

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

Date—Thursday, April 12, 2007 at Madison Curling Club. (Note: the meeting date was changed from April 11 due to the weather.)

Board Members Present—Randy Blumer (President), Bill Burns, Mike Harried, Bonnie Kees, Don Kind, Steven O’Connor, Brent Ruhland, and Kathy Vinge.

Absent—Mary Eisenbraun, Hiro Kobayashi, and Kellie Krake.

- 1) **Call to Order**—The meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Randy Blumer, President.
- 2) **Approval of March 11, 2007 Minutes**—**MOTION** by Steven O’Connor, Mike Harried second, to approve the meeting minutes as presented without reading. **Motion unanimously carried.**
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report**—Bill Burns reported on the status of his efforts to find a new Treasurer. He will put together additional detail on the duties and expectations of the Treasurer’s position. An announcement of this opportunity will be made by the President at the Annual Meeting next week.

Bill distributed the 2006-07 financial summaries as of 4-11-07. A surplus of \$4,465.23 is projected. An increase in membership resulted in additional income, and program sales generated additional revenues. The fiscal year runs from May 1 to April 30.

The draft summary of revenues and expenditures for distribution at the Annual Meeting was reviewed. Expenditures will be updated to reflect the correct amounts. The format presented was supported for circulation to the general membership, and the Treasurer was asked to include pie charts in the presentation of the financial information to the membership showing the largest revenue and expenses.

MOTION by Steven O’Connor, Brent Ruhland second, to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented by the Treasurer for the Annual Meeting. **The motion passed.**

- 4) **President’s Report**—Randy Blumer received communication from Wayne Hammerstrom who gave notice that he will not be handling the responsibility for the Men’s and Special Event pins next season. Wayne has undertaken the ordering and distribution of the pins for the past 22 years, and he has offered to assist with the transfer of pin responsibilities with the successor next season. The vacancy will need to be addressed as part of the committee assignment activities of the new board.

Randy received correspondence from Bill Swanson the rental agent. Randy asked the facility committee leads, Kathy Vinge and Mike Harried, to follow up and work with Bill to take action on the rental questions.

Randy received correspondence from Sandy Gordon and Steve Mar-Pohl proposing changes to the current Facility and Maintenance Committee. Their suggestion is to create a committee or subcommittee that will serve as a clearing house for members who want to donate interior furnishings or who have concerns regarding aesthetics, lighting, colors, remodeling, etc. They also would envision this committee or subcommittee to organize and facilitate a vision session where members can come and share their vision of the club to put forth a collective vision so that the Facility Committee will have a framework to make decisions. The proposed changes to the structure of this Committee were viewed by the board positively as likely a beneficial change to the committee activities. This will be tabled to the May meeting for consideration when the entire Committee list is scheduled for review and assignment.

- a) **April 18 Annual Meeting Preparation**—Logistics for the annual meeting were finalized. Don Kind requested an opportunity to comment on the Mansfield Event during the annual meeting agenda. There will be an opportunity for new items of interest raised by the general membership to be handled under New Business. Mark Swandby has the plaque for the Hall of Fame activities scheduled to start at 7:30 PM. A club member will be asked to take photos of the presentation.
- b) **Discussion on Hosting Men/Women Nationals in 2008**—Randy referenced his correspondence with Judy Maier from the USCA Selection Site Committee requesting that the MCC host the 2008 Men's and Women's Nationals on February 16-23, 2008. Kellie Krake and Mark Hartman approached the topic with some of the general membership and have come back with a recommendation to not offer to host this event in 2008. There are insufficient organizers on hand to lead such an effort with the lead time available. The timing of this request, and the number of volunteers hours needed to commit to such an event, do not make it possible to accept this request. More lead time would be needed for this to be a successful and worthwhile endeavor for the MCC.

Steven O'Connor shared a conversation he had with Rob Wixson that there are no plans in place to hold a serious fundraiser to pay down the mortgage principal balance of approximately \$250,000 due as a lump sum payment in 2016.

MOTION by Steven O'Connor, Kathy Vinge, second, to have the MCC consider but not commit to hosting the Men/s/Women's Nationals in 2010. **The motion passed.** Randy will ask Mark Hartman to reply to Judy Maier.

Brent Ruhland will update the MCC calendar to reflect the Madison Mixed on February 8-10, 2008 as requested by Tom Godar.

Randy Blumer indicated he anticipated the USCA would also be asking the MCC interest in hosting the USCA qualifying or challenge rounds in January, 2008. The USCA would

pay \$250 per day or guarantee payment of \$1,000 for the four days. One night of league play would be affected. The board decided that it would not be feasible in 2008 to host these USCA events, in part because of the Rotary/Canadian bonspiel on the calendar for January 2008.

- 5) **Wall of Champion Committee Update**—Steven O'Connor distributed a tentative chronological list of MCC members considered by the "Who" subgroup for the wall. The "How" group has put the initial design plans developed on hold until a collective decision on the future vision of the facility is undertaken. The Promega Corporation has a wall design that is of interest to the group.
- 6) **Cottrell Service Award Status**—Randy Blumer recapped the Board's action at the 2006 annual meeting including the board action taken on April 5, 2006 modifying the criteria to make this an annual award. He referenced the initial purpose of this award was developed to recognize members of the MCC who have provided long and extraordinary service to the MCC in critical areas of fostering membership and facilities, preserving MCC traditions, and promoting the sport of curling. No nominations were put forth for this year's award. He recommended dropping the annual award requirement based on lacking a nomination for 2007.

MOTION by Mike Harried, Kathy Vinge second, to amend the Jim and Marion Cottrell Service Award guideline #1 and replace "Award shall be given out annually" with "Nominations for the award shall be considered on an annual basis." **The motion passed.**

- 7) **Special Recognition Award**—Randy Blumer reported he had received input proposing the names of Vern Connor, Jim Hoelzel, Wayne Hammerstrom, and Doug McIvor to be recognized for their service during the curling season. These names were accepted by common consent.
- 8) **Reconditioning of Rocks**—**The board had a discussion on the recent emails on the clubnews email address regarding the rocks.** Don Kind recapped the e-mail made in response to the various opinions raised on reconditioning the rocks. He shared his knowledge of the history of the efforts of working on the rocks to create more curl and indicated the rock inserts do not hold the edge. He acknowledged that some stones are mismatched and will be requesting assistance to determine which rocks are mismatched. Don as the lead on the Ice Committee volunteered to work to collect information on the history of the rock situation, collect insights from the party the club purchased the rocks from, and other ice and rock experts with the intent of having a meeting at the club before the next curling season. All members will be invited to the meeting to discuss the results of the information collection and the clubs efforts to address the situation. The next Ice Committee and other board members will organize the meeting and lead the discussion.

The Board also discussed the need to consider changes to the clubnews email system to better meet the varied needs of club members. The board anticipates the new Board committee on the website and email situation will work on modifications to improve the information available on the MCC web site and the email options.

9) **Committee Report**—Steven O'Connor distributed a report and recommendations under his assigned committee areas which included: Mixed and Senior Curling; Special Activities; Finance; and Policies, Rules and Ratings.

Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by Bonnie Kees, Secretary