

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

**Date**—June 13, 2007 at the Madison Curling Club (MCC).

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

**Guests:** Kevin Thies, and Bill Swanson.

**Absent:** Bill Burns, Mike Harried, and Hiro Kobayashi

- 1) **Call to Order**—The meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Kathy Vinge, President.
- 2) **Approval of the May 23, 2007 Meeting Minutes**—**MOTION** by Kellie Krake, Stephen O'Connor second, to approve the meeting minutes as presented, which included Mike Harried's changes, without reading. **Motion unanimously carried.**
- 3) **WSCA Rep Update**—No report.

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- 4) **Canadian Curling Telecasts**—Mark Hartman addressed the request made by Jack Jerred at the Annual meeting to provide telecasts of Canadian curling. Mark provided details on purchasing a satellite television system from Wally Henry for \$100. There would be a one-time start up cost of \$50 to set up and transfer the CamAm satellite subscription to the MCC. The equipment would be set up by Wally. Annual costs include \$75 for the Cam Satellite subscription and \$330 is estimated for programming fees for a 12-month period. The cost is \$45 per month for 6 months of service during the curling season, and the cost is \$10 per month for the remaining 6 months to keep the account active. Total purchase price, start up cost, and annual costs amount to \$555.00. Four of the six large curling clubs that Mark surveyed responded that they provide Canadian satellite TV broadcasting and two did not respond; however, Mark did view curling at Hibbing. He also provided excerpts from survey responses by the Fairbanks, Alaska curling club that does provide Canadian curling. St. Paul also provides Canadian telecasts via satellite to the members and the club picks up the tab. Steven O'Connor asked for the number of members that previously viewed curling telecasts at the MCC, and Mark responded that approximately 40-50 members could have been in attendance to watch Canadian satellite curling at any one time and that the number could have been higher too.

**MOTION** by Mark Hartman, Kellie second, to pay \$100 to Wally Henry for the satellite television system, pay the \$50 start up cost to set up and transfer the subscription service to the MCC, start the satellite service estimated at \$45 per month at the start of the curling season for a period of six months, continue the service for the remaining 6 months estimated at \$10 per month, for a total cost of \$550.00, and set up a donation box at the club to offset these costs to the club. The satellite service plan is limited to one year and is to be revisited next summer in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the donation box to cover the costs. **The motion carried with one opposed.**

- 5) **Bocce Ball**—Kevin Thies and Bill Swanson provided a history and assumed income potential on the profitability of summer bocce ball. Kevin and Bill estimate potential income at \$80,000 for two summer leagues lasting nine weeks each. Bill indicated the club rental income was \$12,000 in 2006-07. Kevin had solicited the names of 150 people interested in bocce. Bill supported bocce ball over rentals due to the ongoing problems with rentals especially when it involves the ice house. Kevin displayed the design presented at the May 2006 Board meeting. Kellie Krake noted that the Bocce proposal did not address concerns with location issues, organization issues, and alcohol consumption. Kevin and Bill were asked to respond and provide sufficient detail on the relevant issues compiled by Mike Harried so this topic can be discussed at the July 18 meeting. The support of the McFarland Parks Board, the organizational and financial backing from sources other than the MCC is viewed as key to this initiative. The Board acknowledged and recognized the negative issues that have been associated with the rentals especially the problems with renting the ice house to large groups.

**MOTION** by Steven O'Connor, Mark Hartman second, to show Board interest in proceeding with Bocce ball by allowing Kevin Thies and Bill Swanson to make inquiries with the Village of McFarland for the use of the property, and to respond in detail to the issues compiled by Mike Harried, and make a report back at the July 18 Board meeting with the information and estimated costs to do the proposal as drafted. Kellie Krake was opposed as no organizational material was submitted. **The motion carried with one opposed.**

- 6) **Treasurer's Report and Treasurer Replacement**—No update.
- a) **Ice Thermometer Purchase**—Don Kind requested the purchase of an ice thermometer to determine more accurately the ice temperature readings. He estimated the price to be no more than \$225.00 to purchase the ice thermometer. Don indicated he and Mike Fraboni are looking at all avenues to improve the condition of the ice.

**MOTION** by Don Kind, Mike Fonger second, to allow the purchase an ice thermometer at a cost not to exceed \$225.00. **Motion unanimously carried.**

- 7) **Review of Board Committee Assignments and Responsibilities**—Committee assignments were reviewed. Final assignments under all areas will be completed by the start of the curling season. Toni Swandby is reviewing the structure of the Retention Committee and considering other approaches such as member satisfaction. She was directed to Dan Lynch who may have statistics on membership turnaround.

Mike Harried's communication relating to rental issues was discussed. The idea of hiring private security was considered to minimize police complaints. This item was tabled to a future meeting.

- 8) **Cottrell Service Award and Criteria**—Randy Blumer had previously assisted the Service Award Committee that had responsibility for the Life and Honorary, Cottrell Service Award, and the Special Recognition Award. Steven O'Connor asked that the criteria not be adjusted to accommodate any nominee and requested that the Service Award Committee review the criteria under each area. The Committee liaison for this area is Toni Swandby and she will work with Randy Blumer, and the Service Committee, to review the awards designated under these three areas. Recommendations will be brought back to the Board for consideration.

## 9) **Other Business**

**Name of Club**—Kathy Vinge referenced the communication from Mike Harried on changing the name of the curling club as suggested by Bill Fuller in his communication on 4/11/07 to the Secretary. It was noted that the City of Madison property lines are in close proximity to the facility. It would also entail a great amount of time and expense to change the name of the non-stock corporation. Another consideration is the name recognition that has been established in the past as well as any and future achievements by its members at state, national, and world competitions. Steven O'Connor noted the decision was made to retain the name of the MCC regardless of the location and subsequently the new facility was built in McFarland. The current Board discussed and considered other alternative names proposed by Fuller (McFarland Curling Club and/or the Madison Area Curling Club) and concurred with the decision made by the past Board on 1/28/03 to not change the name of the MCC.

**MOTION** by Toni Swandby, Mark Hartman second, to retain the name of the Madison Curling Club as previously established. **Motion unanimously carried.**

- 10) **Calendar for 2007-08**—Mark Hartman will provide updated copies of the calendar in advance of future meetings. Minor adjustments to the calendar were made. The Cash Spiel is scheduled on November 30, December 1-2, 2007.

## 11) **Announcement**

- a) **Volunteer Vouchers**—Kathy Vinge supports exploring efforts to increase the volunteer base without using a credit voucher to offset dues since this could potentially cause a deficit to the operating budget. The importance of volunteers was discussed and Toni Swandby and Kathy Vinge were in favor of expanding the volunteer base and finding ways to increase and involve new volunteers. It was noted that some volunteers experienced criticism for how they helped by some experienced volunteers and the Board wants to do more to show appreciation to all volunteers.
- b) **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 by organizing a meeting in early September to discuss the results of the information being collected and the efforts to address the situation. He will give an update at the August 15 meeting. Mark Hartman will be contacting Mark Schurek and other icemakers at the June 17 USCA camp at the Pettit National Ice Center in Milwaukee.
- c) **Next Meeting Dates**—Future MCC Board of Director meetings are: July 18 at 6:00 PM and August 15 at 6:00 PM. All meetings will be at the MCC. Kathy Vinge will address the new stick rule at the July meeting.

- 12) **Adjournment**—**MOTION** by Steven O'Connor, Kellie Krake second, to adjourn. Adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Submitted by Bonnie Kees, Secretary