

Madison Curling Club
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Date - Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Madison Curling Club (MCC).

Board Members Present - Ericka Balgord, Richard Berling, Mike Fonger, Mike Harried, Mark Hartman, Don Kind, Kellie Krake (President), and Toni Swandby.

Board Members Absent - Larry Baeder and Kathy Vinge (Past President)

Officers Present - Dae Jean Jahnke and Jeff Sailor

Guests - Jeremy Roe

- 1) **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 11:25 A. M. by Kellie Krake, President.

- 2) **Current Business** - Kellie Krake thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss what action the MCC might consider regarding hosting the 2010 US National Club Championships now that the Exmoor club had withdrawn their offer to host the event. At the last Board meeting, the focus shifted from hosting the 2010 US National Club Championships to hosting the 2011 US Junior National Championships. One of the reasons for this shift was because Exmoor had shown an interest in hosting the 2010 US National Club Championships. Kellie introduced Jeremy Roe and Mark Hartman who would give us more information.
 - a) **Host US National Club Championships** - Mark Hartman said that the US Curling Association (USCA) is meeting this weekend and has decided to select Fairbanks to host the 2011 US Junior National Championships. The USCA has received no bids to host the 2012 event. Also, they have no bids to host the 2010 US National Club Championships.

Kellie opened the floor to discussion of the MCC hosting the US National Club Championships in 2010. The following topics were discussed: what the USCA will and will not provide to the hosting club, the cost of hosting the event, the flexibility regarding the date of the event, how hosting will impact league and pick-up game schedules, how hosting will impact the dates of other bonspiels held at the MCC, how to get volunteers during the weekdays, and which committee chair positions are filled and which need to be filled.

During the discussion, Mike Fonger asked if we were to offer to host the 2010 US National Club Championships, would we be in a position to negotiate with the USCA to do something like pick a year to host the US Junior National Championships? The consensus was yes and the Board was receptive to this idea. Because the Junior Championships are more likely to be profitable, there would be less risk to the club of not making any money if we could get the US Junior Championships in addition to the US National Club Championships. A suggestion was made that we ask for the 2013 US Junior Championships to keep from interfering with the Madison Mixed, which we host in even numbered years. Mark pointed out that it would be nice to host no later than 2012 since that would be the last year of eligibility for the Junior Men's team that is made up entirely of MCC members.

When Jeremy and Mark were asked if they were still in favor of hosting the US National Club Championships, they responded positively. They are aware that a Marketing Committee Chair is crucial and will start working on finding a person to fill the position as soon as possible.

MOTION by Toni Swandby, Mike Fonger second, to submit a bid to the USCA to host the US National Club Championships in 2010 from February 20 - 27 with the stipulation that we are allowed to host the 2012 US Junior National Championships on dates to be determined to our satisfaction. **Motion carried with one opposed.**

b) **Host 2010 High School Bonspiel** - Kellie Krake asked if we were still offering to host the 2010 High School Bonspiel on February 5 and 6 or if the dates should be changed considering the decision by the Board to host the US National Club Championships. The Board agreed not to change the dates.

3) **Adjournment - MOTION** by Mike Fonger, Toni Swandby second, to adjourn. **Motion unanimously carried.** Adjournment at 12:10 P.M.

Submitted by Dae Jean Jahnke, Secretary