

Madison Curling Club
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Date - Sunday, March 15, 2009 at the Madison Curling Club (MCC).

Board Members Present - Larry Baeder, Richard Berling, Mike Fonger, Mike Harried, Mark Hartman, Don Kind, Kellie Krake (President), Toni Swandby, and Kathy Vinge (Past President).

Board Members Absent - Ericka Balgord

Officers Present - Dae Jean Jahnke and Jeff Sailor

Guests - Janet Crnich, Jennifer Huck (Secretary), David Maiers, Jeremy Roe, Greg Schaffer, and Steve Schally

- 1) **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 6:02 P. M. by Kellie Krake, President.
- 2) **Approval of the February 22, 2009 Meeting Minutes - MOTION** by Toni Swandby, Larry Baeder second, to approve the meeting minutes as presented without reading. **Motion unanimously carried.**

David Maier arrived at 6:06 PM.

Kathy Vinge arrived at 6:08 PM.

3) Treasurer's Report

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- b) **February Month End** - Jeff Sailor reviewed the financial summary for 2008 - 2009 as of 2/28/09. Revenue was generated from the collection of additional member dues, key cards, club rentals, and advertising revenues. The total revenue for the month was \$1,339. The total expense for the month was \$13,548. The largest expenses included utilities (\$7,500), beer and soda (\$2,000), filter cleaning (\$412), and other general repairs (\$300).

There was no change to the capital budget. The cost for the installation of the vapor barrier came in close to, but under, what was budgeted.

Several items will show up in the March financial numbers. This will include income from the Fowler event, the Cashspiel, and high school groups. Expenses incurred in March include parts and labor to repair the furnace.

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- a) **Sales Tax Clarification** - Last month, 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 did some follow up research but questions still exist. Toni Swandby felt the MCC may be paying too much and Jeff Sailor agreed because of the way we report income from bonspiels. The tax laws will continue to be reviewed by several members and this topic will be discussed again at the one of the summer Board meetings.

This month, another article in the Curling News described different fund raising opportunities and if they are appropriate based on a club's tax status. The MCC has a 501 (c) (7) tax status while the Madison Curling Foundation (MCF) has a 501 (c) (3) status. Toni asked if the donation made by the Lion's Club, after their bonspiel, went to the MCC or MCF? The response was that their entry fees were made to the MCC and the donation went to the MCC as well. That raised a question as to whether donations should go directly to the MCF. This topic will also continue to be discussed at a later Board meeting.

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- 4) **President's Report** - Kellie Krake congratulated the McCormick rink on winning the US National Women's Championships which qualified them to compete at the 2009 World Women's Championships and the 2010 Olympics. She also congratulated the Fraboni rink on winning the US National Men's Club Championships.

- a) **Technical Committee Update** - Kellie reported that Steve Day is working with her, developing the new web site, and hopes to have a model ready to show to the Board at the April Board meeting. He will demonstrate the functionality of the web site at that time. It is expected that the existing web site will be replaced with the new and improved web site this summer in preparation for heavy use by the membership this fall.

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- 5) **Current Business**

- a) **Vision Committee** Larry Baeder had no update. He expects to have something to report in April.

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4) **President's Report**

- c) **Service Award** - Kellie Krake will present her decision on the Cottrell Service Award for 2008 - 2009 at the April Board meeting. The Cottrell Service Award is given to a former Board member that has demonstrated outstanding service to the club. Her decision will be announced to the members of the MCC at the Annual Meeting.

Don Kind suggested the Board should also recognize other members who have donated many volunteer hours to the club. Anyone who has a candidate in mind should send their suggestions to Kellie.

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6) **New Business**

- a) **Host 2010 High School Bonspiel** - Greg Schaffer requested that the Board consider hosting the state High School Bonspiel in 2010. Wisconsin's High School Bonspiel is typically held over the Valentine's Day weekend, on Friday and Saturday. The MCC would be responsible for scraping the ice but the cleaning, pebbling, and nipping would be handled by the coaches, parents, and participants. There would be between 12 to 14 boys and 12 to 14 girls teams from Wisconsin. This is not a money making event.

The Board was concerned with the timing of the event as our calendar is potentially very full in February. Also, we must balance our hosting of events with the needs of our leagues for ice time. Several Friday nights are already unavailable for the Lake and Woody leagues because of bonspiels scheduled to begin on Fridays. Don Kind indicated that this type of event becomes an expense to the club because of the energy costs to maintain the ice. Waupaca hosted last year and donated food to the event to keep the costs low for the student participants. The MCC could charge spectators for food to try and recover some of the costs involved with providing food.

This topic was tabled and will be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting for further discussion.

Janet Crnich and Dae Jean Jahnke arrived at 6:20 PM.

- b) **Club Calendar, 2009 - 2010/Summer Rentals** - Mark Hartman said that he will add 2009 summer rentals to the club calendar. He also reported that the club calendar for the beginning of 2010 is filling up fast. The Gilmore event is being moved to the second weekend in January, maybe later, since the first weekend is New Year's weekend. If the group interested in reviving the Madison Men's Invitational Bonspiel moves forward with the event, it can be held in January, or March, as February is too crowded. If the MCC hosts the High School bonspiel, it would most likely be held February 12 and 13, as is tradition. However, the Madison Mixed is already tentatively scheduled to be held that weekend and would take preference over the High School bonspiel. Otherwise, the Madison Mixed could move to January or March. If MCC hosts the US National Club Championships, they would be held February 20 - 27, with February 19 reserved for ice preparation, the Fowler event would be held the weekend of March 6 and 7, and the Curl vs. Cancer bonspiel would be held March 13 and 14.

For the end of the 2008 - 2009 season, a suggestion was made to move the Ice Breaker party to an earlier date. It is currently scheduled for April 10. Since the ice will not be needed or used between April 5 and April 10, it would be better to take it out early to save money. It costs about \$1000 a week to maintain the ice. There was some discussion about holding the event mid week but since this is a festive member event, it was the consensus that an event held mid week would not be conducive to most members who wish to attend.

MOTION by Toni Swandby, Mark Hartman second, to reschedule the Ice Breaker party for Sunday, April 5. **Motion unanimously carried.**

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Richard Berling arrived at 6:41 PM.

Jeremy Roe arrived at 6:45 PM.

4) **President's Report**

- b) **Capital Improvement Projects** - Kellie Krake asked the Board members for updates to the Capital Improvement spreadsheets regarding 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. The spreadsheet will be reviewed and updated annually. Information regarding updates is listed below.

Ice Scraper - Don Kind reported that the MCC has 4 blades for the ice scraper that must be sharpened and replaced on a regular schedule. It currently costs \$900 for a blade and we need 2 blades by next fall.

Dehumidification - Don Kind is researching several options and will provide information so that a decision can be made about a dehumidifier this summer. It was estimated that the cost for a dehumidifier would start at about \$26,000.

Floor Covering - Kellie requested that Larry Baeder and the Vision committee have 3 options for floor coverings, including cost and color, to the Board within the next few months so that a vote can be taken at the July Board meeting.

Compressors - Don Kind will work with Al Hafeman to determine how old the 4 compressors are, how long they are expected to last, what the cost would be to replace one, and what the consequences would be if one were to go out.

Furnaces - There are 3 furnaces at the club. Kellie asked Don Kind to estimate the cost of repairing them and how often this kind of repair will be necessary.

Hot Water Heater - Mike Fonger reported that the current water heater cannot keep up with demand during bonspiels. The technology for tankless water heating exists but the cost is still high; about \$5,000 for the capacity needed at the club. A new hot water heater tank would cost about \$1,500 in comparison.

Ice Machine - Mike Fonger would like the club to own an ice machine, the cost for which would be about \$3,000.

Insulation for the Ice House - Don Kind reported that air leaks into the Ice House and it needs to be insulated. He did not have an estimate of the cost for this.

Building Structure and Integrity - Mike Harried stated that air conditioning and additional soundproofing would be needed for the Ice House to make the facility more conducive to summer rentals. He did not provide cost estimates. No information was available regarding the roof or building foundation.

Other items on the spreadsheet, including wireless connection, parking lot surface, toilets, ice scraper, nippers, refrigerators, stove, and televisions, are either new or in good shape and will not need to be replaced or repaired for several years. The beer lines are cleaned monthly to keep them in good working order. The pop machine and dishwasher are leased. If the club wishes to purchase a dishwasher, it would cost about \$4,000.

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5) **Current Business**

- b) **Host US National Club Championships** - Mark Hartman gave a brief history of the information presented at past Board meetings regarding hosting the US National Club Championships. He then introduced Jeremy Roe and asked him to continue with the presentation.

Jeremy discussed the volunteer commitments he has solicited to this point. He has asked for support from those who have participated in this event in the past and has received a commitment from about 5 individuals who would be willing to chair specific committees, with about another 5 willing to serve on the organizing committees. Jeremy feels we can get volunteers from the club to make this event successful as long as we have a solid plan in place from the event chairs.

Because the USCA is anxious to get our decision, Mark requested the Board vote on whether to host or not. However, several Board members were concerned whether this event would generate revenue for the club, making it worth the effort of hosting. The Board wanted to talk to the team members who were in Utica this year as well as the chairs in Utica who hosted this year's event. Kellie Krake will contact the USCA representative, Judy Maier, to explain that the Board needs more time to decide whether to host or not. A decision is expected to be made at the April 2 Board meeting.

Kellie stated that the Board feels the MCC can handle the operational side of hosting such an event but is concerned about the cost. She suggested Mark and Jeremy find a marketing chair early. The club needs to get revenue from sponsors through advertisements and raffle donations. Someone mentioned that competing teams brought raffle items with them to Utica this year.

Ice preparation for the event would be done by MCC ice personnel. Mike

Fraboni's contract with the MCC for ice preparation would be the same for 2009 - 2010 as it was this year. The week of ice preparation services he would provide for the US National Club Championships would be set up in a separate contract and be part of the expenses incurred for the event.

Mark Hartman's and Jeremy Roe's presentation concluded at 7:45 PM.

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- 7) **Other Business and Miscellaneous Information** - Richard Berling reported that he did not submit the application for the grant from the Evjue Foundation. The topic was discussed with the Board via e-mail. There were concerns from the Board that if the MCC was awarded grant money, it might interfere with its tax exempt status.

However, Madison School Community Recreation (MSCR) is applying for a federal grant to provide fitness opportunities to persons with disabilities. They may be in a better position to use money they are awarded to purchase equipment for wheelchair curlers or help them defray costs with scholarships. Richard will write a sports grant recommendation to submit to MSCR for possible inclusion in their application.

- 8) **Adjournment - MOTION** by Mike Fonger, Richard Berling second, to adjourn.
Motion unanimously carried. Adjournment at 7:53 P.M.

Submitted by Dae Jean Jahnke, Secretary