

# 2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Held Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 as a Conference call

## Minutes

### 1. Attendance / Apologies

Meeting chaired by ACF President Kim Forge and opened at 21:11 hrs AEST

Attendance:

From NSW: Ian Palangio

From QLD: Cait Weaver, Jim Hansen, Dave Thomas

From VIC: Kim Forge, Dean Hewitt, Rob Gagnon, Bruce Freshwater

From WA: James Boyd and Dustin Armstrong

Apologies: Steve Johns

### Identification of Delegates of State Curling Associations

Delegates:

From NSW: Steve Johns and Ian Palangio

From QLD: Jim Hansen and Dave Thomas

From VIC: Bruce Freshwater and Dean Hewitt

From WA: Dustin Armstrong and James Boyd

### 2. Acceptance of the Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting

Motion to accept the 2016 Annual General Meeting minutes (held on 28 May 2017) by Jim Hansen.

Seconded by Ian Palangio. Minutes unanimously accepted.

### 3. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising.

### 4. Reports:

#### President's Report (K.Forge)

Curling continues to grow within Australia and throughout the world. Australia hosted the Pacific-Asia Curling Championships in Erina, NSW and the Olympics in South Korea saw unprecedented media exposure globally, which also had a ripple effect in Australia.

The ACF executive remained the same this year. Kim Forge served as President, Ian Palangio Vice-President, Steve Johns (NSW) and Elliott Douglas (WA), Rob Gagnon (VIC) and Jim Hansen (Qld). Caitlin Weaver has successfully taken on the role of secretary and treasurer.

In my opinion the Australian Curling Federation has had its most successful year to date in relation to development and participation.

- We had our greatest numbers of entries to date in our national competitions, held in NZ and Australia.
- We offered an umpire training course in Melbourne the first weekend in June. Michael Schlatter from the WCF certified 10 participants (some coming from Queensland and NZ to partake).
- In August the junior teams and national teams for men, women and mixed doubles participated in the Stepping Stones High Performance Camp held in partnership with the NZCA and funded by the WCF and AOC. 28 athletes (including coaches) were in attendance.
- We held our seniors and mixed doubles nationals on dedicated curling ice prepared by Jamie Bourassa in Erina prior to the Pacific Asia mixed Doubles test event.
- In November we hosted the Pacific-Asia Championships for the first time in 20 years. Special thanks go to Hugh Millikin and Ellis Southee and all the volunteers, mostly coming from out of state, for their time at the event.

Curling is played by over 250 members within Australia. Curling on arena ice occurs in Erina, NSW, in Melbourne, Brisbane, and Perth.

This year's DAP committee had a very busy season again, spending all of its allocated funding and also using the carryover money for the Stepping Stones project. The ACF was successful in obtaining \$17,000 US, this includes a \$5,000 one off carryover to assist in the Stepping Stones High Performance camp held in NZ. The biggest purchase this year was the Ice King which is housed in WA, and we continue to help WA with paying off their rocks.

This year the executive decided to purchase a travel/medical insurance policy for athletes competing abroad. This initiative is funded directly buy entry fees from national competitors.

The number of entries for our National Championships are increasing. This year was the first year that we had a qualified umpire at each of our national events. It is essential that we maintain this mandate.

Nationals for men and mixed fours were held in Naseby, NZ in June of 2017. There were three mixed teams and the Millikin rink was successful. There were three ladies teams entered and the Williams team proved successful. The men's division had eight teams entered and the Palangio team won the championship.

Two teams from Australia competed in the NZWG in August. Hewitt/Hewitt and Panoussi/Westhagen.

Nationals for mixed doubles, seniors and juniors were held in Erina, NSW in November, 2017. Mixed doubles saw 16 doubles teams at the competition. The Hewitt/Hewitt team were champions. A best of 5 series saw two senior men's teams go head to head with the Millikin rink winning. There was no competition for the senior ladies division with only one team entered, team Gagnon.

There was no Junior competition as only one men's team and one women's team nominated.

In September I travelled to Lake Bled, Slovenia for the 6th annual World Curling Federation Congress and AGM. I participated in many roundtable discussions and led one of the groups. John Anderson remains an active member of the finance commission of the WCF. Australia is well positioned on the WCF with three positions of stature, including Hugh Millikin in the Vice President's role.

Australia was represented internationally at the following events:

Date	Location	Event	Discipline	Result
August	Naseby, NZ	NZWG	Mixed doubles	unknown
October 30- Nov 1	Erina, NSW	Test event for MD	Test event for new rules MD	8 teams entered Australian team of Williams and Armstrong take gold
November 2- 9	Erina, NSW	Pacific-Asian Curling Championships	Men Women	4th (up 3) 6th (down 1)
October 6-14	Champery, Switzerland	World Mixed Curling Championships	Mixed	26th (down 4)
January 3-10	Lohja, Finland	World Junior "B" championships	Women men	20th (same) 20th (down 2)
April 21-28	Ostersund, Sweden	Senior World Curling Championships	Women Men	12th (up 2) 5th (same)
April 21-28	Ostersund, Sweden	World Mixed Doubles Curling Championships	Mixed	18th (up 1)

Australia's results at the international level this year were varied. Unfortunately no teams gained valuable Olympic points. Discussions regarding performance led the charge to creating a high performance plan for our men's, ladies and mixed doubles athletes.

I would like to thank all of the players and coaches for their dedication to curling in Australia and for their participation at international events. Nearly 50 different athletes and coaches have represented Australia at International Curling Events this year.

Thank you to the State representatives and members of the ACF for their efforts this year. In particular I would like to thank Cait for her efforts to keep us all informed. She also does an outstanding job with liaising with external bodies and we will miss her as she concludes her term and Rob Gagnon takes over.

### WCF Report (H.Millikin) read by K. Forge

This past season of competition has been huge. The Winter Olympics, Paralympics, World Women's in North Bay, Men's in Vegas and World Mixed Doubles/Seniors in Sweden and of course the successful 2017 PACC in Erina were all highlights.

The WCF is hosting a Delivery Stick Summit in Canada this May and will be investigating the options for certifying the delivery sticks used in Wheelchair curling. The event will be supported by Carlee Millikin who is also doing her engineering thesis on this process.

The 2018 PACC will be held in the Olympic venue in Korea. The dates are still flexible but expected to be the first week of November.

The WCF has initiated the World Cup of Curling series which starts this September with events in China, Europe, North America and the grand final in Beijing May 2019. The teams will be invited based on World Rankings and special invitations.

At the upcoming WCF annual congress in September in Budapest, Kate Caithness will stand again for the role of President and one other Director's role will be voted on. The other votes will be around various rule changes. Notices will be sent to all Member Associations in mid-July.

### AOC Report (K. Forge)

The Australian Olympic Committee is currently in the process of coming up with a funding model and high performance model in order to send a team of athletes from Australia in every event at the 2022 Winter Olympic Games. Curling is one of 5 winter Olympic Sports that does not fall under the OWIA funding model. The president and secretary treasurer will meet with the Jeff Lipshutt from the OWIA and Matt Carroll, CEO of the AOC on Thursday, May 24 to discuss the Australian Curling Federation's needs and design a collaborative approach to this target.

### Financial Report (Treasurer, C. Weaver)

The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement have been circulated to all members. As in the past few years, this financial year follows the calendar year so runs from January to December 2017.

In 2017, the ACF again maintained a positive balance with \$6,783.82 in the bank account.

At 31 December 2017 we had no outstanding debtors.

Income over the course of 2017 consisted of State membership dues and insurance payments, World Curling Federation (WCF) Development and Assistance Programme (DAP) funds and Travel

Reimbursements, Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) funding, 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, National's competitions, and general administration costs (postage, etc). It was a typical year for the ACF.

A quick thank you to Kim Forge and Ian Palangio for always making themselves available to process 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 individuals/companies.

Before a motion is made to adopt the financial statements, are there any questions relating to them?

Query from Dave Thomas re Senior Men's income as only \$200, should it be more? Appears to be allocation issue between disciplines, Senior Men's should be \$800 and Mixed Doubles should be \$6,400 (not \$7,000).

Who would like to move to adopt the financial statements, will someone second it?  
Jim Hansen, James Boyd.

## 5. Election Of Officers and Committee Members

### a. Appointment of State Curling Representatives

Election of Vice-President

One nomination for President: Ian Palangio (NSW)

Vote: Not required as Ian Palangio declared President by acclamation.

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 2019.

The ACF Executive will consist of the following individuals for the 2018/19 curling season:

President	Kim Forge
Vice-President	Ian Palangio (by acclamation)
NSW Representative	Steve Johns
QLD Representative	Jim Hansen
VIC Representative	Dean Hewitt
WA Representative	Dustin Armstrong
Treasurer/Secretary	Rob Gagnon

## 6. Membership

### a. Membership Reports from State Curling Associations

Each State must report

#### i. the number of members

Total Curlers in Australia 142: NSW 13; QLD 19; VIC 52 and WA 58

#### ii. list of officers

NSW: President Steve Johns, Vice President Ellis Southee and Lisa Bow is both Secretary and Treasurer

QLD: President Jim Hansen, Secretary Vacant, Vice President Dave Thomas, Treasurer Dave Imlah

VIC: President Ian Gagnon, Vice President Bruce Freshwater, Secretary Lauren Wagner, Treasurer Gerald Chick

WA: President James Boyd, Vice President Mitch Artus, Secretary Keswick Pearson, Treasurer Michelle Fredricks-Armstrong

- iii. date of last AGM
  - NSW: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018
  - QLD: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018
  - VIC: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018
  - WA: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

b. Membership Fees

- i. Proposed membership fees for 2018 to remain at \$100/vote.

**7. Other Business**

**8. Close of Meeting**

Meeting closed at 21.30hrs AEST

Minutes by C. Weaver

Signed as a Correct Record



Kim Forge

President

Date 22 May 2018