

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

Date—October 4, 2007 at the Madison Curling Club (MCC).

Board Members Present—Randy Blumer (Past-President), Bill Burns, Mike Fonger, Mike Harried, Bonnie Kees, Don Kind, Hiro Kobayashi, Kellie Krake, Jeff Sailor, and Toni Swandby.

Absent—Mark Hartman, Steven O’Connor, and Kathy Vinge (President)

Guest—Mike Fraboni

- 1) **Call to Order**—The meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Kellie Krake, Vice President.
- 2) **Approval of the September 13 2007 Meeting Minutes**—**MOTION** by Toni Swandby, Mike Harried second, to approve the meeting minutes. **Motion unanimously carried.**

Mike Fraboni joined the meeting to give an update on starting the ice making process. A problem exists with high levels of humidity and condensation is forming on the ceiling rafters in the ice house. He expects problems with drips and painting the ice on Saturday if this continues. The compressors are running on high to work out the problem. He asked for help with the ice making process the following week starting on Saturday through Wednesday. Don Kind will send out a message asking for help with making the ice. Mike Fonger indicated a pre-meeting is planned to set the agenda for the meeting on the rocks. Mike Fraboni felt a lot of good information would be presented at this meeting. Mike Fraboni has identified some basic ice house rules and is interested in working with the Ice Committee to develop some ice policies and have them posted in the ice house.

3) **Treasurer Report**

- a) **2007-08 Budget**—Jeff Sailor distributed the financial summary for 2007-08. Income from membership dues is \$1,030, rental income is showing \$900 less due to timing of payment, interest income is \$951.49 from the Morgan Stanley CD and he will follow up on the bank charge of \$90 for holding the CD. Total utility expenditures are \$11,033 to date. Carpet cleaning costs were \$900 and \$450 to clean and wax the tiled area. There is an ERA expense to repair the control panel on the compressor and Jeff will follow-up with Allan Hafeman who reviews ERA invoices. Don Kind made a recommendation to upgrade the temperature control unit and this cost is unknown.

The Treasurer noted the club holds an average balance of \$50,000 in a non-interest earning checking account. He proposed opening a money market account with excess funds above the working capital. He outlined the options available through Capitol One and US Bank and the fees that would be charged by US Bank if the MCC checking account does not meet their criteria. The annual interest earnings on an average balance of \$30,000 to \$50,000 are in the range of \$1,425 to \$2,375. The interest rate at Capitol One is 4.75% and US Bank is offering 4.0%. The Treasurer will check with McFarland State Bank and provide an update at the November meeting.

4) Vice President Report

- a) **2007-08 Committee Updates**—Additions to the Committee list included: Susan Dukes and Diane Boles for Toories, Lori Mountford for Ice Making, Toni Swandby for Retention, Mike Fonger for the Fall Clean up, and Paul Incha for the Spring Clean up. Two outstanding areas are men's locker and property/repair.
- i) **Open Houses**—Toni Swandby is recruiting people for hospitality and on ice instruction. Statistics on the number of attendees at last season's four open houses were: day 1 (27), day 2 (52), day 3 [Saturday] (55), and day 4 (66). Advertisements ran for one week each for the Thistle and Isthmus and brought in 16 people according to last season's records. She recommended the MCC not advertise the open houses in the Isthmus this year. The club gained 43 members during last season's open houses. This year, a triplicate registration form was developed with a copy to the men/women game chair, Treasurer, and Cary Reich. Don made a suggestion to not accept member dues until someone can be placed on a team. It was noted that few refunds were made for this reason last year and every effort will be made to place members on a team. Don Kind agreed to handle the hanging of the open house banners in the vicinity. A decision was made to limit beer during the open houses to the club member and immediate guest only due to problems encountered last year.
- ii) **Webmaster Update.** Nick Weber is the new webmaster and Mark will be looking for direction as to the content to include on the web site.
- b) **Special Events Update**—Kellie Krake led the discussion on the proposal to form a subcommittee of all the league men and women chairs and shift captains which would meet to examine the league structure and format, and ice allocation due to the growth in membership. The proposal provides a forum to engage in long range planning and it was accepted. Jeremy Roe will convene the subcommittee to set the scope and make a recommendation to the Board for consideration and announcement at the Annual meeting. Acceptance of this proposal tables all action to change bylaws to the Botham, Solheim, and Men's and Women's leagues.

Toni Swandby noted that the club has reached ice capacity maximum and asked the Board to reconsider the sign up procedures for membership next season. She proposed a cutoff sign-up date of October 1 and all members would be required to confirm their returning membership (or not) in advance by that date. This change would make it possible to know the number of open slots prior to the open houses and it would help to prevent over-filling leagues for the already tight ice time. Announcement for changing the sign up procedures could be rolled out during this year to ensure member awareness. Next year the change would place the Board in a position to identify returning members and allocate ice use and schedule Open Houses accordingly

Kellie indicated that the sign up sheet for the Solheim, Daniels, Leifer, and Botham event would be posted at the club clean-up on October 13.

- 5) **Rental Agent Recruitment Update**—Mike Harried submitted an announcement in the Hog Line seeking a Rental Agent as a paid position responsible for yearly club facility rentals. Areas of responsibilities were listed. Hours are estimated to be up to 18 hours per month during May through September, and up to 8 hours per month during October through April at a rate of \$16.00. Mike thanked Bill Swanson for serving as the rental agent this past year. Mike will handle this responsibility until a replacement can be found.
- 6) **Other Business**
- a) **Ice Committee/Ice Reconditioning Meeting Update**—Mike Fonger reported an informational meeting will be held on October 24 at 7 PM at the MCC. This is open to all club members and items for discussion include rock conditioning, ice preparation, proper pebbling, humidity control, nipping and ice cleaning/scraping. The ice crew and MCC Board will be in attendance.
- b) **Facility Issue**—Mike Harried noted the Village of McFarland would replace the defective parking lot lights.
- c) **Dues Deadline**—The dues envelope will be included in the Hog Line mailing. Dues are regular member (\$345), second year (\$300), first year (\$255), student, competitive, and mixed only (\$175), Senior (\$125), Social (\$70), and Sunday Junior (\$40) and payment is due no later than the first Friday of league play. All games played by unpaid members after this time will be forfeited. Board members will enforce a Sunday, November 4 deadline and dues are expected to be paid before the first game if it falls after November 4.
- 7) **Next Meetings**—Future MCC Board of Director meetings are set to follow the Daniels Event on November 11 at 7 PM, December 9 at 7 PM and on January 13 at 6 PM, February 10 at 6 PM, March 9 at 6 PM, and April 1 at 6 PM. All meeting are at the MCC.
- 8) **Adjournment**—**MOTION** by Mike Fonger, Toni Swandby second, to adjourn. Adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by Bonnie Kees, Secretary