



Australian Curling Federation 2020 Annual General Meeting 2000 AEST Tuesday 25 May 2021

Note: Held as Conference Call via Google Meet

Minutes

1. Attendance / Apologies:

Meeting chaired by ACF President Kim Forge and opened at 2003 hrs AEST

Attendance:

- a. From NSW: Steve Johns, Matt Millikin
- b. From QLD: Dave Thomas, Laurie Weeden, Lyn Gill, Jim Hansen
- c. From VIC: Kim Forge, Rob Gagnon, Michelle Zintschenko, Bruce Freshwater Edwin Wan.
- d. From WA: Andrew Walker, Hal Jenkins, Elliott Douglas

Apologies: Nil.

2. Identification of Delegates of State Curling Associations:

From NSW: Steve Johns and Matt Millikin

From QLD: Jim Hansen and Dave Thomas

From VIC: Bruce Freshwater and Michelle Zintschenko

From WA: Andrew Walker and Hal Jenkins

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting: Motion to accept the 2019 Annual General Meeting minutes (held on 19 May 2020) by Bruce Freshwater. Seconded by Steve Johns. Minutes unanimously accepted.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes: No business arising.

5. Reports:

President's Report (K. Forge):

Curling continues to grow within Australia and throughout the world, there are now 64 countries in the WCF World Curling family including nations from Africa, the middle east and South America.

The ACF executive membership changed this year with Kim Forge serving as President, Laurie Weeden Vice-President, Steve Johns (NSW) and Elliott Douglas (WA), Michelle Zintschenko (Vic) and Dave Thomas (Qld). Robert Gagnon filled the role of treasurer and Lyn Gill is the secretary.

Curling is played in three states currently Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia.

We continue to work closely with Nikki Burger from the OWIA with our strategic plan and high performance planning. In early May 2020, Kim Forge attended the AOC AGM virtually. Kim attended the most recent AGM virtually earlier this month.

This year's DAP committee used a substantial portion of the allocated \$12000, going to all three active curling states. Many states have applied for and were successful in obtaining state specific grants, some related to COVID recovery stimulus to help with marketing, branding and equipment replacement.

The global pandemic caused by COVID-19 has forced Australia to cancel all national on-ice events, however the executive has been busier than ever working on other projects in an effort to be ready to return to curling better than ever.

On 1st September the ACF executive conducted a review of the Strategic plan. Many milestones were achieved within our 4 strategic priorities this year. I have included at least one notable achievement for each.

1. **Lifelong participation** – A Website calendar was created to capture all curling activities happening within Australia improving engagement from membership and potential members (range of entry points). Official and coach pathway documents were developed as a non-player participation initiatives. A wheelchair curling sub-committee has been established and they have been successful in obtaining grants for delivery sticks and marketing.
2. **High performance** – Olympic winter games pathway and High performance planning continue with the Olympic Winter Institute. Player performance pathways 2021 Information session was held – Road to the Olympics presented to all States (3 members each) and ACF Executive to provide clarification around the Qualification process and multi-tiered stakeholders.
3. **Good governance** – The ACF achieved Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) recognition for next three years by ensuring the ACF met compliance requirements involving a new Child Safe Framework, Illicit Sports Policy and Code of Conduct including updates to the Member Protection Policy. Laurie continued the great work Ian Palangio had done on the website by creating new pages to meet SIA compliance requirements with a resources section containing a dedicated Policies and Documents, Sport Integrity and Child Safe webpages. An entirely new results section has been added to the website for all disciplines in Nationals, Pacific's and World events with overall easier navigation throughout the website. Historical curling archives were kindly passed on from Jim Oastler. A huge effort and an enormous amount of volunteer time has gone into this – thank you Laurie. Kim completed the Australian Institute of Company directors short course – developed for the Australian Olympic Committee – Governance Foundations for Not for Profit Directors in September.
4. **The business of curling** – website is current as mentioned. Many pitches for facilities have been made to government bodies and potential investors in Victoria and Western Australia. New letterhead templates have been created and all documents updated to ensure consistent branding. Communication messages have been improved through Facebook often linking members back to the website for documents and further information. The Strategic Plan 1-page document was created to easily communicate the Vision, Mission and Priorities.

The 9th annual World Curling Federation Congress and AGM was held virtually this year in September. John Anderson remains an active member of the finance commission of the WCF and attended congress as the male representative. Australia is well positioned on the WCF with four positions of stature, including Hugh Millikin as the Vice President (Pacific Asia), Kim Forge on the



Athlete Commission and John Anderson on the Finance Commission. This year Kim was nominated by the WCF Athlete Commission to be their appointment to the newly formed WCF nominations committee.

In November of 2020 we lost Ian Palangio after his lengthy illness. Ian was a long time national athlete, NSW state representative and past Vice-President of the ACF for many years. He is sadly missed by all of us.

Carlee Millikin was awarded a partial scholarship by the WCF for the Postgraduate Certificate "International Sports Management" developed in conjunction with the University of London and Kim Forge was selected as the lone Australian recipient for the MEMOS – International Olympic Committee Executive Masters in Sport Organisation Management program – which was delayed by Covid and to start in September.

The ACF would like to acknowledge BMD providing \$1500 for the development of a brochure to help recruit wheelchair curlers. BMD is a national group of companies engaged in engineering design, construction and land development for clients and partners in the urban development, transport infrastructure and resources and energy sectors. Thank you to the Wheelchair Committee who are currently working on this project. All states will benefit from the creation of this brochure and when States are able to launch Come and Try events with Wheelchair curlers BMD will coordinate personnel to attend the events.

This year the Athlete Commission met in March and April. As the Athlete Commission is in its infancy the ACF will be providing a roadmap to assist the committee as they establish operating guidelines and a process to move from the initial appointment of Athletes to the AC to the election of Athletes to the Commission.

Thank you to the State representatives and members at the ACF for their efforts. Special thank you to Rob Gagnon who retires from his duties as treasurer after the AGM.

WCF Report (H. Millikin presented by K. Forge):

As everyone can imagine this has been a very dynamic year or so for the WCF. With the cancellation of various events it has put considerable pressure on the key tournaments that will qualify athletes for the 2022 OWG. There was a great effort by Curling Canada and all their partners to make the bubble work in Calgary and qualify the first 6 teams from the MWCC and WWCC. The MD championship in Aberdeen was touch and go for quite a while but again through significant effort it will qualify teams directly to the 2022 OWG.

The locations and dates for the Pre-OQE and OQE should be announced in the coming weeks.

During the pandemic, the WCF and staff have been very busy. We have two major projects underway that will impact the sport in a significant way over the next decade.

1. MTV – Maximizing the value. We are looking at all aspects of the game; number of ends, pace of play, rules and new concepts. We have been surveying the members and all interested parties to get feedback and input to the process.

2. SRG – Structural Review Group. After creating the WCF forward plan last year, the next step is to look at what changes need to be made to the WCF. Nomination process, elections, board make-up are a few of the issues. The proposals will be brought to the AGM for voting.

As part of the Competitions and Rules commission proposed items there are the usual minor rule book changes but the big issue is the proposal to amalgamation the Pacific-Asia Zone and the Americas Zone to reduce the zones to 2 from 3. The number of teams at the WWCC & WMCC would remain at 13 but the qualification of teams will be changed with two proposals being put forward. The C&R is very open to suggestions/comments from MAs or curling supporters. We accept any input and evaluate the ideas to see if they can/should be investigated further.

Hugh Millikin

Vice President - Pacific-Asia

Chair - Competitions and Rules Commission

World Curling Federation

AOC Report K. Forge)

The Australian Curling Federation continues to work with Nikki Burger from the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia developing our High Performance Plan for national athletes. The Beijing 2022 Nominations criteria document was created and approved this season. High performance funding from the AOC is a collaborative approach, ultimately the decision comes from the OWIA with input and suggestions from the ACF. This season funding was used for the Mixed Doubles (MD) teams to train in Sweden prior to the World Championships. Kim and Laurie have attended the AOC CEO round tables virtually this season. Kim attended the AOC AGM, which was held virtually on May 8th. Kim remains in regular contact with Ian Chesterman, John Coates, and Matt Carroll from the AOC.

Financial Report (R. Gagnon)

The current status of the bank accounts has been circulated to all members. As in the past few years, this financial year follows the calendar year so runs from January to December 2020.

2020 Yearly Financial Totals	\$AUD
Opening Cash position 1 Jan 2020	\$23756.31
Total 2020 cash income	\$6687.09
Total 2020 cash outgoing	\$23048.32
2020 Profit (Loss)	(\$16361.23)
Total cash on hand 31 Dec 2020 (from Bank Statements)	\$7395.08
Opening Cash position 1 Jan 2020 + 2020 Profit (Loss)	\$7395.08
Non-cash ACF owned assets (Ice Boss)	\$10,000 USD (\$13157.89 AUD)
Total ACF Assets as of 31 Dec 2020	\$20552.97AUD

USD to AUD conversion
at .76 as of 8 Apr 2021

The activities on all bank accounts are shown above.

At 31 December we had no outstanding debtors.

Income over the course of 2020 consisted of State membership dues and insurance payments, World Curling Federation (WCF) Development and Assistance Programme (DAP) funds, Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) funding and bank interest.

Expenses related to ACF insurance costs, DAP funds, Victorian Consumer Affairs, WCF membership fees, AOC support for High Performance development and general administration costs (postage, etc). It was a typical year for the ACF.

6. Election of Officers and Committee Members

- a. Appointment of President: One nomination for President: Kim Forge (VIC)
Vote: Not required as Kim Forge declared President by acclamation.

- b. Appointment of State Curling Representatives and Committee Membership:
The ACF Executive will consist of the following individuals for the 2021 curling season:
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| President | Kim Forge (by acclamation) | Signatory |
| Vice-President | Laurie Weeden | Signatory |
| NSW Representative | Steve Johns | |
| QLD Representative | Dave Thomas | |
| VIC Representative | Michelle Zintschenko | |
| WA Representative | Elliott Douglas | |
| Treasurer | Edwin Wan | Signatory |
| Secretary | Lyn Gill | |

7. Membership

- a. Membership Reports from State Curling Associations and Date of last AGM:

	NSW	QLD	VIC	WA
Number of Curlers	7	29	69	62
President/Chairman	Steve Johns	Jim Hansen	Bruce Freshwater	Andrew Walker
Vice-President	Matt Millikin	Jill Butler	Damien Brain	Hal Jenkins
Treasurer	Lisa Bow	Dave Imlah	Gerald Chick	Adrienne Kennedy
Secretary	Lisa Bow	Kylie Sheehan	Jillian Burkett	Keswick Pearson
Special Projects	Carlee Millikin	n/a	n/a	n/a
Date of Last AGM	Wed 5/5/2021	16/5/2020	17 May 2021	22 nd Nov 2020

- b. Membership Fees: Membership fees for 2021 to remain at \$100 per vote. Proposed fee stay the same. DT and MZ seconded.

8. Other Business: Nil

9. Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 2024 hrs AEST

Minutes by L. Gill



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Signed as a Correct Record

Kim Forge
President

Date 25th May 2021