

Minnesota Curling Association Meeting  
St. Paul Curling Club  
September 27, 2014

I. Call to Order

A. The meeting was called to order at 11:09 A. M. By acting President DeVore.

II. Welcome members and guests

A. Phil DeVore (acting President/1st VP/Duluth), Denny Bone (2nd Vice President/Curl Mesabi), Cyndee Johnson (Secretary/MN USCA Director/Duluth), Nick Wellan (MN USCA Director/Four Seasons), Mark Lee (Four Seasons), Peter Stolt (St. Paul/Four Seasons), Troy Gorans (Willmar), Kathy Busch (Gopher State/St. Paul), Ralph Augustin (St. Paul), Greg Walser (St. Paul), Scott Clasen (St. Paul)

III. Introductions

IV. Approve minutes of the May meeting

A. Correction on page 2 "Two Harbors is hosting the Mixed Championships next season" will be deleted as Two Harbors did not volunteer to host the Mixed Championships.

MOTION: Motion by Denny Bone to accept the corrected minutes, Nick Wellan second.  
MOTION PASSED.

V. Reports

A. President (Acting) Phil DeVore

1. General comments
2. Need to fill the President's position

B. Treasurer

Norma O'Leary

1. State of our financial situation
  - a. Previous treasurer embezzled \$26,000. Action was taken to resolve the issue. A confession of judgement was signed and registered. A portion of the money (\$14,000) was recovered with monthly payments currently being made.

2. Account balances

3. Budget for 2014-15 was shared.

4. Unpaid member clubs

- a. For the 2013-2014 season the following clubs did not pay dues: Baudette, Buhl, Chisholm, Dakota, Mankato.

5. Putnam fund

- a. The fund is intact.

- b. Duluth Curling Club is serving as the current mailing address.

- c. \$34,000 in this account.

C. 1st Vice-President Phil DeVore

1. Sites and dates

- a. Jr. Men's and Women's in Bemidji, January 1-4

- b. Men's and Women's in St. Paul, January 15-18

- c. Mixed in Duluth, February 20-22

- d. Senior Men in Cambridge

- e. Mixed Doubles-currently there is no site

2. Clubs will receive \$750 to host a Region event (Mixed, Jr, M/W, and M/W Club)

3. Senior Men, Gopher, and Mixed Doubles do not receive \$750; Gopher State and Senior Men receive pins from the MCA
4. Stipends to Regional winners going to Nationals.

MOTION: To increase the stipends for Mixed, Junior Men/Women, and Club Men/Women's teams going to Nationals, first place team will receive \$900 and if there is a second place team going to Nationals, they will receive \$600. Motion made by Nick Wellan, second by Denny Bone. MOTION PASSED.

5. MCA website was hacked. Norma O'Leary and Jim Lutinnen are working on fixing the website issue.
6. Pins will need to be ordered.

D. 2nd Vice-President Denny Bone

1. Club development
2. Calendar-Denny will contact Steward Taylor for printing of the calendar and will contact clubs for the bonspiel information. There was not a calendar last year.

E. USCA Director's reports Cyndee Johnson, Nick Wellan

1. August meeting report
  - a. Strategic Plan is being developed (August and October)
  - b. Hiring a search firm to hire a CEO.
  - c. Member Assembly in Denver, CO October 9-12
  - d. USCA has been hosting webinars, strongly suggest member participation.
2. October meeting is in Denver, CO
  - a. All member clubs can send a rep to the Representative Assembly which is Friday at 1:15 A. M.
  - b. Only clubs having paid dues by January 30, 2014 can vote at the Rep. Assembly.

F. Member's Assembly in Denver, CO (October 9-12)

1. Business Meeting is October 10 at 1:15-3:45 P. M.
2. MCA delegates must be identified by September 30 to the USCA. Cyndee Johnson and Nick Wellan will be MCA delegates for clubs not attending.

G. Junior Report

1. Nominations for position
  - a. Looking for a junior curling coordinator. Willmar and Four Seasons will contact their junior coordinators at their clubs to see if there is interest.
2. Offer to organize Bantam playdowns (under 14 & under 18)
  - a. Mark Gulseth will try to organize this.
3. High School Bonspiel

H. MCA/USCA Instruction Liaison-Matt Proehl

1. Level I and II instruction classes have been updated by the USCA.
2. All previous instructors can attend the updated courses for free.

I. Gopher State

1. The site will be the Brainerd Lakes Area CC on March 13-15.
2. 24 teams last year in Duluth, MN.
3. Gopher State did not receive funds for pin purchase last year.

## VI. Old Business

### A. Online meeting options to be looked at again.

1. Is the cost worth it?
2. Free options (go to meeting [trial version], google hangout)

### B. By-law change

1. Would like to have fall/spring meetings in the future, instead of four meetings.

### C. Recognition Award

1. Recognition to curling award plaque was found.
2. Last name listed was from the 2003-04 curling season. If anyone knows who the award has gone to, contact a MCA board member.
3. Meriam Trophy has been retired?? Someone has picked it up from Duluth
4. Do we need to resurrect this award
5. Where do we hang this Recognition plaque?

## VII. New Business

A. All clubs need to fill out a form to be a member according to the new by-laws. Need to re register your club with the USCA due to the new by-laws.

### B. What can MCA do for the member clubs?

1. Should we have a Level I ice technician's clinic for our members?
2. Look into having one in northern MN and one in southern MN.
3. We have clubs in Minnesota with different needs-new clubs and the older well established clubs.
4. Troy Gorans has a different take on what clubs need-individuals seeing the Olympics has helped new clubs, such as new arena clubs.
5. Maybe a rotating instructional clinic to member clubs?
6. Any ideas, get to Phil DeVore
7. Bonspiel promotion to other member clubs (not competitive bonspiel).
8. Good ice, good instruction, and support other clubs by attending their bonspiels.
9. What do other Regions do for their clubs? How can we find this out?  
GNCC is one Region MCA could look at.

### C. We need a President for MCA as Phil DeVore is currently the acting President.

1. Kathy Busch volunteered her services to be the MCA President.

### D. More participation is needed by all MN clubs.

MOTION: Motion made by D. Bone, second Mark Lee to nominate Kathy Busch as MCA President. MOTION PASSED.

## VIII. Next Meeting will be determined by new President Kathy Busch.

### A. Looking at a spring meeting.

Motion made by Denny Bone second by Mark Lee to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 P. M.