

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

**Date**—May 23, 2007 at the home of Randy Blumer.

**Board Members Present**—Randy Blumer (President), Bill Burns, Mike Fonger, Mike Harried, Mark Hartman, Bonnie Kees, Don Kind, Kellie Krake, Hiro Kobayashi, Steven O'Connor, Toni Swandby, and Kathy Vinge.

**Past Board Members Present**—Mary Eisenbraun and Brent Ruhland.

- 1) **Call to Order**—The meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randy Blumer, President.
- 2) **Approval of April 11, 2007 Minutes**—**MOTION** by Kellie Krake, Mike Harried second, to approve the meeting minutes as presented without reading. **Motion unanimously carried.**
- 3) **Election of Officers for 2007-2008 Board of Directors**

**MOTION** by Don Kind, Mike Fonger second, to elect Kellie Krake to serve as Vice President. **Motion unanimously carried.**

**MOTION** by Steven O'Connor, Mike Fonger second, to elect Kathy Vinge to serve as President. **Motion unanimously carried.**

- 4) **Treasurer's Report**—Bill presented the year-end (4-30-07) 2006-07 financial summaries as of 5/22/07 and reflected bills that were paid after the Annual meeting. The surplus is noted to be \$5,666.96. Total member dues increased revenues by \$5,562.36 and bonspiel income increased revenues by \$3,320.70. Other Revenues brought in an additional \$4,054.86. Total revenues for rentals were down by \$3,735.00. Total expenses for utilities came in under budget by \$10,271.24. In all, total expenditures came in under budget by \$5,464.04. The operating budget is \$45,801.68, the Capital Reserve Fund balance is \$25,000, and the total fund balance is \$70,801.68.

In response to a question raised at the annual meeting, Bill was able to determine that the MCC must pay sales tax (5.5%) on all membership dues collected as referenced in WI Administrative Code.

- a) **Treasurer Recruitment**—Bill Burns has a lead on a new Treasurer. Once this is confirmed, an announcement will be made on the replacement.

Steven O'Connor asked that the record reflect an appreciation to Allan Hafeman for his efforts to keep down costs on the condenser relocation, which resulted in lower utility costs.

- b) **Budget/CRF Stabilization/Convene Finance Group**—Randy Blumer recommended the Treasurer and other individuals meet to develop a finance plan for the Capital Reserve Fund, the mortgage debt reduction, and consider fundraising activities. The group's function would be to develop strategies and recommendations to the Board to reduce debt including the final mortgage payment due in 2016. Mark Hartman suggested that the finance group also develop a five-year capital plan. Randy and Mike Harried agreed to be involved in addition to the MCC Foundation members of Steven O'Connor, Rob Wixson, and Paul Matzke.

Steven O'Connor discussed correspondence from Rob Wixson in regard to excess funds in the amount of \$16,675. The MCC portion of the money that remains from Nationals is \$7,205. Mike Kosovec submitted a check for \$3,360 from the golf outing and Aaren Christen also gave Rob a check after the annual meeting; both individuals requested these monies be used to pay down the principal. Rob would like to add another \$4,000 to the payment for a total of \$7,500. Another \$1,500 from the Foundation money could be used against the principal. The additional principle payment would need to be made by August 31, with 30 days notice to the Village of McFarland. Steven requested that a decision about the use of these excess funds be made by the end of summer. Mike Harried suggested taking advantage of the State Trust fund low mortgage interest rate by investing some money in an account earning a higher interest rate.

**MOTION** by Mike Fonger, Kathy Vinge second, to direct Steven O'Connor to assemble a Finance Committee to make recommendations to the Board. The Finance Committee would include MCC Foundation members along with Randy Blumer and Mike Harried. Mark Hartman asked about the role of the MCC Foundation and Steven O'Connor provided some background on the inception of this Foundation. **The motion passed.**

- c) **Canadian Curling Telecasts**—Mark Hartman addressed the request made by Jack Jerred at the Annual meeting to provide the link at the MCC to receive Canadian curling. Mark requested that this cost be considered as the next budget is developed. For the record, Wally Henry had previously donated costs for the satellite service. Bill Burns estimated cable costs at \$300 per season. Mark indicated that the Pardeeville curling club offered to sell back the former satellite receiver back to the MCC for \$100. The condition of this receiver is unknown; a new dish and receiver may be needed. Kellie Krake asked that Mark breakdown the costs for cable service, dish equipment and service for Canadian curling and report back with this information at the June meeting.
- 5) **Reconditioning of Rocks**—Don Kind addressed his latest fact finding on gathering information on reconditioning the rocks. He will continue to research and lead the effort on behalf of the Ice Committee and other Board members to organize a meeting by the end of summer to discuss the results of the information collection and the club's effort to address the situation. Mark Hartman suggested Don might want to attend the USCA camp at the Pettit National Ice Center in Milwaukee. Mark Schurek and other icemakers will be in attendance on June 17.

- 6) **2007-08 Board Committee Assignments and Responsibilities**—The following committee assignments were selected. Assignments under each area will be finalized prior to the start of the curling season.

Men's Curling: Hiro Kobayashi and Don Kind  
Women's Curling: Toni Swandby  
Special Events: Kellie Krake  
Mixed and WISCA Senior Curling: Steven O'Connor  
Intraclub Bonspiels: Kellie Krake  
Invitational Bonspiels: Kellie Krake  
Social Event: Hiro Kobayashi  
Special Activities: Steven O'Connor  
Ice Committee: Mike Fonger, Mark Hartman, Don Kind, MCC President  
Membership: Toni Swandby  
Association Liaison: MCC President and Kellie Krake  
Finance: Steven O'Connor and Mike Harried  
Facility and Maintenance: Mike Fonger, Mike Harried and Don Kind  
Directory and Calendar: Hiro Kobayashi  
Publicity and Awards: Mark Hartman  
Policies, Rules and Ratings: Steven O'Connor

- a) **Facility Proposal**—Steven O'Connor shared a proposal prepared by Stephen Mar-Pohl and Sandy Gordon. They would serve on a committee that would be a clearing house for members who want to donate interior furnishings or who have concerns about aesthetics, lighting, colors, remodeling, etc. The purpose would be to ensure that the collective club vision is taken into consideration when recommendations are made on all interior facility decisions.

**MOTION** by Steven O'Connor, Toni Swandby second, to accept the proposal by Stephen Mar-Pohl and Sandy Gordon to prepare a vision statement for the MCC. Stephen and Sandy would take the lead to arrange focus group meetings and prepare information for the Board to consider in the fall. The motion passed. Steven will relay this decision to Stephen and Sandy.

## 7) **Other Business**

### a) **Calendar for 2007-08**

- i) **High School Bonspiel**—Greg Schaffer requested a change in date for the High School Bonspiel. The bonspiel will be scheduled for a Saturday-Sunday, November 3-4, 2007 and end by 5 PM in time for the Daniels league (note: the high school coaches approved these dates because it is considered pre-season). Bonnie Kees to relay this date to Greg.
- ii) **Rotary Bonspiel**—Mark Hartman agreed to contact the bonspiel chair to confirm the date of this event tentatively scheduled for January 17-19, 2008.
- iii) **Columbia Co. Bonspiels**—Kathy Vinge will provide Mark Hartman with Columbia County bonspiels dates so these can be referenced on the club calendar.

- b) **Discussion on Club Rentals**—Mike Harried received communication from Bill Swanson regarding rentals. During a rental, Bill was contacted by the McFarland Police Department about a noise complaint at 1:00 AM. The rental party did not clean the rental area and there was soda on the floor. The entire security deposit was withheld. The Rental Agent expressed concerns with renting the entire facility and his ability to continue in this role given the ongoing problems and the time involved to manage rentals. This item was tabled to the June meeting.
  
- c) **Cottrell Service Award**—Randy Blumer was able to verify that Allan Hafeman served part of a term on the Board of Directors following the passing of one Director and has continued to serve the club since then. The Cottrell criteria will be sent to the Board and the item was tabled to the June meeting.
  
- d) **Next Meeting Dates**—The next meetings of the MCC Board of Directors are: June 13 at 6 PM, July 18 at 6 PM; and August 15 at 6 PM. All meetings will be at the club.

**Adjournment**—The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Bonnie Kees, Secretary