

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

**Date** - Sunday, January 17, 2010 at the Madison Curling Club (MCC).

**Board Members Present** - Larry Baeder, Ericka Balgord, Richard Berling, Janet Crnich, Tim Ebert, Mike Fonger, Mark Hartman, Kellie Krake (Past President), Steve Schally, and Toni Swandby (President).

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

- 1) **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 5:04 P. M. by Toni Swandby, President.
- 2) **Approval of the December 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes - MOTION** by Ericka Balgord, Mike Fonger second, to approve the meeting minutes as presented without reading. **Motion unanimously carried.**

Jump ahead on agenda.

**4) President's Report**

- a) **Bylaw Review** - For this month's Board meeting, Richard Berling concluded the Bylaw review with Articles 7 through 14. Minor changes were made to Article 7, Sections 1 and 4, to clarify the text and correct spelling errors. A suggestion was made to remove the word 'with' in Section 7 and change it to 'any'. The old sentence read 'Each committee may adopt rules for its own government not inconsistent with these Bylaws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors'. The new sentence will read ' Each committee may adopt rules for its own government not inconsistent with these Bylaws or any rules adopted by the Board of Directors'. No changes were made to Sections 2, 3, 5, or 6. In Article 8 Section 2, minor changes were made to clarify the text. No changes were made to Sections 1, 3, or 4. However, clarification of Section 4 will be made by adding a Gift Acceptance policy to the 'Board Policy' manual. In Article 9, minor changes were made to clarify the text. In Article 11, no changes were made to Section 1. In Section 2, minor changes were made to clarify the text. In Section 3, the word 'immediately' was added as follows - ..membership privileges shall be immediately suspended. Also, the default period was changed in Section 3 from 12 months to 8 months. In Article 14, a specific number of days was added to the written notice clause. Also added was that this written notice will be given to all members. There were no changes to Articles 10, 12, or 13.

Article 8, Section 2 makes reference to an Assistant Treasurer. Jeff Sailor noted

that our former treasurer can fill this role but is not doing so formally. Jeff will contact Bill Burns, the former Treasurer, about being the Assistant Treasurer.

Article 12 refers to a Corporate Seal. Dae Jean Jahnke will see if she can find it.

Richard will make the approved changes to the bylaws and have a new version ready to present to the membership 30 days in advance of the annual meeting. It was suggested that he post the new version of the Bylaws on the club's web site. The membership will vote on whether or not to accept the changes at the annual meeting.

Jump ahead on agenda.

### 5) **Current Business**

- e) **Madison Mixed** - - Richard Berling reported he has 16 teams signed up for the Madison Mixed including 2 1/2 from Madison. Lester Boles, Rich Lepping, and a caterer will each be preparing a meal for the event. Richard found the disc jockey (DJ) that was hired for the New Year's Eve Party last year but was not used. The DJ, Nells Christensen, said he would apply the deposit he received last year to this booking. Richard is hiring a string quartet from the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra to play during dinner and has recruited 3 dance teams to provide some dance demonstrations as entertainment.

Richard is still soliciting for raffle prizes. Based on the event budget, the number of teams participating, and historical data, Richard hopes to make a profit of between \$600 and \$1,000 on the event.

Return to agenda.

### 3) **Treasurer's Report** -

- a) **December Month End** - Jeff Sailor reviewed the financial summary for 2009 - 2010 as of 12/31/09. The total revenue for the month was about \$3,371, mostly from dues, a winter rental, and a check from Summit Credit Union. The check was not accompanied by a letter so it is assumed it was for a group event. The total expense for the month was about \$57,481. The largest expense was for the mortgage and insurance (\$36,740). Other large expenses included utilities (\$5,643), ice expenses (\$5,166), beer (\$2,054), and taxes (\$3,812). Costs for electricity are in line with last year but gas costs are down 8.6%.

Many people joined the club for the second half of the season. Membership is up from 491, for the first half of the season, to 504. Jeff waits for the second half of

the season before paying dues to the US Curling Association (USCA) because of the possible increase in membership. He will send the USCA dues payment before the end of month deadline.

Larry Baeder hired Ageless Concrete to provide snow removal services for the club. He is happy with the price they charge and the job they do. Jeff Sailor needs a signed copy of the contract to send to them along with their first check.

There was one expense listed in the Capital Budget which paid for some things involving the dehumidification system.

## 1) **President's Report**

Jump ahead on agenda.

- b) **Capital Expense Projection Reports** - Mike Fonger reported that the ice machine is shot and needs to be replaced. Currently people are bringing in bags of ice to meet the needs of the club. The Thursday night dinner league has offered to make a donation to help pay for a new ice machine. The Wednesday dinner league has also offered to provide some funds. He believes he has about \$1,200 in pledges at this point and that a new ice machine will cost about \$3,000.

**MOTION** by Larry Baeder, Janet Crnich second, to authorized \$2,000 from the Capital Fund be used to purchase a new ice machine if \$1,500 can be raised first from the membership. **Motion unanimously carried.**

- c) **Annual Meeting Date** - Toni Swandby requested that the date of the Annual Meeting be changed from April 14 to April 21, as she recently found out she will be unavailable on April 14. The Board agreed to the switch and Mark Hartman will change the club calendar to reflect the new date.

Toni also asked if the February 7 Board Meeting date should be changed to accommodate Super Bowl fans. It was decided that the date was fine but the meeting time would be moved from 5:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Mark will adjust the calendar to reflect this change also.

## 2) **Current Business**

- a) **Vision Committee** - Larry Baeder and Sandy Gordon made an informal presentation to a small group of members on January 3, 2010. Larry reported that after this presentation, it was decided to restructure the way the project will be revealed. Two topics generated strong emotional responses; hardening the club to handle rental use and changing the television area into storage space. The Vision

committee will spend the rest of the season introducing the new club house design and concepts to the membership, answering questions, and gathering feedback.

Larry also talked about the functions of the Vision Committee. When first conceived, one of the responsibilities of the Vision Committee was to coordinate aesthetic changes to the club house. This is being addressed as mentioned previously. Another responsibility of the Vision Committee was to be a clearing house for large maintenance projects. This clearing house function is currently being handled by the President under the Capital Expense Projection Report item. To tackle the clearing house function, Larry plans to put together a sub-committee of 4 to 5 members, who will review needs, research options, and make decisions. Part of the committee's function will also be to review whether to accept donations of items, enforcing the gift policy that is going to be added to the 'Board Policy' manual.

- i) **Fund Raising** - Janet Crnich reported that the fund raising efforts will start at the beginning of next season. The rest of this season will be spent educating the members about the project and presenting the new ideas. People are naturally resistant to change and will have many questions and opinions. By answering questions and discussing opinions first, the ideas will have time to be absorbed and modified by the membership making fund raising easier.
  
- b) **Host US National Club Championships 2010** - Mark Hartman said he has been extremely busy in the past 5 weeks. The committee met on December 16, 2009 and January 11, 2010. The major sponsor activities are wrapping up and they have met almost 100% of their financial goal. Advertisements will begin appearing 2 weeks before the event. Everyone in Dane County and Madison will hear all about curling. Since no one knows how the advertising blitz will affect attendance for the event, Mark has asked everyone to plan for many people but be flexible. To accommodate more spectators, Mark is looking for a place from which he can borrow risers and will contact the McFarland school district first. Folding chairs can be placed on the risers for more seating. Advertising is still being sold for the event program and club members with businesses that want to advertise will be asked to buy a space. Special Event and Class B permits are needed and the Board Officers will be asked to sign a form after tonight's meeting. Ericka Balgord is recruiting people to officiate. A Level 1 Certification class, which is needed for timers, will be held the day before the event begins. Level 2 Certified officials are also needed and she has gotten a good response to her requests so far. Jeremy Roe placed volunteer 'sign up' spreadsheets on the bulletin board behind the water fountain and a few people have begun signing up for shifts. Mark has already begun e-mailing hotel information to teams that have qualified for the event. He needs to continue getting e-mail addresses as teams qualify so he can send out all the relevant information.

Mark hopes to solicit a large screen television which will be the raffle grand prize at the event. The television will be used during the event, tuned to Olympic curling and other less significant Olympic sports. He thinks he can persuade a business to donate a television if he makes it a 2 for 1 deal; if a television is donated, one will be purchased after the event from the proceeds of the event and given to the club. The Board indicated that this approach to acquiring a raffle prize would be left to the discretion of the event committee but they saw no problem with this approach. Since raffle tickets would be sold all week for such a high value prize, Janet Crnich stated that a class A license would be required and she would pick one up.

Mark had some results from the Wisconsin Club Championships and let the committee know that the Laura Delany rink would be the women's representative at the US National Club Championships. The men's team would be from Madison as the Dave Brown and Kroy Nernberger rinks were playing each other in the finals. The Board congratulated all the Madison teams who participated in the Wisconsin Club Championships.

The next general meeting for the US National Club Championships will be held February 2, 2010 at 6:00PM.

Richard Berling was excused at 6:05 P.M.

- i) **Granite Planet Copyright** - Janet Crnich had no update.

### **The MCC Board of Directors went into Executive Closed Session**

#### **Agenda Continued following Closed Session**

- c) **Club Calendar, 2009 - 2010** - Mark Hartman reviewed the dates for the events on the club calendar. The Texas Hold'em tournament was removed and will be scheduled for next season. The club house cleanup has not been scheduled but since the first rental starts Monday, April 19, 2010, the clean up needs to occur before that date.
- i) **Curl vs. Cancer Bonspiel** - Because it appeared the weekend of March 19 through 21, 2010 was available, the Curl vs. Cancer bonspiel was rescheduled for that weekend. However, the Kraut Spiel was left off of the club calendar by mistake. It is going to take place on March 19 through 21. Jennifer Rhude Krug and Stan Vinge are now working together to coordinate both events for the same weekend. The Kraut Spiel is small and they feel they can make this work.

US Cellular would like to rent the club for a corporate meeting from 9:00 AM until noon followed by a group curling activity. No date was requested. As long as this occurs on a weekday, it can be scheduled. US Cellular will be charged the standard rental rate for the club house and the the standard group rate of \$15 per person for the activity.

A soccer league would like to rent the parking lot from June 11 through June 13, 2010. The Board decided to allow this. It is possible the rental agent will get a request for a club house rental for that date but rentals, even if for just the parking lot, are scheduled on a 'first come, first serve' basis.

There are some dates for the next 2 years' calendars that are already known. The Wisconsin State Junior Championship will be December 27 through 30, 2010. Curl vs. Cancer will be March 11 through 13, 2011. The Lion's Club would like to hold their bonspiel January 13 though 15, 2012. The US Junior National Championship will be February 4 through 11, 2012. The Madison Mixed is scheduled for February 17 through 19, 2012.

- d) **Rating Committee Report** - Tim Ebert said the new systems is still meeting with a bit of resistance. He expects to see more resistance when the annual meeting of the rating committee takes place at the end of the season. Bill Buckingham and Tim will be talking with the skips.

Jump ahead on agenda.

- f) **Volunteer Appreciation** - Toni Swandby asked the Board for ideas for a volunteer appreciation event. This event will recognize all volunteers. Several ideas were offered. It was decided to host a steak fry on a weekend in September sometime after Labor Day. Mike Fonger volunteered to cook the steaks. Mike said the menu could be the same as that for the fund raiser the Wisconsin Junior team members just had. He thought costs would be covered by charging \$5 a plate. The event would be open to the entire membership, not just the volunteers.

A suggestion was made that photographs of members doing volunteer activities should be placed on the club's web site to showcase them and the variety of volunteer opportunities available. All agreed this was a good idea.

**Discussion continued off agenda.**

Mike Fonger reported that the Wisconsin Junior team members raised at least \$1,400 from the steak fry dinner fund raiser. There was information about the fund raiser on the internet, league members spread the word and brought some friends, and an

advertisement in the McFarland Thistle brought in many non-curlers from the surrounding area.

**Return to agenda.**

**6) New Business**

- a) **Social Events** - Ericka Balgord was on the winning Drives teams last year. She and her teammates met to discuss organizing this year's Drives event. They were concerned that having the Curl vs. Cancer event just the week before the Drives might inhibit participation in the Drives event. They decided to go ahead with the Drives event anyway and will start promoting the event earlier than has been done in the past. It will have a spring theme and will be filled with surprises for the participants.
  - i) **Martini Mixer** - Ericka informed the Board that the Martini Mixer is being put on by the Harringtons and the Reichs. They need 24 people to attend the event in order to cover their costs. So far, 24 people have signed up.
  - ii) **Texas Hold'em** - There are legal restrictions involved when hosting a poker tournament. Ericka reviewed these with the Board. The tournament will be postponed until next season.
- b) **Cash Spiel Recap** - Mark Hartman was not able to give a financial report for the event at this time. Because the event is on the World Curling Tour, a fee must be paid to them. This fee has not yet been billed. However, since this year's sponsor was as generous as last year's, Mark expects the event will make the same amount of profit this year as last. He also reported that the bar did a booming business with Ed Sheffield at the helm.

**7) Adjournment - MOTION** by Mike Fonger, Tim Ebert second, to adjourn. **Motion unanimously carried.** Adjournment at 6:46 P.M.

Submitted by Dae Jean Jahnke, Secretary