

# 2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Held Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015 as a Conference call

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## Minutes

### 1. Attendance / Apologies

Meeting chaired by ACF President Kim Forge and opened at 20:04 hrs AEST

Attendance:

From NSW: Ian Palangio and Steve Johns

From QLD: Dave Thomas, Dave Imlah and Laurie Weeden

From VIC: Kim Forge, Ian Gagnon, Matt Panoussi

From WA: Elliott Douglas, Gary Faulkner

Apologies: Hugh Millikin

### 2. Identification of Delegates of State Curling Associations

Delegates:

From NSW: Ian Palangio and Steve Johns

From QLD: Dave Thomas and Dave Imlah

From VIC: Ian Gagnon and Sandy Gagnon (proxy for Sandy with Ian)

From WA: Elliott Douglas and Gary Faulkner

### 3. Acceptance of the Minutes of 2013 Annual General Meeting

Motion to accept the 2013 Annual General Meeting minutes (held in 27 May 2014) by Dave Thomas. Seconded by Ian Palangio. Minutes Accepted.

### 4. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising.

### 5. Reports:

#### President's Report (Kim Forge)

Curling received a lot of visibility this year due to the 2014 Winter Olympic Games held in Sochi, Russia. Kate Caithness, President of the WCF reported on April, 2015 in Sochi that "curling has never been in a better position".

Midseason this year Hugh Millikin was elected to the World Curling Federation as the Vice President of the Pacific region. Congratulations on this prestigious appointment Hugh. This left a vacancy at the President position, which was later filled by me, Kim Forge. Ian Palangio became Vice President and Steve Johns stepped into the NSW representative role.

Curling continues to be played by our 80+ members in Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney. Without a dedicated facility anywhere in the country we still struggle to grow the active base of competitive players.

However, on a very positive note we welcomed Curling WA into the Australian Curling Federation. Curling is expected to commence later this year in Perth and the ACF have teamed up with Curling WA to purchase a full set of rocks from the WCF. WA was successful in obtaining an Olympic solidarity grant to help with the set up of curling in the brand new ice facility. Membership numbers from Curling WA will dramatically increase our overall total of curlers in Australia this coming year.

This year's DAP committee had their busiest season. The ACF were successful in obtaining all 6 funding requests with a value of over \$8,000 USD in total. Funding went to Queensland, NSW and WA.

With the guidance of Ian Palangio we were able to give our website a much needed facelift. Thank you to Allan Gowen for completing the work and donating the time.

Nationals for Men's were held in June of 2014 in Dunedin, NZ with 3 teams competing. Nationals for Mixed Doubles were held in September 2014 in Naseby, NZ with 6 teams entered. There were

no national competitions for the other disciplines. Thank you to the players in those events for making them successful. Australia was represented internationally at the following events:

1. PJACC- Junior Men and Women's teams in Naseby, NZ
  - i. Men 5th, Women 5th
2. PACC – Men and Women's teams competed in Karuizawa, Japan
  - i. Men 4th, Women 5th
3. WSCC – Senior Men competed in Sochi, Russia
  - i. Men 9th
  - ii. Women – no team entered from Australia
4. WMDCC – Mixed Doubles team competed in Sochi, Russia finishing 28th

Thank you to all of the players and coaches for their dedication to curling in Australia and for their participation at these international events.

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 tireless efforts to keep us all informed. She also does an outstanding job with the finances. Thank you to Matt for his work on the Sport recognition project, we hope that this can continue and be finalized this year. Lastly, thank you to Jay Merchant for his legal advice, which he provides pro bono.

### WCF Report (H.Millikin)

This year was another successful year in the hosting of World Championships and various qualifiers. With the WCF taking over the running of the Pacific Asia and European Zonal championships as well as the normal events, the staff have been very busy and done a great job.

The WCF is optimistic about the prospect of the inclusion of Mixed Doubles into the Olympic program in Korea 2018. The final decision will be in June at the IOC executive meeting.

The annual assembly will be held in Belgrade Serbia this coming September. The agenda items include various rule discussions and a vote for the Vice President of the Europe region.

The first PCF (portable curling facility) has been awarded to the Finnish Curling Federation. This program represents a great opportunity for Australia to apply for a PCF in the future.

I have engaged Sydney University Engineering Faculty to develop some technology for the WCF. If we are successful it will impact curling on a worldwide basis. The initial testing will be conducted this week with a plan to demonstrate a working model at the Belgrade meeting.

### PACF Report

1. Introduction of new member
  - a) Hong Kong – John Li and Antonia Li
    - i. John provided the group with an update on the activities of the HKCA, a brochure and curling pins.
    - ii. We were all impressed with his enthusiasm and commitment
    - iii. HK is looking to have a dedicated curling facility within 2 years
2. Clarification was sought as to the support available for hosting events.
  - a. Under the new hosting agreements, financial and logistical support is available from the WCF. A further discussion regarding the specific hosting event will provide details as to a hosting fee, technical assistance and training options.
3. Competition Hosting update
  - a. WCF is now the coordinating body for all competitions
  - b. PACC
    - i. 2015 – Pacific Asia Championships will be held in Kazakhstan in November.

- ii. 2016 – Korea confirmed they will be hosting but have not identified the location.
- iii. 2017 and further we are looking for bids
- c. PAJCC.
  - i. 2016 WJCC – 1 host + top 6 from 2015 WJCC (any zone) + top 3 from new WJBCC (any zone – played in Jan 2016).
- 4. Other items
  - a. Asian Winter Games 2017 – Sapporo 6 Men’s and 6 Women’s teams
- 5. Next Meeting – Curling congress 2015 – Belgrade

### AOC Report (H.Millikin)

At the recent function for the IOC President Thomas Bach, I was fortunate to spend some time with him discussing curling and he continues to be a big fan. He had good things to say about the MD he watched recently in Sochi.

The AOC AGM reception was attended by Ian Palangio and Hugh Millikin. The reception and AOC AGM the following day represented a good opportunity for Ian and I to promote the game. We have come a long way as everyone we talked to was aware of curling. I presented a WCF curling stone to James Tompkins an IOC member and also a member of the IOC programs commission. James demonstrated a fine throwing motion and we look forward to getting him out on the ice in the future.

Funding for curling will continue to be subject to better results at a Junior, Men’s, Women’s and MD championships. We simply need better results before we see funding from the AOC or OWIA!

## **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 2014.

In 2014, the ACF again maintained a positive balance with \$14,947.81 in the bank account at the close of the financial year. A last minute WCF Junior travel reimbursement came through on the 30th December for \$6,400 plus and that amount along with another \$1,100 of grant money which wasn’t paid out until 2015, accounted for a higher than expected balance. So without the travel and grant funds there would have been around \$7,400 in the ACF account.

Income over the course of 2014 consisted of State membership dues and insurance payments, World Curling Federation (WCF) Development and Assistance Programme (DAP) funds and Travel Reimbursements, bank interest and competition fees for Nationals entries.

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

A quick thank you to Hugh and Kim Forge (the two other signatories) for their expedient processing of electronic funds transfers. I’d also like to recognise the entire Executive Committee for being highly responsive when approvals are required to reimburse or invoice.

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

## **7. Election Of Officers and Committee Members**

- a. Appointment of State Curling Representatives
  - Election of President

One nomination for President: Kim Forge (VIC)

Vote: Not required as Kim Forge declared President by acclamation.

Next year there will only be a vote for Vice-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 2015.

The ACF Executive will consist of the following individuals for the 2015/16 curling season:

President	Kim Forge (by acclamation)
Vice-President	Ian Palangio
NSW Representative	Steve Johns
QLD Representative	Dave Thomas
VIC Representative	Rob Gagnon
WA Representative	Elliott Douglas
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 102: NSW 12; QLD 25; VIC 35 and WA 30

#### ii. list of officers

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

QLD: President and Secretary Dave Thomas, Vice President Mark Wuschke, Treasurer Dave Imlah

VIC: President Gerald Chick, Vice President Bruce Freshwater, Secretary Ian Gagnon, Treasurer Doug Turek

WA: President Elliott Douglas, Vice President Tracy Douglas, Secretary Gary Faulkner, Treasurer Steve Will

#### iii. date of last AGM

NSW: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015

QLD: 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015

VIC: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015

WA: not applicable this year (newly formed)

### b. Membership Fees

#### i. Proposed membership fees for 2015

D.Thomas put a motion to reduce the amount to \$100/vote, E.Douglas seconded the motion. Membership fee of \$100/vote accepted unanimously.

## 9. Other Business

## 10. Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 20:30hrs AEST

Minutes by L. Weeden

Signed as a Correct Record



Kim Forge

President

Date 1 June 2015