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Canadian Curling Association

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Dear Affiliate Member:

**Re: 32<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Deaf Curling Championships:**

Here's anticipating the beginning of 2011 has started off positively for you and your members. On behalf of the Board, I'm taking this opportunity to make a formal announcement, unfortunately its not good news.

As you know that the Association des Sourds de la Mauricie Inc (ASM), Deaf Club of Trois-Rivieres, withdrew last October from hosting the 32<sup>nd</sup> CDCC due to lack of experience volunteers to serve on their committee. As a result, the Board of CDCA decided to host the 32<sup>nd</sup> CDCC in conjunction with the ASM. There were three meetings, June, October and January, held with ASM and the Trois-Rivieres Curling Club as well as the hotel. The meetings were very productive as the Curling Club set up a committee of 30 experience Volunteers to assist with officiating the championship. The curling Club reduced their ice fee and the hotel reduced their accommodation fee, both fees are the lowest CDCC has ever had.

As you know, there were only six (6) Men, two (2) Women as well as one (1) Mixed teams registered, however, at the time of this writing only three (3) provincial Deaf Champions have sent in their Declaration form for their Men Team. Hence we only have "rumors" of six teams. Can we trust "rumors", if we don't receive the Declaration forms as per the due date of January 15<sup>th</sup>? As a result, we've had to cancel the Women and Mixed events due to not meeting the requirements as set out by the CDCA's curling technical policy.

Also the Board had to take into consideration that only 17 fans have pre-registered for the seventy-five (\$75.00) Early Bird Combo. This is very low, especially with the cheapest price for the Early Bird Combo in many years. There was really no profit for the hosting committee however we had hoped to bring in as many fans as possible with this low price of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). Thus provide the cheering and festival support to the Provincial Men Curling Champions. I personally was disappointed in the lack of interest from Ontario and Quebec, the two provinces with the least driving distance to Trois-Rivieres.

After many hours of consideration, its with regrets that the Board voted to **cancel the 32<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Deaf Curling Championships at Trois-Riviers this April 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**. Believe me, this was not an easy decision to make and I would have preferred to see the event of the 32<sup>nd</sup> CDCC to be a GO. But lets be honest with ourselves, with only having 3 Declaration forms and 17 fans registered and no sponsorship, it's not possible to forecast a successful event regardless of the willingness of the hearing volunteers in Trois-Riviers. The fact is, CDCA can't do it without more serious commitments from our affiliate members.

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Now some of you may be wondering, “what about the CDCA’s Election and AGM”? In another announcement, I will inform you of this. Its possible we could host the CDCA’s Election and AGM perhaps during the month of May in a more centralize location of Canada. Do we have any bids from you to host the CDCA’s Election and AGM in May? If so, where would you like to see this take place?

Once again, its with regrets that I make this unfortunate announcement on behalf of the Board. Should you wish to discuss the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at [president-cdca@shaw.ca](mailto:president-cdca@shaw.ca) or if you prefer to chat via VP at: 24.108.38.248 or text at 604-202-9251 and we can make arrangement to chat via VP or Sorenson.

In the meantime, keep up the spirit of Deaf curling within your province and look forward to next year’s competition.

Yours in curling,



Bradford Bentley – President