

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

Date—January 13, 2008 at the Madison Curling Club (MCC).

Board Members Present—Randy Blumer (past President), Mike Fonger, Mike Harried, Bonnie Kees, Don Kind, Hiro Kobayashi, Kellie Krake, Steven O'Connor, Jeff Sailor, Toni Swandby, and Kathy Vinge (President)

Absent—Mark Hartman

- 1) **Call to Order**—Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Kathy Vinge, President.
- 2) **Approval of the December 9, 2007 Meeting Minutes**—**MOTION** by Mike Harried, Toni Swandby second, to approve the meeting minutes with two changes. 1) Sentence under President's Report to read: \$2,800 in funds from the Olympic Trials held by the Foundation was used to purchase a new commercial grade kitchen refrigerator; delivery and disposal of the old unit were included. 2) Last sentence under 5f) to read: A raffle was suggested. **Motion unanimously carried.**
- 3) **Treasurer Report**
 - a) **2007-08 Budget**—Jeff Sailor distributed the financial summary for 2007-08 as of 1/13/08. Income was collected on revenues from men's locker fees, membership dues, and club rentals. Final proceeds from the cash spiel are not yet available.

Expenses paid included \$1,900+ for beer and \$2,300 in clothing merchandise. The liability insurance was paid and is slightly higher than the amount budgeted. Sales tax of \$6,600 was paid. The December 2007 electric bill was \$5,500 compared to \$4,100 in December of 2006. The gas bill was \$500 higher than the prior year. The Treasurer was asked to look at the electric usage in 2007 and compare the therms used in 2006 and report back at the February meeting.
- 4) **President Report**
 - a) **Stick Questionnaire**—Kathy Vinge noted the December 2 deadline on the stick questionnaire passed without input from the MCC. The results of the questionnaire were compiled by the USCA.
 - b) **Spaghetti Dinner**—A Spaghetti dinner is planned on January 15 to benefit the Nina Spatola rink, which will compete at the U.S. Junior Nationals in Portage on February 2 to 9. It was noted that the club's alcohol license does not permit the sale of alcohol at dinner benefits.
 - c) **Ice Nipper Purchase**—A second ice nipper was purchased with funds from the following dinner leagues: Monday and Wednesday at 4:30 and Thursday at 5 PM. A thank you was extended to the chairs of these leagues for making these monies available.

5) **Current Business**

- a) **Ice Condition/Rock Reconditioning/Member Concerns**—Mike Fonger noted the ice conditions have improved. Comments were made that the ice should be pebbled prior to the start of the Monday 4:30 league. Don Kind will make a book available on each sheet to note when the sheet was last pebbled and he indicated that 30-40 rocks can be thrown before there is a need to pebble the ice.
- b) **Status of Property/Repair Position**—Don Kind reported that Tom Hicks would cover building property/repair. Snow removal will be handled independently.
- c) **Contracting Snow Removal**—Mike Harried distributed a bid for snow removal and encouraged additional bids for comparison. Harried indicated the snow blower was a source of a gas leak, which led to ventilating the building. One member expressed an interest in handling snow removal in lieu of membership dues. This was discussed and there was support to have the snow removal handled by volunteers. Don will handle this in the interim and/or find additional volunteers to assist. This item will be revisited again next year.
- d) **Dumpster Area Roof Cover Installation**—Mike Harried addressed the requirements in response to installing a roof cover over the dumpster area. The siding and roofing material over the enclosure would need to match the current building structure. It is too costly to install a roof cover at this time.
- e) **Men's World Championship Passes**—Toni Swandby displayed the certificate for two people to gain admission to the World Curling Championship at the North Dakota arena. Toni will contact the chairs of the Madison Mixed so these can be used as a raffle item during that bonspiel.
- f) **New Years Eve Update**—Hiro Kobayashi indicated about 50 people attended the party. There was a \$20 charge per person and \$159 was the profit after expenses. Hiro indicated there would be Karaoke next year and encouraged participation.
- g) **Capital Improvement Fund Workgroup Progress**—Kellie Krake indicated that the facility electrical needs were checked out by a licensed electrician/member and estimated the cost at \$500 to \$600 for ballasts and light bulbs that need replacement.
- h) **Ice Use/League Structure Review Committee Progress**—Kellie Krake reported Jeremy Roe is the Committee Chair and names were identified to represent the ice needs. Shift captains will also be included for a broader cross-representation of constituents.

6) **New Business**

- a) **Junior National Advertising Agreement**—Kellie Krake reported the Portage Curling Club is preparing a program booklet for the U.S. Junior Nationals in Portage. After discussing the ad pricing structure, it was determined that the MCC will not be accepting the invitation to advertise in the program
- b) **Curl TV Subscriptions**—Kellie Krake indicated the USCA is making the CurlTV.com subscriptions available to all registered USCA members. A passcode would be distributed to members to activate registration. This web streaming of competitive events around the world will be available to members when the USCA dues are paid by the MCC. Steven Schally has agreed to handle the servicing of the passcodes.

- c) **Underage Access Card Violations**—Don Kind raised a concern that minors are using their parent’s access card to gain entry to the club and noted the current policy prohibits entry to the club by persons under the age of 21 without adult supervision at all times. Kathy Vinge agreed to address the issue directly with the parents, prepare a feature for the Hog Line to address this issue, and will ensure that this policy is consistent in all written material used by the club. Steven O’Connor will update the sign at the club’s entrance.
 - d) **Nominating Committee**—Randy Blumer is in the process of setting up a committee, which will present a slate of officers for election at the April Annual meeting.
 - e) **Wheelchair Clinic**—Don Kind reported there was a request by Steve Brown to hold a wheelchair clinic on March 25. Don will invite Steve to attend the February 10 meeting to provide specifics on developing a wheel chair clinic and possibly hold a MSCR-sponsored wheelchair league next season.
 - f) **Reporting Requirements**—Mike Harried reported he contacted the Foundation to address the WI Department of Financial Institution’s reporting requirements.
 - g) **Pepsi Lease**—Mike Fonger researched the costs associated with leasing versus purchasing the Pepsi equipment and determined it is more cost efficient to continue the lease with Pepsi.
 - h) **Dishwasher Lease**—Mike Fonger researched the costs associated with leasing the dishwasher with Kavanaugh. The lease cost is \$60 per month (\$720 annually) and the purchase price is \$1,200, which includes all maintenance. He recommended the MCC purchase the dishwasher using funds from the Olympic Trials held by the Foundation.
 - i) **Ice Machine Purchase**—Mike Fonger researched the cost of replacing the ice machine with a larger 200 lb capacity unit. Three quotes ranged from \$3,100, \$3,000, and \$2191. Steven O’Connor will bring estimates on the ice costs incurred at bonspiels. Hiro Kobayashi recommended bagging the ice in advance of bonspiels. This item tabled to the February meeting.
 - j) **Bonspiel Rentals**—Rental charges for the Lion’s Club Bonspiel and the Rotary Bonspiel will be discussed at the February meeting.
- 7) **Next Meetings**—The next MCC Board of Director meetings are on February 10 at 6 PM, March 9 at 6 PM, and April 1 at 6 PM. All meetings are at the MCC.
- 8) **Adjournment**—**MOTION** by Kellie Krake, Toni Swandby second, to adjourn. Adjournment at 7:20 PM.

Submitted by Bonnie Kees, Secretary