

2016 Annual Minnesota Curling Association Membership Meeting Minutes
Saturday, June 25, 2016
Duluth Curling Club, Duluth, MN

- I. Meeting call to order
 - A. The meeting was called to order at 11:08 A. M.
 - B. Introduction of attendees
 - C. Attendees: President Kathy Busch (St. Paul), First Vice President Phil DeVore (Duluth), Second Vice President Denny Bone (Curl Mesabi), Secretary Cyndee Johnson (Duluth, MN Director), Sandy Bromenschenkel (Itasca CC), Nick Wellan (Four Seasons, MN Director)
- II. Approval of the agenda
- III. Review of minutes from May 2015 MCA meeting
 - A. Motion made by D. Bonz to accept the May 2015 meeting minutes, second by P. DeVore.
 - B. MOTION PASSED.
- IV. Executive Board Member Reports
 - A. Treasurer: N. O'Leary submitted a report via email due to an emergency at the golf course she manages.
 1. Discussion on membership numbers in the Minnesota clubs, how curlers are counted in membership rosters.
 - a. "Do the right thing" counting your members
 - b. Create a fact sheet on what MCA is doing for you.
 2. Membership numbers are down by about 10%.
 3. Motion by P. DeVore to accept the treasurer's report, second by D. Bonz. MOTION PASSED.
 4. Discussion on raising the membership dues (currently \$3).
 - B. First Vice President-Phil DeVore
 1. 2015-2016 Event recaps and Expenses
 - a. Junior Men's and junior Women's-Duluth CC
 - b. Men's and Women's Club State Championships-Duluth
 - c. Mixed State Championships-two teams this year
 - d. Mixed Doubles State Championships-didn't do this year
 - e. Women's Gopher State Bonspiel-Lakes CC in Detroit Lakes
 - i. Participation was down this year.
 - f. Men's Senior State Bonspiel-Duluth CC
 2. 2016-2017 MCA Events
 - a. Junior Men's and Junior Women's new format
 - i. East/West Challenge rounds
 1. 21 and under
 2. Two sites in the country to compete

3. Minnesota will be in the West Challenge round, but may send some teams to East and West-it will be determined by the USCA.
 4. St. Paul will take a challenge round.
 - ii. Addition of Under 18 Playdowns
 1. Will be set up like the Men's and Women's Club Championships. It is a regional event.
 2. Need a new date and new site for the U-18 playdowns.
 - a. Possible dates for U18 Playdowns: Jan 27-29, Feb 3-5, Feb 17-19
 - b. Hold a national event MCA gives a stipend: \$1000 Week, \$750 for 5 day event
 - c. Regional event is held at your club, MCA will provide a stipend to hold a regional event
 3. U18 National Championships will be March 8-12, 2017, site TBD
 - b. Men's and Women's Club State Championships
 - i. Site: Hibbing
 - ii. Dates: January 20-22, 2017; probably will need Thursday, January 19th for the competition.
 - iii. Basic rotation has been: Hibbing, Bemidji, Curl Mesabi, St. Paul, Duluth
 - c. Mixed State Championships
 - i. Site: Two Harbors
 - ii. Dates: February 24-26, 2017
 - d. Mixed Double State Championships
 - i. TBD
 - e. Women's Gopher State Bonspiel
 - i. Possible site is Mankato, MN
 - ii. Dates TBD
 - f. Men's Senior State Bonspiel
 - i. This event is organized by it's own group.
 - ii. Site and dates TBD
3. Head official
- a. Joe Zezel has resigned as MCA head official.
 - i. Phil DeVore will talk with him in regards to dividing the duties of officiating out throughout the state.
 - b. Discussion on regional people to help cover the officiating duties, ideas are listed below:
 - i. Duluth area: Glen and Yvonne Novak
 - ii. Hibbing area: Joe Zezel

- iii. St. Paul area: need someone
 - iv. Bemidji area: need someone (Brian Glen?)
 - v. Southern MN area
 - c. Stipend for officials Glenn and Yvonne Novak
 - i. Motion: Pay a \$300 stipend to Glenn and Yvonne Novak for their officiating services for the 2015-2016 season.
 - ii. Motion made by Cyndee Johnson, second by Nick Wellan.
MOTION PASSED.
- 4. Point of interest-ice technician
 - a. Regional ice technician courses are available for members to attend for a fee.
 - b. New rules on brooms will be forthcoming after the Broom Summit in Canada.
- C. Second Vice President Denny Bonz
 - 1. D. Bonz will work on a printed 2016-2017 MCA Calendar
 - 2. Google MCA calendar on the website
- D. USCA Board of Directors:
 - 1. MN Director: Cyndee Johnson
 - a. Stick Policy
 - b. Transgender Policy
 - 2. MN Director: Nick Wellan
 - a. Next USCA Board of Directors conference call July 28
 - b. Annual USCA Member's Assembly Meeting
 - i. Site: Tempe, AZ
 - ii. Dates: October 13-16, 2016
- E. President Kathy Busch
 - 1. Updated MCA website
 - 2. Draft of revised MCA by-laws
 - a. In progress
 - 3. Social media which is best to use: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram
 - 4. News from member clubs
 - a. Sandy Bromenschenzel gave an update on Itasca Curling Club.
 - b. Tony Gilbert gave an update on the Thief River Falls Curling Club.
 - c. Kathy Busch visited the newest Minnesota curling club in Chaska. She also visited Alexandria, Willmar, Cambridge, and Detroit Lakes.
 - d. Denny Bonz gave an update on Curl Mesabi Curling Club.
 - 5. Resource page on website for USCA event host guide.
- V. Election of MCA Representative to the USCA Board of Directors
 - A. Motion: Nominate Cyndee Johnson as USCA Minnesota Director for a two year term.
 - 1. Motion by Denny Bonz, second by Phil DeVore. MOTION PASSED.
- VI. Election of 2016-17 officers:

- A. Secretary-Cyndee Johnson
- B. Treasurer-Norma O'Leary
- C. Second Vice President-Denny Bonz
- D. First Vice President-Phil DeVore
- E. President-Kathy Busch

VII. Fall Meeting

VIII. Other comments

- A. Amazon smiles-USCA is doing this, could do this to raise funds for MCA.
- B. John Benton brought up setting up a curling sheet at the State MN Fair.
 - a. Resource: www.streetcurling.com has a system to rent.
- C. Nick Wellan send the USCA resource to President Busch on the benefits of being a member.
- D. MN Senior Women's O'Leary rink and Fifth Phil DeVore represented the USA at Senior Worlds in Sweden..

IX. Adjournment

- A. Motion made by Phil DeVore to adjourn the meeting, second by Denny Bonz.
- B. The meeting adjourned at 1:46 P. M.