

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

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

Board Members Present—Randy Blumer (Past-President), Bill Burns, Mike Fonger, Mark Hartman, Mike Harried, Bonnie Kees, Kellie Krake, Steven O'Connor, Jeff Sailor, Toni Swandby, and Kathy Vinge (President).

Absent: Hiro Kobayashi and Don Kind

- 1) **Call to Order**—The meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Kathy Vinge, President.
- 2) **Approval of the August 15, 2007 Meeting Minutes**—**MOTION** by Toni Swandby, Steven O'Connor second, to approve the meeting minutes that included Mike Harried's revisions and additional changes noted by Kellie Krake at the meeting. **Motion unanimously carried.**
- 3) **Treasurer Report**
 - a) **Approve 2007-08 Budget**—Bill Burns and Jeff Sailor presented the 2007-08 financial summary. The current surplus is \$899.98. The 2007-08 fiscal year total revenue projection is \$192,375, \$181,190 for total expenditures, and the surplus is projected at \$11,185.

Revenue projections were discussed: Bonspiel income for the 2007-08 season is \$6,290 and Rotary Spiel income was excluded. Dinner League is estimated at \$1,000; Locker Dues at \$4,665, and no projection were made for Merchandise-Clothing.

Utility expenses are expected to be on target with 2007-08 projections. The last electric expense was \$1,684 and the gas expense was \$124. The lease on the dishwasher is \$63 per month and Mike Fonger plans to review dishwasher options. USCA dues are projected at \$12,900 based on the increase during the 2006-07 curling season. No change was made to the MCC dues structure under the various member classifications.

Kellie Krake reported on the communication from Don Kind on various issues before the Board including his support for a small increase in dues across-the-board to offset any unexpected building and equipment repair costs. Kellie suggested the Board have a discussion on long range planning in the near future to justify an increase to the operating budget.

Steven O'Connor reiterated that the Board took action at the August 15 meeting to set a 2016 target principal mortgage balance of \$100,000 to \$150,000. Steven and the Treasurer have started to discuss the creation of a separate pool of assets to reduce the final balloon payment. They discussed how much money could be raised if each club member made a minimal contribution of \$15 which is equivalent to the cost of one steak night. There was agreement that the Board is sensitive to the impact of an increase in dues on the issue of membership

MOTION by Steven O'Connor, Mike Fonger second, to adopt the 2007-08 operating budget as presented by the Treasurer with no change in the dues structure for the 2007-08 curling season.

- b) **Apparel Items**—Toni Swandby interjected that Lucy Harr, Teresa Voss, and Brent Ruhland will be looking at restocking the MCC clothing apparel for sale. The apparel is estimated to cost \$2,000 and a profit is expected on the sale of merchandise.

AMENMENT TO MOTION by Toni Swandby, Mike Fonger second, to add \$2,000 to the budget under expenditures to purchase clothing. **Motion as amended unanimously carried.**

- 4) **Service Award Committee Recommendations**—Randy Blumer summarized the recommendations of the Committee which held a lengthy discussion and reviewed historical information on each nominee. He offered the following names for consideration.

- a) **Honorary and Life Members**—The recommendations for Honorary Membership are: Tuck Botham, Ardell Dahl, Jack Jerred, Joline Saunders, and Duane Schumacher. The recommendations for Life Membership are: Ginny Botham, Jack Loew, Ruth Ann Loew, and Lois Polenz.

MOTION by Toni Swandby, Mark Hartman second, to accept the slate as presented. **Motion unanimously carried.** .

- b) **Cottrell Service Award**—Randy Blumer recommended Allan Hafeman as the recipient of the 2006-07 Cottrell Service Award.

MOTION by Steven O'Connor, Kelly Krake second, to advance the award to Allan Hafeman under this category. **Motion unanimously carried.** .

The Committee will develop a display of the honorees including pictures and a summary of the numerous accomplishments for display at the October MCC Open Houses. Randy acknowledged the work and efforts of Mary Ann Jerred along with the other Committee members.

5) **President's Report**

- a) **2007-08 Committee Updates**—Toni Swandby will handle Open Houses, Alane Spatola will assist with Kitchen and Club Supplies, and Steven O'Connor will handle Men's and Special Event Pins. The outline submitted by Mary Ann Jerred for the next Hog Line was reviewed and comments are due to her by September 23.
- b) **Special Events Update**—Kellie Krake responded to the request to modify the format of the Botham event to allow women to curl. Kellie reported many responses to this request. She noted that, according to the MCC bylaws, the Botham is a no team point limit event established with the intent to give men a second night to curl during the week. In the past, women teams were permitted to play in this event if space is available; however, the number of teams and their makeup is left to the event chairperson.

As chair of the Special Events Committee, Kellie contacted the Special Event league coordinators, Toni Swandby (Women's Curling Committee), and Lori Mountford (Women's

Curling Chair), and Men's Game Committee and asked them to review the issues in Committee, sorting out the organizational details, discussing approaches that can be taken to find ice time for everyone, and making a recommendation to the Board.

Toni Swandby, as Open House chair, requested that this information is needed before open houses are scheduled so that the club knows what shifts are available in specific leagues.

Mike Fonger commented that in order to grow, the Mansfield event would need to accommodate additional teams. Mark Hartman sent out a proposal via e-mail to gain input on alternating late and early start times for the Solheim League, or in the crowded schedule, to make ice available for 4 or more Mansfield teams. Following consensus on a poll from skips in regard to Mark's communication to alternate late and early times for the Solheim League, Doug Buechel responded that there was opposition to the proposal and stated the short reason is that we need our first priority to be maintaining and growing the size of the Club by catering to new members and appealing to the masses. He questioned whether the Board could announce any timing changes at the Annual Meeting so the shift captains and members are aware of the change prior to the upcoming curling season. Steven O'Connor felt is important to give consideration to the regular dues paying members who only curls once a week and not focus on the person that curls multiple times a week and to look at how ice time is allocated and the split between male/female curlers.

Mark Hartman shared figures comparing numbers in 1997 and 2007. In 1997, there were 347 members using 4 sheets of ice, or 87 curlers per sheet. In 2007, there are 516 members using 6 sheets of ice, or 86 curlers per sheet. In response to Mark's question on how to give input into the process, Kellie Krake asked him to contact the chair of Men's or Women's curling directly.

Kellie Krake indicated the Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday women leagues may have more flexibility than the men in placing curlers but that the issues are similar facing the women curlers who can only curl on a specific evening. Toni Swandby noted there were 30 women teams for 3 nights of women's curling and it would be nice if there was a way to get more people curling without eliminating their preferences. Kellie asked that the issues be addressed directly with the Special Event Chairs so that recommendations can be addressed at the October meeting.

- c) **Membership Committee Report**—Toni Swandby noted that she and Cary Reich, along with the Chairs of the Men's and Women's Curling, are working to develop a better approach to receive and disseminate information to the general membership. One goal noted was to make the club directory complete and available in a timely manner. She stressed the importance of having accurate information from people at open houses. This year, a list of new members will be given to the person in charge of name tags so that this person will not have to collect new curler names. This group is working to develop a mechanism for gathering and keeping information current on members. She proposed the data base membership be used to the fullest extent to contain the information needed. This group will convene, look at the current information and hopefully be able to connect it to technology.
- d) **Webmaster Search Update**—Mark Hartman reported the Reich's are screening the capabilities of two candidates who have expressed an interest in serving as the club

webmaster. Mark was assigned to follow up with the Reichs and give an update at the October meeting.

6) **Other Business**

- a) **League Sign-up Procedures for Special Event Leagues**—Mark Hartman addressed the sign-up procedure for special event leagues which has become more problematic as the membership continues to grow. He offered suggestions to deal with the over-subscription of events including the Botham (15 teams), Waddell (13 teams), and the Leifer. To meet the demand of certain events, and to make access equitable for all members, he suggested that the sign-up sheet include more than 13 lines and be posted for a minimum of two weeks. Mark and Steven O'Connor are in support of a lottery system to award entry was an option. On 8/26/06 the Board adopted a change to the Solheim event on Wednesday evening at 8:30 PM to make four sheets of ice available for eight teams, and change the format to 8 ends with the option for the skips to play 10 ends if both teams agree. Randy Blumer indicated that he and Brent Ruhland do their best to place people in special events they chair. Randy suggested expanding ice time by looking at non-prime ice time. Kellie Krake noted that comments can be made directly to the coordinators of the various events for their consideration.

Kellie Krake indicated the Daniels Special Event was adopted on 8/28/06, and starting with the 2007-08 season, this will be structured as an open event and will have a higher point limit. Steven O'Connor felt that the Daniels event was fashioned after the McNaughton event and it was not the intent of this league to be an open event.

- b) **Rental Agent Recruitment Update**—Mike Harried was assigned to publish an announcement to recruit for a new rental agent at a rate of \$16 per hour and include a description of the duties. A message will be sent via the club e-mail list and it will be announced in the next Hog Line.

(7:40 Steven O'Connor left meeting)

- c) **Letter about Role of Foundation/Contributions for Hog Line**—No report.
- d) **Ice Committee/Rock Reconditioning Meeting Update**—Mike Fonger and the Ice Committee are continuing their discussion and information gathering on this topic from several sources with varying levels of knowledge about the problem and the rocks. The new stones were purchased in time for the start of the 2002-03 curling season. For the purpose of responding and answering issues raised to members of the Ice Committee, factors that affect the ice such as the pebble, temperature, scraping, cleaning, nipping, and amount of use, will be separated and looked at independent of the rocks. The Ice Committee will set up the structure of the meeting to include the ice makers and will prepare an announcement to the general membership before the start of the curling season

7) **2007-08 Calendar Updates**—Mark Hartman

- 8) **Adjournment**—**MOTION** by Kellie Krake, Toni Swandby second, to adjourn. Adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by Bonnie Kees, Secretary