

**NWT Broomball Association**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**October 15, 2003**

In Attendance: Jan Vallillee, Karen Poitras, Val Pond, Curtis Debogorski, Pat Fowler, Doug Schauerte, Lynn Fowler, Rob Meckling, Ryan Smith, Vince McKay, Trista Nault, Mike Squirrel.

Regrets: Alex Bertolini, Wes Brandvold, Al Bowerman, Wayne McKay

1. Introductions all around the table starting with names, then community being represented. Asked if all had received the necessary documentation in preparation for the meeting. Few folks didn't have everything, so Rob kindly xeroxed a few packages.

2. **Jan** read previous years minutes and elaborated on just a few areas. Asked if any errors, omissions required and none were suggested. **VAL** motioned that the minutes of the 2002 NWT Broomball Association be approved as presented; **Karen** seconded the motion – all in favour.

3. **Jan** introduced **Rob Meckling**, our Sport North sport consultant to the group and he spoke briefly on the new coaching program format. Following his presentation, he responded to a few questions from the group, such as: Are the levels transferable? What training is out there now? When is the next training in the South Slave? When is the next training for the Simpson Area? **Rob** suggested folks check out Sport North's website for a complete list of any up and coming training dates.

**Jan** will follow up with an e-mail to the Canadian Broomball Federation, hereinafter referred to as the CBF, specifically asking what stage the federation is at regarding certification for coaching.

4. **Karen** presented the financial statements for everyone's review and approval. There were a few items attendees weren't sure of, so **Karen** provided an explanation for the different line items. Specifically some Administration Fees and receipt of funding from the City of Yellowknife.

**Karen** also described the difficulty in getting the books back in order. She thanked **Christine** for her assistance in preparing the financial statements. General discussion regarding an independent auditor to check the books. All agree if funding is available, we will seek an accountant to do our books. We are finally in pretty good shape financially.

**Val** made a motion to accept the financial statements as presented, **Lynn** seconded, all in favour.

5. **Jan & Karen** introduced a verbal proposal and recommendation on "how we distribute funding". Points were made regarding 'where' the funds are going and who is benefiting from them. It is evident a significant amount of the funding is going towards players predominantly from Yellowknife. **Jan** pointed out that a majority of folks

travelling were from Yellowknife teams, so don't let the numbers paint the wrong picture. Greater effort will be made to accommodate the communities with more funding if they express interest in areas where we are eligible to spend, such as clinics, promotion, etc.

As we currently operate, it is very difficult to balance the books and account for 'where' the money is being spent. **Jan** had done a bit of research and it was evident that any money outstanding with Sport North is the responsibility of the NWT Broomball association, even if it was a community league booking the tickets. **Jan** has sent an e-mail to Sport North advising that no travel can be booked by any league member without the express written/e-mail approval by the President and Treasurer. This will bring the responsibility back to the teams and ensure clinic/development travel dollars are being properly spent.

Asked for comments from everyone and all agreed it was the best method, for the time being.

6. We quickly went over the long and short term plans. **Ryan** didn't have a copy, so will be sending to him following the meeting. There was a few questions on the long term plan regarding the insertion of Westerns for FY 2007-08. I advised folks that this will be brought forward to the next year until it is NWT's turn in the cycle to host.

There were a few minor questions regarding some of the details. **Jan** explained that this was simply a planning tool and we were hoping to achieve each of the identified items. Was also mentioned that any items planned for, but not completed and that affects our grant application for the following year. We also receive bonus points for extra items completed. Mentioned that the focus this year could be on officiating development, then coaching the next year. Also advised that we can move one development clinic if we cannot fulfill the planned item.

Advised that this was a perfect opportunity to request clinics for their regions/areas and if interested to let us know, so we can plan for the following year.

A few questions on items for marketing and for board/volunteer development. Explained what is eligible and how we are hoping to have a second planning meeting close to Territorials.

7. Territorials are being held in Yellowknife on February 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. Will most likely start Thursday night with local teams, then go through to Saturday afternoon. Banquet will be held Saturday evening. Yellowknife will round up a committee to organize the territorial championships.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams at the Territorials will represent the NWT at the 2005 Canadian Senior Mixed Championships to be hosted in Yellowknife. Was also decided by the group as a whole to introduce a couple of by-laws to help prevent problems where team players venture off on their own to form

independent teams. We also wanted to do some housecleaning on the by-laws, specifically pertaining to the Territorials. Some general items were recommended and in agreement by everyone. They did not require a by-law and are as follows:

#1 – Maximum number of players per team is 20.

#2 – We will allow as many teams as possible to attend, provided all players have been registered with their community leagues team by January 31, 2004.

#3 – For the top 2 winning teams at Territorials, they must have 55% representation of the original team (from 2004 Territorials) to play at the 2005 Mixed Nationals in Yellowknife.

8. Some discussion took place regarding the Mixed Nationals in Yellowknife. **Vince** had suggested we contact Joe Dragon's wife for some assistance with marketing. It was also suggested that we take advantage of the marketing workshops Sport North hosts during their Coaching & Volunteer Symposium meetings in May, or at the Presidents Council in November. **Jan** will send out the logo we will be using for the tournament.

9. Discussion took place regarding Teams & League registration dates. We had already touched base on this during the Territorial championship discussions and will be introducing some by-law changes to address this.

10. Several proposed by-law changes were presented and discussed by the group. Valid points and comments were presented/received by all. Minor wording changes were made to the proposed by-law changes. Once changes were introduced, the by-laws were reread with changes and agreed by all prior to proceeding onto the next. Once all by-laws changes were reviewed & modified, **Doug Schauerte** made a motion to accept the by-law changes in their revised format, **Curtis Debogorski** seconded. The original by-laws and the proposed changes are presented at the back of the minutes.

11. There was only one item under new business and that was a request to have some posters delivered to each of the community representatives.

12. Election of the Executive took place after discussion of terms for each of the positions on the Executive. A by-law was introduced to modify some of the existing terms, so each position was 2 years in duration. This was presented to allow for some continuity on the Executive. Following are the individuals & term remaining as of the end of the meeting:

Jan Vallillee, President – 1 year remaining

Curtis Debogorski, Vice President – 1 year remaining

Karen Poitras, Treasurer – 1 year term remaining

Doug Schauerte, Director (Yellowknife) 1 year term remaining

Pat Fowler, Director/Ref-In-Chief (Yellowknife) 1 year term remaining

Val Pond, Director (Yellowknife) 1 year term remaining

Lynn Fowler, Director (Yellowknife) 1 year term remaining (if agreed by Lynn)

Vince McKay, Director (Hay River) 2 years remaining

Trista Nault, Director (Hay River) 2 years remaining  
Mike Squirrel, Director (Fort Simpson) 2 years remaining  
Ryan Smith, Director (Tulita) 2 year remaining (if agreed by Ryan).  
Completed Terms: Al Bowerman, Wes Brandvold.

Elections were not required because terms had not expired as yet. Acclamations were for Vince, Trista, Mike and Ryan. Welcome aboard. **Karen** motioned the new executive be accepted as presented and **Vince** seconded the motion.

A motion to adjourn was brought forward by **Karen** and seconded by **Curtis**.

Prepared by:  
Jan Vallillee, President  
NWT Broomball Association  
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Changes to by-laws under a separate file.