29, 2025 Special meeting be approved. Motion by Patricia Bandurka, seconded by Julie Hastings. Motion approved.

2. TCA Actions from the April 29th meeting

Subsequent to the April 29th Special meeting the Board agreed to:

- Send out a specific request to facilities regarding nominating Board members – this was done
- Reinstigate the Facilities Manager meeting starting in fall 2025 – ideally would like a Facility Manager to take the lead going forward and TCA will be an attendee – Chris Wai agreed to lead the meeting



- In his Board position Chris Wai has a focus of reinstating a Women's event – he will be reaching out to the facilities to inquire on ice availability
 - Dixie, Leaside and York have always been supporters of the women's events
 - A Women's event has still not been put in place; however, work continues to get it back in place
- Revisiting regular TCA communication to the facilities – e.g. August/September, Christmas time and April
 - Paivi to send Mike Fournier contact information to Sean for him to have a discussion with Mike – Sean spoke to Mike
 - The TCA has agreed to issue three newsletters per season

3. Financial Statements

Greg King, TCA Treasurer presented the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2025. The audited financial statements were provided prior to the meeting. The audit opinion was clean.

There was one question with respect to the audited financial statements.

- (i) The Mixed event experienced a loss – what is being done to minimize this going forward? A small loss is manageable as momentum builds for this event. The entry fee will be raised and all costs will be closely looked at.

MOTION – That the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2025 be approved. Motion by Greg King, seconded by Patrick McConnell. Motion approved.

4. Update on WECC

The City has acknowledged there is a need for additional curling sheets in the west end of Toronto. This need is similar to other sports such as hockey and figure skating. There are many groups interested in using the existing ice facilities. The City expects to issue the Ice Strategy Report to City Council in spring 2026. There is uncertainty on what the plan will be as it applies to curling.

If any of the clubs have contacts with their local politicians that can help send them to general@torontocurling.com.

5. Update on Scotties

The Scotties is going well. All the volunteer positions are filled. Curling Canada has held a number of site visits and are very pleased with the venue. Local sponsorship



continues to be a challenge. Stu Sankey has been overseeing the Scotties Trophy visits to various GTA clubs. Stu Sankey and Sean Holman attended the Curling Ontario session on September 20th and handed out tent cards to over 50 clubs and developed a mailing list of over 50 clubs for the Scotties newsletter. A Scotties newsletter will be circulated each month until the event. Ticket sales are in line with the Curling Canada budget. The 50/50 draw will be commencing prior to the event. The TCA will have a legacy fund from 10% of the net ticket proceeds and the net proceeds from the 50/50 after paying prizes and costs.

6. Appointment of Auditors

MOTION – That Murphy & Chung be appointed the auditors for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026. Motion by Greg King, seconded by Jack Inouye. Motion approved.

7. Board of Directors

The Board acknowledges that additional members are required and is open to suggestions from Member facilities on how to address this area of concern.

Other Matters Discussed

- Requirements from the school boards to utilize the curling clubs
 - Apply to be part of the Excursion Vendor Directory – there is a cost
 - Jack (York) – there has been a decline in school participation – cost of transportation is a factor in that – more participation from private schools and Montessori's
 - Jason (Tam Heather) – they applied and got approved and do host school curling in the East
 - Paivi (Leaside) – was not asked to be on the directory – the TDSB is not their favourite client due to challenges
 - Uncertainty on what has happened in the West, North and South
- Paivi (Leaside) – recent article that was critical of Toronto clubs – should we respond with numbers?
- Patrick (Dixie) – still actively offering Learn to Curl programs – offering a 6-week Novice League, has 3 leagues with room for new members
- Paige (East York) – offering a bi-weekly Saturday night Novice program – graduates move to sparing and then league play
- Chris (High Park) – they have a common approach for Learn to Curl, but the challenge is where do the graduates fit in once the program is done
- Jack (York) – they offer a 2 hour Try Curling Session, a 4-week Introduction to Curling Program, a Saturday night tag league for 40 people and an introductory new member rate of \$275, pay as you play spare for \$25.



The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Minutes by Sean Holman