

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

**Date** - Sunday, February 22, 2009 at the Madison Curling Club (MCC).

**Board Members Present** - Larry Baeder, Ericka Balgord, Mike Fonger, Mike Harried, Don Kind, Kellie Krake (President), Toni Swandby, and Kathy Vinge (Past President).

**Board Members Absent** - Richard Berling and Mark Hartman.

**Officers Present** - Dae Jean Jahnke and Jeff Sailor

- 1) **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 6:00 P. M. by Kellie Krake, President.
- 2) **Approval of the January 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes** - **MOTION** by Mike Harried, Toni Swandby second, to approve the meeting minutes as presented without reading.  
**Motion unanimously carried.**

Kathy Vinge arrived at 6:04 PM.

**3) Treasurer's Report**

- a) **January Month End** - Jeff Sailor distributed a financial summary for 2008 - 2009 as of 1/31/09. Revenue was generated from the collection of additional member dues, clothing sales, club rentals, and advertising revenues. The total revenue for the month was about \$4,000. The total expense for the month was about \$50,000. The largest expenses included dues to the USCA, USWCA, and WSCA (\$14,000), ice maintenance services (\$14,000), insurance (\$8,000), utilities (\$7,500), and beer and soda (\$4,000).

There was no change to the capital budget.

Jeff noticed that the MCC's account with Morgan Stanley incurred a \$90 annual fee but was only earning \$4 interest monthly. Since the account is therefore losing money, Jeff is going to talk with Paul Matzke about having the fee waived. If it is not possible to waive the fee, Jeff will move the funds from Morgan Stanley to a bank certificate of deposit.

#### 4) **President's Report**

There was an article in The Curling News that warned clubs to make sure they were recording their sales taxes correctly when filing their tax returns. Kellie Krake contacted Rob Wixson and Walt Erbach about this and the topic will be discussed at the March Board meeting. Jeff Sailor has a copy of the Wisconsin tax laws and assured the Board that the MCC is in compliance. As a precaution, the tax laws will be reviewed by club members, in the legal profession, familiar with tax law.

a) **Technical Committee Update** - Kellie reported that the committee met about 2 weeks ago to review web site designs created by Steve Day. She pulled up the latest design on her laptop to show the Board. Nick Weber will continue to update our current web site however, increasing responsibilities at work prevent him from participating any longer on the technical committee. Joel Dietz will add a member data base to the new site. Nick Schleicher specializes in program security and will provide the appropriate security to the members section of the web site. Dan Wiza will be taking photographs of the club and members to be placed in a slide show on the web site.

The web site will include local results, national results, and a place to focus on congratulating our members who deserve special recognition for their accomplishments. Things will be added to the web site over the course of several years. Future projects include adding an online league sign up and the availability of league schedules online.

Larry Baeder arrived at 6:19 PM.

b) **Capital Improvement Projects** - Kellie asked the Board members to review the spreadsheets that were sent to them and to add, delete, and update items, pertaining to their areas, between now and the next Board meeting. These spreadsheets list items that need to be repaired or replaced and a list of ongoing issues. The spreadsheets need to be updated with cost estimates for repairs, priorities of projects, dates when items need to be repaired or replaced, etc. Kellie will take the information and compile a list for the new Board to use to prioritize projects and establish a more detailed capital budget.

#### 5) **Current Business**

a) **Vision Committee** - Larry Baeder reported that he and Sandy Gordon are working on three elements that define the Vision Committee and are establishing

time frames to complete these elements. They hope to present the time frames to the Board in April. The elements are a list of general guidelines, conceptual drawings for changes to the club house, and procedures to link the Vision Committee with Capital Improvements projects. The top priorities of the committee are to select carpet, develop an idea for the 'Wall of Champions', and work on plans for a fireplace.

It has been suggested that a fireplace be installed at the club in memory of Duane Schumacher, past president. Money donated in memory of Duane Schumacher is being held by the Madison Curling Foundation until plans can be finalized.

## 6) **New Business**

- a) **Nominating Committee** - Kathy Vinge reported that the 2008 - 2009 Nominating Committee, consisting of Mary Ann Jerred, Lori Karst, Ken Niedhart, Steven O'Connor, Cary Reich, and Mark Swandby, selected 7 candidates for the election to replace the 3 outgoing Board members. The candidates are Janet Crnich, Tim Ebert, Greg Kuelz, Jim Lookabaugh, David Maiers, Mary Jo (Mamie) O'Connor, and Steve Schally. Kathy gave a brief history of each candidate. She was especially pleased that the members with only a few years curling experience were willing to get more exposure and accept the nomination.

**MOTION** by Toni Swandby, Ericka Balgord second, to approve the slate of candidates as presented. **Motion unanimously carried.**

- b) **Apply for Evjue Foundation Grant** - Kellie, reporting for Richard Berling, asked the Board about applying for a grant from the Evjue Foundation. Richard would work with Tim Funk and Steve Brown. Grant money would be used for Junior and Wheelchair curling programs. Since the application deadline is March 13, Richard will discuss this topic with the Board via e-mail.

## 7) **Other Business and Miscellaneous Information**

Dan Stanford is thinking about recreating the men's bonspiel with the help of Richard Berling, Ken Niedhart, and Cliff Andreoli. He is, however, still in the formative phase.

Mike Harried wanted to let the club members know to be careful when deciding whether to leave their cars in the club's parking lot overnight. The police department reported a vehicle was broken into in our parking lot.

Mike Fonger noted that the Junior Men's team from Madison took the bronze medal at the U.S. Junior Men's National in Devil's Lake N. D. Also, the Lion's club has purchased six 8' tables for our club. The men's Wednesday dinner league has purchased three 4', three 6', and three 8' tables. He said this will give the club the capacity to host bonspiels attended by up to 40 teams. He would like to sell the old tables. **MOTION** by Larry Baedar, Toni Swandby second, to give Mike Fonger permission to sell the old tables. **Motion unanimously carried.**

Don Kind, being proactive, told the Board that 2 new blades will need to be purchased for the ice scrapers by the beginning of next season. The blades cost \$900 each. Mike Fonger would like to see the leagues raise the money for the new blades.

- 8) **Adjournment - MOTION** by Mike Fonger, Ericka Balgord second, to adjourn.  
**Motion unanimously carried.** Adjournment at 6:47 P.M.

Submitted by Dae Jean Jahnke, Secretary