



## 2017 ACF Annual General Meeting

Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017  
St Albert Curling Club  
St Albert, Alberta

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President Brenda Asmussen called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm

### ROLL CALL

The following were in attendance:

Joan Westgard (ACF) 1	Brenda Asmussen (ACF) 1	Shannon Gross (ACF) 1
Jeff Ginter (ACF) 1	Larry Flessatti (ACF) 1	Paul Webster Glencoe Club 1
Vicki Baird (NACA) 8	Greg Empey (NACA)8	ShanelleGoudreau (NACA) 8
Curtis Fairhurst (SACA) 8	Murray Adams (SACA)8	Brent Syme (SACA) 8
Stasia Perkins (SACA)	Bob Cooper (PCA) 12	Dan Kleinschroth (PCA) 12
Josephine MacGillivray 1	Elaine Muceniek 1	Darrell Skarban (ACF) 1

*(In the event of a tie, due to an abstention, President Brenda Asmussen will cast the deciding vote)*  
77 votes

**ACF Staff:** Paul Webster

**Absent:** Jennifer McMillan (ACF) 1 Ruby Olson

### **Additions to the Agenda (Brenda)**

#### **MOTION:**

That the ACF AGM Agenda approved with additions of ED update and SNAP discussion which will be lead by Curtis.

**Moved: Greg Adams**

**Second: Shanelle Goudreau**

**CARRIED**

### **Approval of 2016 ACF AGM Minutes**

#### **MOTION: 17AGM01**

That the 2016 ACF AGM Minutes approved as circulated.

**Moved: Jeff Ginter**

**Second: Bob Cooper**

**CARRIED**

### **Approval of 2017 ACF Special General Meeting Minutes**

#### **MOTION: 17AGM02**

That the 2017 ACF SGM Minutes approved as circulated.

**Moved: Vicki Baird**

**Second: Murray Adams**

**CARRIED**

### **Business arising out of the Minutes**

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Report of the President (as provided)**MOTION: 17AGMo3**

The Report of the ACF President for 2016/17 be approved.

**Moved: Bob Cooper**

**Second: Greg Adams**

**CARRIED**Report of the Operations Director (Brenda for Ruby) (as provided)**MOTION: 17AGMo4**

The Report of the ACF Executive Director for 2015/16 be approved.

**Moved: Brent Syme**

**Second: Shanelle Goudreau**

**CARRIED**ACF Program Report (Shannon) (as provided)**MOTION: 17AGMo5**

The 2016/17 Program Report be approved.

**Moved: Shannon Gross**

**Second: Curtis Fairhurst**

**CARRIED**ACF High Performance Coach Report (Paul) (as provided)

A phenomenal year, Alberta finished second in the MA Cup, Alberta will have 5 teams at the Olympic pre-finals and 4 teams directly entered into the trials. This is a direct reflection of the Alberta teams aworking with the Alberta High-Performance Coach Paul Webster and other coaches. "We as a collective should be proud that we have programs like this to ensure those teams looking for assistance have a place to turn and we can make them better." Red Deer is hosting the 2019 Canada Winter Games. With the four girl and four boy teams that qualify in the first round of playoffs, Paul will be training and working them over the summer and fall. The Alberta Rocks Camps are full with one camp expanded and the adult camp is also full. The online registration has been very successful. There were questions if the Junior camp could be expanded with another group and if the camp is moveable.

**MOTION: 17AGMo6**

The 2016/17 Report of the ACF High Performance Coach be approved as presented.

**Moved: Larry Flessatti**

**Second: Curtis Fairhurst**

**CARRIED**ACF Financial Recap (as provided)

**MOTION: 17AGMo7**

That the 1 pm Financial presentation be approved as presented. This includes:

1. Formal approval of the 2016/17 audited financial statements
2. Approval of the unaudited 16/17 financial summary
3. Acceptance of the presented 17/18 budget as presented

**Moved: Josephine MacGillivray**

**Second: Vicki Baird**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION: 17AGMo7**

Acceptance of the presented 17/18 budget as presented and any coding changes identified by the auditors be communicated to the three regional offices within a week of acceptance by the ACF.

**Moved: Josephine MacGillivray**

**Second: Vicki Baird**

**CARRIED**

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**Moved: Josephine**

**Second: Vicki**

**CARRIED**

**SNAP Committee Presentation (Brenda & Joan)****ACF Financial Recap (as provided)****MOTION: 17AGMo8**

That Kouri Berezan Heinrichs be appointed as auditors for the ACF 2016/2017 year.

**Moved: Darrel Skarban**

**Second: Greg Empey**

**CARRIED**

**New Business:****Competitions Motions:****Motion 1, as amended****U-18 (Juvenile) Provincial Championship:**

Whereas the U-18 (Juvenile) Alberta Champions now compete in a true national championship – the Canadian Under-18 Boys and Girls Curling Championship – operated by Curling Canada, and the following changes better align the Alberta Championship with Curling Canada’s Long Term Athlete Development (“LTAD”) model.

Be it resolved that the Alberta U-18 (Juvenile) Provincial Championship be amended as follows.

- A. By qualifying 8 teams per gender;
- B. By utilizing a triple knockout format, with an added consolation event, to guarantee a minimum of four games per participating team in each gender;
- C. By administering a true page playoff, to determine a champion in each gender.

And further, that items A through C above be approved under the following guidelines:

1. Under item A, the 8 teams (per gender) are selected as follows.
  - a. 2 traditional berths are awarded to each of the 3 regional associations;
  - b. 1 berth is awarded to the winner of a selected gender-specific juvenile bonspiel affiliated with the Alberta Junior Curling Tour. In the event a team declines this bonspiel berth, it is awarded to the next highest ranked team in that event.
  - c. The remaining 1 berth is awarded to the regional association with the highest number of overall entries, per gender, in the same championship season.
2. Under item B, the teams competing will be seeded based on ranking ballots completed by each team in advance of the competition. The draw and special rules respecting practices, stone color selection and determination of first-end hammer will be finalized well in advance and form an Appendix to the U18 Championship in the Competitor Guide. Generally, this Appendix will mirror that of the current Provincial Men's and Women's Championship.
3. Under item C, the Page Playoff format shall be as follows.
  - a. The two C Event qualifiers will playoff in game CH #1. The winner advances to the semi-final (CH#3); the loser is eliminated.
  - b. The A and B Event qualifiers will playoff in game CH#2. The winner advances to the championship final (CH#4); the loser drops to the semi-final (CH#3).
  - c. The winners of game CH#2 and semi-final game CH#3 will playoff in the final (CH#4) to determine a champion.
  - d. The playoff draw and special rules respecting playoff meetings, practices, stone color/selection and determination of first-end hammer will be finalized well in advance and form an Appendix to the U18 Championship in the Competitor Guide. Generally, this Appendix will mirror that of the current Provincial Men's and Women's Championship.

And further, that the Alberta U-18 (Juvenile) Championship be completed over no more than four days.

**MOTION: 17AGM09**

That the revised Under 18 format be approved as presented.

**Moved: Jeff Ginter**

**Second: Murray Adams**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 2 Travelers Provincial Club Championship:**

Be it resolved that the Alberta Curling Federation (ACF) take responsibility for the provincial Alberta Travelers Club Championship.

And further, that the provincial Alberta Travelers Club Championship be administered under the following guidelines.

1. The provincial event will continue to be hosted by one of the three ACF affiliate regional curling associations (SACA, NACA, and PCA).
2. As much as possible, the event will continue to be rotated between each of these three associations.
3. The ACF will offer provincial oversight and consistency through the creation of a specific Competitor Guide. This document will identify eligibility requirements, a draw format, and in general will address rules specific to this unique event.
4. Regional Associations will be consulted and asked to participate in the creation of this Competitor Guide.

**MOTION: 17AGM10**

That the Provincial Travelers Championship is formally an ACF responsibility.

**Moved: Jeff Ginter**

**Second: Bob Cooper**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 3 ACT/CTRS Qualifiers****Men's & Women's Provincial Championship:**

Be it resolved that, for the purpose of awarding direct berths into the Alberta Men's and Women's Provincial Championships, the following policies be amended and take effect on December 2, 2017.

- A. For the specific purpose of qualifying points towards these direct berths; the eligibility period will include the entire year from December 2nd to December 1st annually (ending the year prior to the provincial championship).

B. For the specific purpose of defining the minimum number of original players a team must maintain in order to qualify for any one of these berths; a team must retain 3 of 4 of its original members as registered with the CTRS.

The substitution or replacement of players may be considered upon application and only according to relevant ACF policy.

C. The deadline date for both free agent declaration and CTRS team registration is October 31 annually. The residency declaration deadline remains September 1.

D. The qualifying events/bonspiels for Alberta Curling Tour inclusion must meet the following guidelines, in addition to those as defined in CTRS policy related to gender, the number of entries and prize values.

1. They must occur within the bounds of the ACF.
2. They must be pre-approved by the ACF, and will not include Grand Slam or district, regional, provincial, national or world championship events.

All other aspects of the ACF pre-qualifying berth policies remain unchanged.

**MOTION: 17AGM11**

That the ACT and CTRS qualifying points be approved as amended for the 2019 – 2022 quadrenial.

**Moved: Jeff Ginter**

**Second: Elaine Muceniek**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 4 Substitution(s) at Provincial Championships:**

Whereas the Alberta Curling Federation currently has an established policy relevant to substitution(s) or replacement players, found at page 9 of the 2016-17 Competitor's Guide for Provincial Curling Championships.

<http://fscs.rampinteractive.com/albertacurlingfederation/files/association/2016%20-%202017%20COMPETITORS%20GUIDE%20Final%20for%20web.pdf>

And whereas the following amendments will clarify indefinite or contradictory procedure(s) within this policy

Be it resolved that:

A. The entire policy shall apply only to teams who have already been registered as provincial qualifiers;

B. Under policy section (a), the phrase "less than 72 hours prior to the event" is removed; and

C. Under policy section (b), teams must have a minimum of two original team members participate in each game to avoid forfeiture.

All other aspects of the ACF substitution policy remain unchanged.

**MOTION: 17AGM12**

That the amended substitution policy be approved as presented. (Removal of 72 hours) If playing with an illegal player, the team would lose the game. Insert it in the guide.

**Moved: Jeff Ginter**

**Second: Shanelle Goudreau**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 4(X) - Substitution/Replacement of an Olympic Qualifier:**

Whereas, Mixed Doubles curling is a recognized Olympic event; and members of the ACF will be competing at the 2018 Canadian Olympic Mixed Doubles Curling Trials from Jan. 3-7, 2018.

And whereas it is foreseeable some of these same competitors may qualify for the Alberta Womens Championship from Jan. 10-14, 2018, or the Alberta Mens Championship from Jan. 31-Feb. 4, 2018.

And whereas the Olympic Mixed Doubles event will occur Feb. 8-13, 2018 and the full Winter Olympics Feb. 8-25, 2018.

And whereas the Canadian Womens Curling Championship occurs Jan. 27-Feb. 4, 2018, and the Canadian Mens Curling Championship is scheduled for Mar. 3-11, 2018.

And whereas the current substitution policy of the ACF stipulates teams competing at a provincial event sign a waiver agreeing to represent Alberta at the subsequent national event if successful. It further states that if a team member chooses to compete in another playdown or competition with a conflicting date, the entire team will be disqualified and the runners-up sent to the national championship.

Therefore, should a member of the ACF qualify for the Olympics in Mixed Doubles, our current substitution policy may prohibit them from competing and/or prohibit their entire team from competing at the provincial championship due to conflicting Olympic responsibilities. This could have a profound effect on Alberta's provincial championship, our respective host committees and Alberta's likelihood of success at the national championship.

Be it resolved that the Alberta Curling Federation approve a standing exemption, to our substitution policy, which shall apply to any member representing Canada in the Mixed Doubles event at the Winter Olympics.

And further, that this player or two players so exempted be permitted to compete or be temporarily replaced, whichever is applicable, at their respective gender-specific provincial or

national championship, during the time of their Olympic conflict, and subsequently be allowed to return to play in the same championship season without penalty to them or their team.

**Moved: Jeff Ginter**  
**Second: Greg Empey**

**DEFEATED**

**Substitution/Replacement of an Olympic Qualifier.**

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Be it resolved that the last paragraph of the ACF Substitution Policy applicable to provincial competitions be rescinded, and subsequently replaced as follows.

“The ACF rules stipulate that teams competing at a provincial level sign a waiver form agreeing to represent Alberta at the subsequent national championship if successful at the provincial level. Players will not be given the opportunity of replacing team members for a national event unless the replacement is due to medical, family or other extenuating circumstances approved by the ACF Championship Committee. If a team member chooses to compete in another playdown or competition, with the exception of representing Canada at the Olympics, with a conflicting date, the entire team will be disqualified and the runners up will be sent to the national championship. In the event a replacement request is approved, the substitute must be a member in good standing of a Member Club and not competing in a playdown or event with conflicting dates. Should the team choose to play at the Provincial level with three players, the first two players shall deliver three stones each end – no additional sweepers are allowed. For Mixed play, a substitute must be used.”

**With the exception of the Olympics, (put in Competitor Guide) for substitution rules**

**Moved: Jeff Ginter**  
**Second: Bob Cooper**

**Motion 5 Mixed Doubles Provincial Championship:**

Be it resolved that the Alberta Curling Federation (ACF) formally assume sole responsibility for the provincial Alberta Mixed Doubles Championship.

And further, that the provincial Alberta Mixed Doubles Championship be administered under the following guidelines.



1. The format will be a 32 team, triple knockout event with 8 playoff qualifiers.
2. Playoffs will be single knockout to determine a champion.
3. There will be no age restrictions.
4. All entrants must be members of the ACF or its affiliate associations and reside within the boundaries of the ACF.
5. Entries will be accepted on a first come-first served basis, commencing on September 1st annually, until 32 teams are reached, at which time a waiting list will commence under the same procedure.

The ACF will offer additional provincial oversight and consistency through the creation of a specific Mixed Doubles Competitor Guide.

**MOTION: 17AGM13**

That Mixed Doubles Championship be formalized as presented.

**Moved: Jeff Ginter**

**Second: Brent Symes**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 6 An ACF Officiating Program and Coordinator:**

Be it resolved that the Alberta Curling Federation (ACF) formally adopt an Officials Program, harmonized with established Curling Canada guidelines, and appoint an Officials Coordinator to lead its development and implementation.

And further, that the ACF Officials Program be administered under the following guidelines.

1. Its mandate will require consult with the three Alberta regional curling associations and final approval from the ACF Board of Directors.
2. Budget implications will be identified and presented to the ACF Board of Directors, who will subsequently be accountable for all financial decisions.
3. The Officials Coordinator is a member of the ACF Competitions Committee and will offer direct consult, where necessary, within the Competition Committee and/or Technical Committee mandate. This will include any amendments to Competitor Guides.

And further, that the ACF Officials Program will include the following initiatives at minimum.

1. Certification standards;
2. Training and mentoring;

3. Selection/assignment of Chief Umpires for provincial championships;
4. Remuneration for umpires/officials at provincial championships;
5. Consistency of procedures and application at provincial championships; and
6. An outline of the Officials Coordinator position, including its recommended remuneration.

**Motion 6(X) Appointing an ACF Officiating Coordinator:**

Be it resolved that the Alberta Curling Federation (ACF) formally appoint Brenda Rogers as the ACF Officials Coordinator.

**MOTION: 17AGM14**

That Brenda Rogers be appointed as the Umpire Coordinator for ACF.

**Moved: Jeff Ginter**

**Second: Greg Empey**

**CARRIED**

**Announcement Re-Nominated ACF Directors**

**MOTION: 17AGM15**

The Board welcomes Brenda Asmussen nominated by the PCA, Shannon Gross nominated by SACA and David Heavenor nominated by the NACA for their second 3 year terms.

**Moved: Joan Westgard**

**Second: Shanelle Goudreau**

**CARRIED**

**2017 ACF Recognition Awards**

The 2017

- 2017 ACF Retirement of Executive Director (*presented by Joan Westgard*)
  - *Jim Pringle*
- 2017 ACF Recognition Award Winners (*presented by Brenda Asmussen*)
  - *Dan Kleinschroth*

**2017 Ric Wrobel Award(presented by Past President Joan Westgard**

- 2017 Ric Wrobel Award (*presented by Joan Westgard*)  
*Janna Tomiuk* - Long term partner of the ACF, who combined her support of curling with friendship, humour and a zest for life. The award is presented annually to an individual from the corporate/partnership community who has gone above and beyond in supporting curling.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:51 pm by Curtis Fairhurst.

