



GATINEAU VALLEY CURLING CLUB

Annual General Meeting 2024-2025

April 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Meeting report

At the beginning of the meeting, André suggested focusing primarily on items related to the organization of the AGM and the end-of-season Gala, and deferring other matters to a later meeting. The agenda he presented reflected this approach.

1) Opening of the assembly

The Club President, Mr. André Patry, welcomes the members present.

The presentation is given using a PowerPoint presentation. He reads the proposed agenda. He asks the assembly if there are any additions to be made to the agenda as presented. No additions are requested. He asks for its adoption by the assembly. (ref point 3)

2) Reading of the notice of meeting and verification of the conformity of the assembly and the attainment of the quorum

André Patry officially verifies that the meeting is compliant and that a quorum is present (minimum 10% of members present). A quorum is reached with 33 members present (see the attendance sheet).

3) Reading of the agenda and appointment of a chairperson for the meeting

Having read point 1, it is proposed by Roger Filiatrault and seconded by Roger Gascon to adopt it.

Adopted unanimously.

André Patry suggests to the assembly that Jean-Paul Gélinas be appointed chairman of the assembly;

Proposed by Gail McConnery and seconded by Louise St-Germain;

Jean-Paul agrees to preside over the assembly;

Adopted unanimously

4) Reading and approval of the minutes of the last annual general meeting and special meetings

Jean-Paul checks that there have been no special general meetings during the year.

At André Patry's suggestion, he read aloud the proposals appearing in the minutes of the last general meeting. Following the reading, he asked the assembly to approve the minutes.

Proposed by Lise Ryan and supported by Roger Filiatrault;

Adopted unanimously.

5) Presentation of the directors' annual report

André Patry presents the administrators' report using PowerPoint.

The main topics covered were: membership, ice maintenance, the bar, the kitchen, building maintenance, leagues, communication, the youth program, tournaments and events, sponsors, the agreement with the city of Maniwaki, participation in the curling symposium in Montreal, installation of high-speed internet, review of rental rates for the premises, training for coaches, purchase of coats, volunteer dinner, youth intervention policy, online payments, procedure for reimbursement of expense accounts, reorganization of the administrative office, ice time reservations, parking, training for stick throwing, projects and organization for next year.

6) Presentation of the financial report

The presentation is given by Bruno Da Prato using on-screen graphics and a printed document. The data presented is partial and represents 75% of the financial picture.

Statement of income (approximately \$70,000);

Statement of expenses, especially for administrative costs;

The bar, anticipated revenue of approximately \$35,000 (profit margin is approximately 50%).

7) Discussion and approval of the directors' annual report

At this point we agree to remove and finances since it will be dealt with in point 8.

After discussion, the members of the assembly agreed to approve the directors' annual report.

Proposed by Jocelyn Carle and seconded by Gabriel St-Germain;

Adopted unanimously.

8) Approval of the 2023-2024 financial statements

After Bruno's presentation and discussion, the members of the assembly agreed to approve the 2023-2024 financial statements.

N.B: Since the full financial statements report is released in September of each year, it has been agreed for several years now to adopt the financial statements of the previous year at the time of the AGM, which is held at the end of the curling season, in April.

Proposed by Denis St-Amour and seconded by Dorval Danis;

Adopted unanimously.

9) Approval of any rejection, addition, amendment or reinstatement of articles of the Club's general regulations

President André Patry informs the members of the assembly that there is no item to be addressed on this subject this year.

10) Agreement with the city of Maniwaki

André informed the assembly of the steps taken with the City of Maniwaki to renew the agreement concerning the building's management. Essentially, the current agreement has been renewed until 2035, that is, for a period of 10 years. André Patry and Jocelyn Carle represented the Club at these meetings.

11) Volunteer dinner

Vincent Courteau explained to the assembly that following a change in how volunteers are compensated, the Board of Directors decided last October to organize a volunteer appreciation dinner, a different way to recognize the essential work of those who volunteer with the Club. All volunteers were invited. After his presentation, Vincent asked the members if they wished to continue this tradition.

André explains the reasons why the board implemented this new formula.

Before making a decision, members are invited to give their opinion on this activity.

The comments are generally positive.

Suggestions to enhance the evening:

Judy suggests adding a wacky, fun competition element.

Jean-Paul asks if it is possible to find a date that would suit the greatest number of people, i.e., himself as well.

A show of hands is requested: the members unanimously agree to continue with this new recognition formula.

12) Election of administrators

After information and clarification of the situation regarding the organization and composition of the current Board of Directors, the situation is as follows: 4 members are at the end of their term and 2 people are leaving during their term.

The board needs from now on are therefore two people for three-year terms and two people for the end of the two-year term. These people are: André Patry, Bruno Da Prato, France Martel, and Vincent Courteau.

André, whose term is coming to an end, mentions that if his task could be restructured, he might run again.

Vincent Courteau proposes to appoint Marilyne Gravelle, Gail McConnery, Mario Gauthier and André Patry to fill the vacant positions.

Supported by Jocelyn Carle.

The chairman of the assembly, Jean-Paul G linas, asks these 4 people if they agree to be appointed.

Marilyne accepts, Gail refuses, Mario accepts, Andr  accepts

Jocelyn Carle points out that the procedural rules for electing board members were not followed as required by the Club's regulations. However, no one here objects to the current way of operating.

Jean-Paul asks if there are other people who want to make proposals;

Mary Lee Grimes proposes France Martel, supported by Gail McConnery;

France accepts;

There are no other proposals;

Jocelyn Carle points out that since France agrees to continue her mandate, this means that her election is not necessary;

All 4 positions have therefore been filled.

13) Members' speech

Terry Tims: He mentions that he agrees with the online information regarding registration, but it shouldn't be forgotten that new members still need people to properly inform them about the composition and operation of the leagues. Andr  reassures him and mentions that the printed brochure will also be available, as well as live updates from members.

Jocelyn Carle: He would like that rather than a possible open league on Thursday evening, there would be a league of the "drop-in" type, open, with a table on which people can sign up each week with team organization on site and to be done each time.

He invites the board to consider the usefulness of redoing a strategic plan of the three-year type.

He also suggests looking into the possibility of extending the curling season either at the beginning or at the end of the season.

He reminds the members of the assembly about the 5 to 7 gala on the coming Friday.

Lisette Cyr: She recalls that the open league was working well.

Terry: An open league on Monday afternoons would also be good to allow people to improve and enable new skips.

Nelson: In response to Jocelyn, he points out that the ice team begins its preparations on September 15th and that for them, the season ends a week after the players. It's also important to consider that if there are more leagues, there will necessarily be more demand for ice preparation. More people will be needed to help with the ice making.

Judy: Thumbs up on the idea that a solution needs to be found, especially to help the ice team if we want to increase the hours or days to play.

Rachelle: She assumes there is training available for ice technicians. Benoit Pauzé confirms that there is indeed training, but it requires a large number of people to complete it.

Jean-Paul invites the board to look into the situation. André agrees with the idea.

Jocelyn/Terry: Exchange between the 2 regarding a pick-your-own league versus an open league.

Nelson: Mentions the importance of having a person responsible for maintaining a schedule for ice time and respecting the time allotted for games.

Benoit: Regarding the leagues, and considering there are more women than before, an open league could work. There might be room for both leagues, one for individual players and one open league.

Marilyne: Suggests that the colors of the houses be different because of the red stones on the circles of the same color. André suggests placing something on the handle.

Lise Ryan: Regarding the open league, it should work because there are several women who would like to play more than once a week.

It is also suggested that the club be opened on weekends.

Julie Carle: She would like to practice in the evening since she works during the day during the week.

Roger Gascon: he wants a committee to be formed to raise awareness and teach the ethics of planning, for example on a Saturday so that it is accessible to everyone.

Jean-Paul highlights the good work of the trainers.

14) Various

André took this opportunity to thank the departing board members for their excellent work and the time they dedicated to it. He also thanked the league officials, those who support the board behind the scenes, and all the members who contribute to the club.

15) The meeting has been adjourned.

Proposed by Julie Carle and supported by Jules Arsenault

Adopted unanimously