

Minnesota Curling Association  
Spring Meeting  
Saturday, May 2, 2015  
11:06 A.M.- 1:37 P.M

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Welcome
    1. Meeting was called to order at 11:06 A. M. by MCA President Busch.
  - B. Introductions
    1. Kathy Busch, MCA President, St. Paul CC; Phil DeVore, MCA Vice-President, and Duluth CC; Cyndee Johnson-Secretary, Duluth CC, USCA Director; Kim Rheaume, Mankato CC; Scott Clasen, St. Paul CC; Dave Johnson, Brainerd Lakes Club President; Rita Johnson, Brainerd Lakes Club; Ralph Augustin, St. Paul CC; Nick Wellan, Four Seasons CC, USCA Director
  - C. Acceptance of Agenda
  - D. Approval of Minutes from September 2014 MCA Meeting
    1. Motion by Nick Wellan, second Cyndee Johnson to accept the September 27, 2015 MCA board minutes.  
MOTION PASSED.
- II. MCA Treasurer's Report-Norma O'Leary submitted report to Kathy Busch.
  - A. Account balances
    1. Checking account: \$24,507.73
    2. Savings account: \$5.17
    3. Putnam Fund: \$38,335.19
  - B. Income and Expenses-report submitted by Norma O'Leary
  - C. Dues Collections
    1. Outstanding membership dues collection process
      - a. Buhl has not paid dues since 2011-12 season.
      - b. Norma does not feel confident in pursuing outstanding dues that are delinquent prior to her becoming treasurer due to lack of appropriate record keeping.
      - c. Membership count has increased 15.4%, 6.8%, 9.8% over the past three seasons.
      - d. Baudette did not pay their 2014-15 USCA dues.
    2. Determining designated expenses
    3. Special requests
    4. Disbursements of MCA funds
      - a. Do we need a policy or protocol for mid-year expenses that could come up?
      - b. Ice problems at a club, can we help them out financially? For example, Mankato's ice went out. USCA was contacted for help and the request never received a reply. Nick and Cyndee will check to see what happened with interim CEO Patzke.
      - c. Discussion was tabled on establishing a policy or protocol for disbursements of MCA funds for mid-year expenses.
  - D. Pins discussion
    1. Pin inventory is good for a couple of years.
    2. Perhaps the MCA can start ordering the pins for Gopher State?
  - E. Discussion on increasing USCA Director's reimbursement to attend meetings. Can the USCA help director's financially when they attend USCA board meetings?

1. Motion made by Phil DeVore, second by Scott Clasen to increase the USCA's Director's stipend to \$500 for up to three meetings per year.

MOTION PASSED.

F. Jay Osbakken has had some set backs and is currently a month behind on his loss recovery payments. Yvonne Novak is writing him a letter. The MCA will wait to see if he can get back on track with his payments.

G. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Phil DeVore, second by Nick Whellan.

MOTION PASSED.

### III. 2014-15 MCA events recap results and expense reports

#### A. Junior Men's and Women's Playdowns-Bemidij

1. 10 junior men's teams, 5 junior women's teams
2. Minnesota sent two representatives for both of junior championships.
3. Meyers from MN won the Junior Men's Competition

#### B. Men's and Women's Club Playdowns-St. Paul

1. MN women's team (O'Leary) won the Club Nationals.

#### C. Mixed Playdowns-Duluth

1. 7 teams played in Duluth.
2. The winner was the Randy Baird Rink.

#### D. Mixed Doubles

1. Didn't happen this year

#### E. Gopher State Women's Curling Association Bonspiel-Brainerd

#### F. Men's Senior Bonspiel-Cambridge

G. Joe Zezel is the head official for MCA events. Joe is willing to come back for the 2015-16 season.

H. \$900 stipend is given to teams winning the state championship and who compete at Nationals. \$500 is given to runner-up teams if the Minnesota team is awarded two slots at the National Championships.

### IV. 2015-16 MCA events-Site and date selection need to be determined by the end of the summer.

#### A. Junior Men's and Women's Playdowns (lead to Worlds)-no site

#### B. Men's and Women's Club Playdowns

1. Duluth is the site for the 2015-16 season.
2. Hibbing is the site for the 2016-17 season.

#### C. Mixed Playdowns (lead to Worlds)-no site

#### D. Mixed Doubles (sign up and go event leading to Worlds)- no site

#### E. Gopher State Women's Curling Association Bonspiel-

#### F. Men's Senior Bonspiel

1. Duluth is the site for 2015-16 season.

#### G. High School Bonspiel

### V. MCA Communication

#### A. Website rebuild and remodel-summer enhancements

1. Treasurer O'Leary and President Busch have have discussed updating the website.
2. Continue to acknowledge our history by posting information such as past winners on the website.
3. Contact President Busch If you are interested in assisting with this process.

#### B. Contacts-email database

1. President Busch is working on a new database.
2. President Busch will send directory and database to Secretary Johnson.

C. 2015-16 MCA Calendar Poster

1. MCA should use both the website and a poster for Minnesota bonspiels.
1. Get bonspiel information to Denny Bone, Second VP, by 9/30/2015.
2. Denny's email is: denny.bone@q.com

D. Logo-artwork, stationary

1. President Busch will contact Kent Beadle as he might have a digital version of the most current logo used.
2. President Busch will look into updating our logo for stationary, etc.

VI. Minnesota Curling Clubs

A. Current database-President Busch will work on contacting each club this summer.

1. Contact information/facility
  - a. History and status
2. It is important to share what is happening in Minnesota curling clubs- the good and bad. Celebrate the good and assist clubs if there are problems. We should be better at keeping in touch with each other.

B. Activity and Membership update

1. Hallock
2. Baudette
3. Mankato
4. Others

C. New Members:

1. Chaska Curling Club is a new club in Minnesota
2. Chaska CC had their open house recently.
2. President Busch updated MCA member attendees on what has been happening with the Chaska facility.
3. President Busch has notified the Chaska on what is required to become a club in the MCA .

VII. USCA Director's Reports

A. National Curling News and Events

1. Next USCA board meeting is May 16 and 17 in Minneapolis.

B. MCA's USCA Representatives

1. Director Johnson is on the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.
  - a. The committee is working on a policy to include the transgender community.
  - b. One of the committee members will be making a presentation at the FLAME conference at the end of May. At this conference the USCA will provide the group of young adults a diversity challenge, then the group will come up with solutions to the USCA's diversity challenge. The solutions will be shared with the USCA's Diversity and Inclusion Committee and then hopefully some of those solutions will be implemented.
2. Two candidates for the CEO position will meet the board members and they will make presentations to the USCA Board of Directors at the upcoming May meeting.

VIII. 2015 USCA Members' Assembly

A. Members' Assembly will be in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

B. October 15-18, 2015

C. President Busch and USCA Director's will be attending the second USCA Members' Assembly.

IX. Old Business

- A. By-Laws will be reviewed as they need to be updated.

X. New Business

- A. USCA is looking for a site for the Senior Women's National Championship.  
Weekend is usually four days and last week of January 2016.
- B. Can the MCA help the clubs hosting USCA national events financially?
- C. Motion made by Phil DeVore, second by Kim Rheäume to give money to Minnesota clubs which host USCA National sanctioned Championships, clubs hosting a week long event they would receive \$1000 and clubs hosting an event of 5 days or less would receive \$750.
- D. Sponsorship letter received from Cedar Rapids for National Arena Championship, A policy should be formed before MCA starts to sponsoring ads. Not in a position to give money at this time.
- E. Mankato is attempting to do some fund raising via a GO Fund me page. Can MCA help in any way?
- F. As part of rebuilding the club contacts database, President Busch will collect names and contact information of club officers, managers, and ice makers. From this information the MCA could create networks between club personnel, including a forum/query form on the MCA web site encouraging the sharing of knowledge.
- G. Phil will contact the USCA to see if MCA can get an Ice technicians clinic for next season.

XI. MCA Representative Database

- A. Each member club can send two representatives to MCA board meetings.

XII. MCA Officers/Executive Board

- A. Motion made by Phil DeVore, second by Scott Clasen, to reelect Nick Whellan as USCA Director. MOTION PASSED.
- B. Slate for 2015-16 MCA Officers: President Kathy Busch, First Vice-President Phil DeVore, Second Vice-President Denny Bone, Treasurer Norma O'Leary, Secretary Cynthia Johnson
- C. Motion by Scott Clausen to nominate the slate of MCA officers as listed, second Ralph Augustin second. MOTION PASSED.

XIII. Next Meeting

- A. Date for the next meeting is September 19, 2015.
- B. Site to be determined.

XIV. Adjournment

- A. Motion made by Phil DeVore to adjourn the meeting, second by Kim Rheäume. MOTION PASSED.
- B. Meeting was adjourned at 1:37 P. M.

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