

**North Dakota Curling Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 2004  
The Hub, Rugby**

**PENDING APPROVAL**

Those in attendance when the meeting was called to order; Jeff Kitchens, Roger Smith, Joel Jacobsen, Chris Sjue, Randy Darling, Greg Volk, Nick Klaers, Frank Podall, Steve Pickle, Jennifer Tibert, Lisa Jacobsen, Jon Mielke, Mike Borr, Cindy Sampson, Ryan Nankivel, Val Nash, Marilyn Binde, Larry DeNardine, Craig Nathan, Scott Dihle, Paul Saarion, Dave Zeis, Dennis Siewert and George Phillips.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from September 2003 were approved. (M-Jon M., 2<sup>nd</sup>-Ryan N.)

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Report approved (M-Chris S., 2<sup>nd</sup>-George P.)

**CORRESPONDENCE:** USCA indicated that NDCA clubs need to send in roster information even if they do not pay their dues.

**CLUB REPORTS:** Several members reported on the conditions of their individual clubs.

**USCA DIRECTORS:** Greg Volk, Chris Sjue, and Frank Podall presented information discussed at the last USCA Directors meeting. Issues covered included:

- ◆ Elite Programs
- ◆ National Playdown Fee Increase
- ◆ Reduction of USCA dues – not feasible at this point
- ◆ Possible USCA sponsorship
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**OLD BUSINESS:**

- ◆ **Website-** Possible free web hosting

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- ◆ **Dues** – Possible reduction of dues for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year curlers
  - Discussion tabled until fall meeting & establish a committee to look at if reduced dues for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year curlers is feasible (M-Chris, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Jon)
- ◆ **USCA Junior Camp** - ND site for hosting
  - Bismarck to host this year and look at rotation of camp for future years (M-Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup> Val)
  - Motion carried- 1 opposed
- ◆ **Amendment – Penalties regarding Dues**
  - Assign amendment topic and provision for hardship waiver to Dues Committee for study & it will report back to the Association. (M-Jon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank)
    - Discussion – Committee will make a recommendation that the Board can accept or reject

- Members on the committee will be posted on the website along with the recommendations and meetings
    - Each club should have a member on the committee
    - Motion carried – 1 opposed
  - Each club should have an opportunity to have a member on the Dues Committee (M-Val, 2<sup>nd</sup>- George) Motion Carried
  - State Treasurer pay fees to host clubs that have not been paid for hosting an event (M-Jon, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Val) Carried
- ◆ **State Playdowns and Sites**
  - With new championship format, the NDCA should retire the present trophies and have a new trophy for the new championship (M-Joel, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Lisa) Motion not carried.
    - Topic will be tabled until the next meeting
    - Possibility of new crests now that SD is a member
  - SITES 2004-2005
    - Juniors Fargo Dec 31, Jan 1,2
    - High School Grand Forks 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend March
    - Mens/Womens Langdon Jan 13-16
    - Mixed Devils Lake Feb 11-13
    - Motion to accept the sites(M-Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Greg) Carried
  - Motion for the NDCA to endorse fee reductions for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year members with the USCA (M-Jon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Val) Carried
- ◆ **Voting**
  - **Directors**
    - New format with USCA – all directors be reassigned
    - All current directors resign their positions(M-Jon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank) Carried
      - **Nominations**
        - Chris Sjue
        - George Phillips
        - Don Barcome Jr
        - Greg Volk
        - Nominations Cease (M-Larry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie)Carried
      - **Elections**
        - Chris Sjue elected to a 3 year term
        - Greg Volk elected to a 2 year term
  - **NDCA President**
    - **Nominations** – Roger Smith
    - Nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot (M-Jon, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Chris) Carried
  - **NDCA Vice President**
    - **Nominations** – Craig Nathan
    - Nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot (M-Larry, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Cindy) Carried
  - **NDCA Treasurer**
    - **Nominations** – Jennifer Kempel, Jackie Thomas, Jennifer Tibert
    - Jackie Thomas elected via ballot voting
  - **NDCA Secretary**
    - **Nominations** – Jennifer Tibert
    - Nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot (M-Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup>- George) Carried
- ◆ **Minutes to be emailed to participating members**
- ◆ **Dues Committee- let Roger Smith know if you are interested\**

- ◆ **5<sup>th</sup> Man Expenses**
  - If 5 man team is playing in State Playdowns, then we pay for all trophies and also pay for this year's 5<sup>th</sup> man expenses (M-Val, 2<sup>nd</sup>-George) Motion opposed.
  - If 5 person team is played down at State then all 5 trophies will be paid for by the NDCA (M-Val, 2<sup>nd</sup>-George) Motion Carried
  
- ◆ Let the minutes reflect the gratitude to the officers and directors that have served the NDCA (M-Jon, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Chris)
  
- ◆ **Issues to be presented to USCA Board of Directors**
  - Definition of a member
  - Dues
  - Club Playdowns- Eligibility
  - Be on par with other regions/states
  
- ◆ Frank expressed thanks to Jeff Kitchens for service as NDCA President
  
- ◆ Motion to Adjourn (M-Jon, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Cindy) Carried

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Tibert  
NDCA Secretary