

## **CURLSASK AGM - June 5, 2025 – 2:00pm – Virtual via Zoom**

### **Attendance:**

#### **Voting Members:**

Moose Gibson – MJCC, Pat Bibby-PAGCC, Pauline Ziehl Grismrud- Estevan, Darwin Bender – Curl Regina, Amy Hogemann- Humboldt, Arlen Hall – Curl Saskatoon, Kory Kohuch – Nutana, Kevin Knutson – Callie, Teigan Anderson – Spiritwood, Rhonda Penno– Highland, Avry Cline - PLCL

#### **Non-voting Members:**

Mitch Minken, Jan Pogorzelec, Adam Bukurak, Carla Speidel

#### **Staff and Board:**

Pat Simmons, Kelcee Kennedy, Steve Turner, Michele Mathews, Savanna Taylor, Jamie Regier, Helen Fornwald, Michael Leier (also a delegate for PLCL), Darcey Huyghebaert, Gaylene Simpson

### **1. CALL TO ORDER - Helen Fornwald, President**

Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to the Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan Curling Association 1997 Inc. operating as CURLSASK. My name is Helen Fornwald, I am the CURLSASK President and the presiding officer for this meeting.

If you need assistance throughout the meeting, call 306.780.9202 ex 0.

When you log in, please type your full name and club name in the chat function. This will aid our staff in completing the report on delegates and establishing a quorum. If possible, please update your name on your screen.

### **2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Helen Fornwald**

Before we begin, I want to start by acknowledging that we have attendees joining us from across the province whose work reaches lands covered by Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10, the traditional lands of the Cree, Dakota, Dene, Lakota, Nakota and Saulteaux peoples, as well as homeland of the Métis. We gather to reaffirm and respect our relationships and partnerships.

### **3. Overview – Helen Fornwald**

Next, we will go over a few housekeeping items.

If you have a question, please use the “raise your hand” function or type your question into the chat function. We will answer questions when appropriate in

the order in which they were received. Remember to include your name and club in the chat.

Please remember to mute your microphone when you are not speaking.

We will use the chat function to record motions. The motion will show up in the chat box. We ask someone to type their name and club after each motion and a seconder. If you wish to oppose a motion please type your name, club and “I Oppose” so that we know to pause for further discussion.

#### **4. PRESIDENT OPENING COMMENTS – Helen Fornwald**

As we approach the 2025-2026 Curling season, we are very excited for the future. We’re thrilled to welcome the 2025 Canadian Mixed Curling Championship to Assiniboia in November. The SaskTel Men’s Tankard and Viterra Prairie Pinnacle will be played simultaneously in Melville. We will continue supporting grassroots and junior curling through the Viterra Blizzard Program, clinics, and the Junior Tour. We remain committed to collaborating with Curling Canada on initiatives such as Girls Rock, Rockfest, and Hit Draw Tap. We’re continuing with our Intermediate 4’s division to help our athletes transition to the U18 division and continue their path to enjoy our lifelong sport.

We’re committed to reviewing our competitions to support participation, sustainability, and alignment with the needs of athletes, coaches, officials, hosts, and fans. Our focus remains on delivering events that are financially viable and preparing teams for the next level. With curling gaining global momentum, it’s an exciting time for our provincial sport.

#### **5. NOTICE OF MEETING – Helen Fornwald**

The notice of the 2024-25 Annual General Meeting, procedure for Member Proposals and Board nominations was e-mailed to all affiliated Clubs and associate members on May 9, 2025.

The CURLSASK audited Financial Statement for 2024-25 season was emailed to all registered Voting Delegates that provided email addresses and was placed on the CURLSASK website.

#### **6. REPORT ON CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES – HELEN FORNWALD**

I am pleased to report the following report on the credentials of delegates present:

9 - Member Club Voting Delegates

4 - Associate Member Voting Delegates

Non-Voting Present

4 - CURLSASK Board of Directors

4 - Observers/Guests and

6 - CURLSASK Staff are present.

The total number of Voting Delegates at the 2024-25 CURLSASK Annual General Meeting is 13.

The majority vote of 50 percent plus one is 7 votes.

Member Proposals received after the deadline date, or a Member Proposal from the floor requires a three-fourths (seventy-five percent) majority vote to be considered. The three-fourths (seventy-five percent) number of votes is 11. We received no member proposals in advance of the 2024-25 Annual General Meeting.

#### **7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - HELEN FORNWALD**

The agenda for this meeting was circulated with notice, and no additions were requested. Are there any additions to the agenda? Additions can also be typed into the chat function.

Hearing no additions, a motion to approve the agenda was presented.

MOVED: Kevin Knutson – Caledonian Curling Club

SECONDED: Pat Bibby – Prince Albert Golf and Curling Club

The motion carried.

#### **8. MINUTES OF 2023-2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – HELEN FORNWALD**

Copies of the 2023-24 Annual General Meeting minutes were available online and circulated with the Notice of AGM.

Hearing no changes, a motion to adopt the minutes as presented was presented.

MOVED: Pauline Ziehl Grimsrud – Estevan Curling Club

SECONDED: Kevin Knutson – Caledonian Curling Club

The motion carried.

#### **9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – Helen Fornwald**

Hearing no business arising from the minutes, a Motion to accept the 2023-2024 Minutes stands.

#### **10.WELCOME BOARD AND STAFF – Helen Fornwald**

To our board—thank you for your leadership and expertise. We're pleased to have Darcey, Michael, Gaylene, and Shannon returning and look forward to what you'll continue to achieve this season.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to outgoing members Patrick Ackerman, Matt Batty, Ryan Skjerdal, and Barb Owens. Your insights and contributions have been truly valued.

To our staff—thank you for your dedication to the sport. Your hard work and commitment have driven significant progress this past year. We look forward to building on that success in the season ahead.

#### **11.WELCOME SPECIAL GUESTS AND MOMENT OF SILENCE – Helen Fornwald**

Let us welcome Past Presidents to our meeting. Your leadership has helped guide us to where we are today. It is also important to acknowledge that in the last year, we lost many friends, members and curlers instrumental in making curling what it is today. I ask that we take a moment of silence to remember our curlers and friends that are no longer with us.

#### **12.FINANCE REPORT – Michael Leier, Finance Director**

- Report on page 28-29 of the working papers.

The CURLSASK 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements are on the CURLSASK Website, and were also distributed via email.

Hearing no questions, a motion is made to adopt the 2024-2025 CURLSASK Audited Financial Statement for the year ending March 31, 2025. And a Seconder?

MOVED: Michael Leier -Prairie Lily Curling League

SECONDED: Kevin Knutson – Caledonian Curling Club

The motion carried.

#### **13.CHANGE OF FISCAL YEAR END – Michael Leier**

Currently, our fiscal year ends on March 31, aligning with our official curling season. However, some events extend into April, impacting financial reporting. Shifting the year-end to June 30 will provide a more accurate financial picture for our audit and AGM and better align with Curling Canada's proposed changes to move their fiscal year end as well.

Hearing no questions, a motion to approve the change the CURLSASK fiscal year end from March 31 to June 30.

MOVED: Michael Leier – Prairie Lily Curling League  
SECONDED: Rhonda Penno – Highland Curling Club  
The Motion carried.

#### **14.APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR – Michael Leier**

A motion is made that CURLSASK appoint Virtus as the auditors for 2025– 2026 and that the CURLSASK Board be entrusted to determine the financial compensation.

MOVED: Michael Leier – Prairie Lily Curling League  
SECONDED: Kory Kohuch – Nutana Curling Club  
The Motion carried.

#### **15.COMMITTEE REPORTS – Helen Fornwald**

Committee reports can be found on pages 5-8 of the Annual Report. If there are any questions about these reports, please type them in the chat function or raise your hand, and we will address them in the order in which they were received. Hearing no questions, a motion was made to approve the 2024-2025 Committee Reports

MOVED: Darwin Bender – Curl Regina  
SECONDED: Kevin Knutson – Caledonian Curling Club  
The motion carried.

#### **16.STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – Steve Turner, Executive Director**

2024-25 was Year 2 of our four-year Strategic Plan. We began Year 1 by aligning our systems. Our board's committees now align with our key areas of focus in our Strategic Plan, which also aligns with our staff and their individual roles with CURLSASK. These areas are Finance and Operations, Marketing and Media, Community Development and Competition and High Performance. We are excited to announce that we have continued to successfully move forward on our goals in every area of our Strategic plan.

We'll continue to develop and refine our systems to ensure that we maximize our impact while continuing to recognize our limitations. We'll also be reviewing our Objectives for Interaction, Capacity, Participation and Excellence to ensure that they remain aligned with their original intention.

No questions arose from the report.

## **17.ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – Helen Fornwald**

Nominations for Board positions closed on May 21, 2025. Board nominee bios were available in the AGM Working papers on pages 9-13.

I am pleased to report that CURLSASK Received the following nominations for:

President (1 available position): Darcey Huyghebaert – 2-year term

Vice President (1 available position): Michael Leier – 2-year term

Finance Officer (1 available position): Avry Cline – 1-year term

These positions were confirmed by a vote prior to this AGM with our registered voting delegates.

CURLSASK Received the following nominations for:

Members at Large - 5 positions available

Gaylene Simpson – 2-year term

Barb Owens – 2-year term

Amy Hogemann – 2-year term

Jan Pogorzelec – 2-year term

Carla Speidel – 2-year term

James Malainey – 2-year term

Adam Bukurak – 2-year term

Being that there are 7 nominations for 5 positions, a vote was required. The registered voting members completed the first round of voting prior to the start of the AGM. After the vote, a tie for the final position on the board required a tiebreaker ballot to be sent out, and the final position was filled.

## **18.INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD – Helen Fornwald**

I would now like to introduce the 2025 - 2026 Board of Directors

President - Darcey Huyghebaert

Vice President - Michael Leier

Finance Officer - Avry Cline

Member at Large - Shannon Laventure

Member at Large - Jan Pogorzelec

Member at Large - Gaylene Simpson

Member at Large - Amy Hogemann

Member at Large - Carla Speidel

Member at Large - Adam Bukurak

**19.ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2026 AGM – Darcey Huyghebaert**

I am pleased to announce that the 2026 Virtual AGM will be held on Sept 10, 2026. If we are unable to change our Fiscal Year End, then our AGM will be June 4, 2026.

**20.NEW BUSINESS AND QUESTIONS – Darcey Huyghebaert**

No new business arose.

**21.ADJOURNMENT 2:27pm**

MOVED: Kory Kohuch – Nutana Curling Club

SECONDED: Avry Cline – Prairie Lily Curling

The motion carried.