

**Madison Curling Club  
Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings**

**Date**—Sunday, February 11, 2007 at Madison Curling Club.

**Board Members Present**—Randy Blumer (President), Bill Burns, Mary Eisenbraun, Mike Harried, Bonnie Kees, Don Kind, Brent Ruhland, and Kathy Vinge.

**Absent**—Hiro Kobayashi, Kellie Krake, and Steven O'Connor.

- 1) **Call to Order**—Meeting called to order at 5:20 p.m. by Randy Blumer, President.
- 2) **Approval of January 7, 2007 Minutes**—**MOTION** by Don Kind, Mary Eisenbraun second, to approve the meeting minutes as presented. **Motion unanimously carried.**

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3) **President's Report**

- a) **Publishing Board Minutes**—In response to inquiries to make the Board minutes available to the membership, it was decided that the best option to make these accessible to club members is to post approved and adopted minutes directly to the club website in a downloadable format.

**MOTION** by Mike Harried, Mary Eisenbraun second, to post the approved board meeting minutes to the MCC website. The Secretary will send the minutes after approval to the club's webmaster starting with the February 2007 minutes. **Motion unanimously carried.**

- b) **April 18 Meeting Preparation**—Board members were asked to provide a brief report to the President summarizing noteworthy activities under their respective Committee areas during this curling season. The information will assist the President in preparing for the presentation to members of club activities at the Annual Meeting.
- c) **Slate of Candidates**—The President reported on the status of the Board of Directors Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee, co-chaired by Bridget Matzke and Tony Wendricks, included Wally Henry, Scott Reich, Allan Hafeman, and Linda Cohen. A list of possible candidates has been determined by the committee and the co-chairs are contacting candidates and are near completion of offering and receiving acceptance from 6 candidates. The committee also decided to recommend 5 men and 1 woman for the final ballot. After discussing the Committee's current intentions, the President was asked to share feedback with the Committee co-chairs that some board members expressed a preference that the slate of officers should include two women on the ballot. If the names are finalized before the March 11 board meeting, action to approve the slate of candidates will be handled via e-mail. The board was apprised of the list of potential candidates and indicated acceptance of the prospective candidates.
- d) **Updating Donor Plaques**—A club member contacted the President indicating the names on the club donor plaque have not been updated recently. Mary Eisenbraun will contact Rob Wixson, who has the needed information, and handle getting the list of donor names updated at

Vondra Engraving. Mary will also arrange for updating the Life and Honorary members plaques.

- e) **Lion's Club Event in 2009 Update**—The President indicated the Lions Club Bonspiel Event in 2009 has been approved by that organization to be held at the Madison Curling Club. Completion of the rental agreement with the members leading the effort will be worked on by Don Kind as group coordinator, Bill Swanson rental agent, and Randy Blumer. It was noted there is much support for this bonspiel and veteran club members are involved with the Lion's Club.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report**—Bill Burns distributed the 2006-07 financial summary as of 2-11-07. A surplus of \$910 is projected. Funds will be drawn from the Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) to cover expenses related to the compressor relocation as previously determined. The 2006-07 budget projections were adjusted; income to the club is higher than prior estimates. The total membership is up to 520 members and this increased revenue projections by \$6,000. Bonspiel income also generated additional revenues. The WSSCA State Bonspiel (State Senior) income was \$2,137.70, and the income from the Halloween and Junior Bonspiels were more than initially projected. The amounts budgeted for utility expenses were reduced based on current bills. The dues expense projections were increased based on the increase by the USCA which is based on member numbers. Revenues from program sales to-date is \$3,017. Three payments were made on the ice and cleaning contracts. The mortgage payment of \$30,466 was paid to the Foundation.
- a) **Morgan Stanley CD**—Bill outlined options to reinvest the CRF CD that matured and recommended the short term option of reinvesting \$25,000 in a money market account (minimum amount to open an account). Approximately \$23,000 remains available in the CRF after compressor relocation expenses are paid. The remaining \$2,000 to open the money market account would come from checking.

**MOTION** by Mary Eisenbraun, Mike Harried second, to authorize the Treasurer to open a \$25,000 money market account for CRF. **Motion unanimously carried.**

- b) **Remaining Funds from Olympic Trials/National**—On information from Rob Wixson, the remaining proceeds from hosting the Olympic Trials/Nationals is \$7,201.76. These remaining funds were approved to be set aside to be used for in purchasing something tangible for the Club. There was agreement to hold off and not designate a use of these funds at this time until the costs associated with club projects that are in progress are determined. Two projects in development include the Wall of Champion and upgrading the TV to HDTV as part of the TV/sound system upgrade. Mike Harried will check on costs for a TV. A replacement for the worn carpet in the clubroom is another item that will need to be addressed at some point. Bill Burns will contact Rob Wixson with the instruction to retain these funds.
- c) **Capital Reserve Funds/Finance Plan**—Randy Blumer suggested convening a Finance group to review the club's financial position, needs including the CRF, and future strategies in preparation for next year's budget.
- d) **Treasurer's Position/Recruitment**—Bill Burns indicated he will be stepping down as Treasurer after dues are collected next November. He is available to work on the transition with the next Treasurer to that time. He offered to work with the Foundation. Bill will be recruiting for a suitable replacement Treasurer and report back to the board on the status.

## 5) Other

- a) **Ice Nipper Status**—Don Kind reported the ice nipper was set up and training sessions on how to use the equipment will be scheduled. Purchase of the nipper was made possible by donations of \$424 from the Wednesday dinner league, Don and Maureen Kind in the amount of \$100, and Randy Blumer contributed \$850.

Other items identified that are desirable for the ice house included covers for the hacks and an ice thermometer. Don will look into costs for hack covers and will include a notice in the Hog Line. He noted problems still continue with the charging system for the Ice King and the ice makers are working on a solution.

The funding of club projects was discussed and whether there are funds available from the dinner leagues to pay for wish list items. Kathy Vinge offered to contact the dinner league shift chairs and ask them to work together to develop a policy on intent, use and disbursement of monies collected by the dinner leagues. Questions have been raised by some of the dinner league shift chairs about intended policy on use of dinner league proceeds.

- b) **Wall of Champion Committee Update**—No further updates, this item will be added to the March agenda.
- c) **Clarify Sunshine Club Policy**—A question had been raised regarding the Sunshine Club policy. It was determined there is no written policy on the Sunshine Club. Currently, funds spent for the Sunshine Club activities are made at the discretion of the person handling the Sunshine Club in consultation with a Board member.
- d) **Scott Men's Tour**—Randy Blumer recognized the efforts of Rich Lepping and Cliff Andreoli to organize this Tour. Board members who were available attended activities surrounding this event.
- e) **Badger Women Trophy**—As the Badger Women representative, Mary Eisenbraun reported the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy is full and asked that the MCC pay for the expansion. The MCC is scheduled to host the Badger Women's Bonspiel in January of 2009.

**MOTION** by Mary Eisenbraun, Don Kind second, to authorize paying up to \$50 to pay for the expansion of this 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy. **Motion unanimously carried.**

- f) **Hall of Fame Recognition**—Mary Eisenbraun will contact Lisa Schoenenberg about her availability to attend the April 18 Annual Meeting so the MCC can formally recognize Lisa's induction to the USCA Hall of Fame.
- g) **Future Meetings**—Meetings at the MCC are set for Sunday, March 11 at 5:15 PM, Wednesday, April 11 at 6 PM, and the Annual Meeting is Wednesday, April 18 at 6 PM.

**Adjournment**—The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by Bonnie Kees, Secretary