


CurlManitoba 2011 Board Elections

At the CurlManitoba Annual General meeting on Saturday June 4, 2011 elections will be held to fill 4 spots on the CurlManitoba Board of Directors. All four (4) of the spots are member at large spots.

We are currently presenting 5 candidates for the 4 member at large spots

The candidates currently declared are:

Name and Club	Message to the Members
 <p data-bbox="235 932 526 1020">Hintz, Derna Fort Rouge Curling Club Winnipeg</p>	<p data-bbox="823 648 1386 915">My numerous years of experience in competitive curling and knowledge of the game will prove to be an asset to the Board of Directors. My 8 years of experience in a public accounting firm will prove valuable to assist on the Finance Committee. I have a good understanding of governance controls for running a Board and extensive knowledge of not-for-profit financial statements.</p> <p data-bbox="823 917 1386 1098">I have participated in the Manitoba Curling Tour events for the past six years and played in the zone playdowns each year. I skipped my own team for the past three years and have been a member at Fort Rouge Curling Club for three years.</p> <p data-bbox="823 1100 1386 1249">I am Senior Manager at Grant Thornton Chartered Accountants and manage various jobs in different industries, including the not-for-profit industry so I have good understanding of how Boards work.</p> <p data-bbox="823 1251 1386 1371">I am very interested in getting involved in the community and I am passionate about the sport of curling, therefore, I feel that I would be a valuable asset to the Board of Directors.</p> <p data-bbox="823 1373 1386 1522">I would like to bring some fresh ideas to the Board. As a competitive curler, I hear concerns and/or ideas from my fellow competitors and I am interested in assisting to develop these ideas.</p> <p data-bbox="823 1524 1386 1583">Please consider me for a position on the Board of Directors.</p>
<p data-bbox="235 1591 488 1677">Macdonell, Laurie La Salle Curling Club La Salle</p>	<p data-bbox="823 1591 1386 1797">I love to curl! This is a sport that I have been involved in for many years and would like to be a part of for many years to come. We need to work together to encourage more people to play this sport – whether they are young or old and whether they want to be competitive or recreational.</p> <p data-bbox="823 1799 1386 1879">It is important to grow the sport with our young people – they are the future Scotties and Brier participants and the people that will keep</p>

	<p>curling clubs running long after we are gone. They need to learn what a social sport this really is. My oldest child has been in a junior curling program for 2 years now and my 5 year old can't wait to join. He is loving the program, has made new friendships and now has a base of knowledge that he can continue to use now, or come back to when he is older.</p> <p>With respect to declining numbers in the competitive playdowns, I believe there is a much larger gap today between competitive and recreational curlers. At one time it was feasible to throw a team into the zone playdowns and hope to win a spot to provincials. Now, there are fewer teams that are doing this due to the lack of time they are able to put in and knowing how much time other teams spend in getting ready. By growing participation in the Dominion Cup Championships, you are providing a chance for recreational players to be a part of a "National" experience.</p> <p>We also need to put all the pieces in place so that our best competitive curlers are fighting for the right to represent our province. CurlManitoba has taken important steps towards doing this already. If we continue to evaluate and determine what needs to be done, we will always have great representation at both the provincial level and national level. If I am elected to the Board of Directors, I am committed to listening to all sides of the discussions and working together with fellow board members and CurlManitoba staff to address the issues and challenges we are faced with.</p>
 <p>Magnusson, Norm Riverton Curling Club Riverton</p>	<p>My decision to run for the Board of Directors of CurlManitoba has been made with a commitment to devote the time and effort to carry out my responsibilities to the best of my abilities. Although, I do believe that I am on the older side of what volunteer boards need, I also believe that I remain very much a grassroots curler who loves participating in the sport. I see opportunities for CurlManitoba to be more connected to all curling clubs and curlers in Manitoba and I want to explore ways and means for that to happen. I am prepared to visit clubs to hear what local clubs want and share information on what they can expect to receive from CurlManitoba. I believe my years of experience both in curling and through my working career, will result in a positive contribution to sustaining and developing a wonderful sport.</p>

<p>McEwen, Bruce Victoria Curling Club Winnipeg</p>	<p>A lot of curlers complain about CurlManitoba. What they fail to realize is each and every curler in the province is CurlManitoba. Everybody who slips on a slider has a responsibility to ensure the sport continues to throw the right weight and hit the broom. As a member of the board of directors, I will work to ensure every curler understands the importance of a strong curling association, and ensure CurlManitoba focuses on the needs of the clubs and their members.</p>
 <p>Thiessen-Woods, Sharon Heather Curling Club Winnipeg</p>	<p>As I look at CurlManitoba I see an organization that is moving forward. In some areas it has stabilized from its crisis mode of the past few years. In other areas it is still trying to find its way. In those areas there is so much to do and so little time in which we want it to be done. I have worked for a number of years to contribute and try to spur people to action to get us out of the crisis mode. Now I would like to work with the volunteers and staff to find our way in the areas that still need stabilization – finances, policies and procedures, volunteer management plans. My past experience working with other organizations both as a consultant and a staff leader has provided me with the expertise to work with CurlManitoba to move forward in these areas. I have pushed so hard for us to get to this place and beyond that I would like now to work with the board to ensure that these areas finally get their full attention and resolution. I want to be part of the solution not just one who kept insisting there was a problem. This organization is close to my heart and I want it very much to be the organization it should be on the provincial and national stage.</p>