

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

Those in attendance when the meeting was called to order: Chris Sjue, Frank Podoll, Steve Pickle, Craig Nathan, Jan Legacie, Mark Hildahl, Roger Smith, and Jennifer Tibert.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from April 2004 were approved. (M-Chris, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Steve)

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Report approved (M-Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Jan)

**2004-2005 BUDGET:** Budget approved. (M-Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Chris)

**CLUB REPORTS:** Members in attendance reported on the condition of their clubs. Most clubs are raising money through fundraising and other events happening in the communities. The reports were generally optimistic with most clubs in better financial shape going into this season as compared to last year.

**USCA DIRECTORS:** Chris Sjue presented information discussed at the last USCA Directors meeting. Items included:

- ◆ Budget shortfall due to lack of advertising for ICE 2003
- ◆ Modification to Trials format in which no team can directly advance to the finals from the first round
- ◆ Updated strategic plan by emphasizing growth through winning at Worlds and the Olympics
- ◆ Liability insurance through the USCA up drastically
- ◆ Juniors playdown fees up to \$200
- ◆ Dec 11 and 12, 2004 is Verizon 2004 on NBC – curling will be featured
- ◆ Curling will be on ESPN this year
- ◆ 2007 World Junior Championships in Eveleth, MN

**OLD BUSINESS**

- ◆ **Dues-** Discussion about reducing the current price per member of \$6.00
  - Dues committee has not formalized a plan to submit to NDCA
  - Options for dues restructuring include:
    - Keep it the same
    - Lower per member price
    - Category pricing based on membership
  - Roger stated Clubs should be submitting payment equal to \$6 for every member they have. Anything less than that is under reporting. Clubs may choose to redefine members to exclude 1<sup>st</sup> year curlers. There was no motion made to exempt 1<sup>st</sup> year curlers from state dues.
  - Discussion tabled until spring meeting

- ◆ **Crests-** Discussion regarding the eagle crests now that SD is part of our region
  - Leave crest as is. The same rules regarding the distribution of crests apply to the National Club Playdowns that have applied to the Regional Playdowns.
  - If a SD were to go to a national championship, they would be representing SD, not ND

## NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ **Bantam League** – Dave Jensen submitted a proposal to set up a bantam league for youth curlers
  - This year the League would be run outside of the NDCA
  - Asked for NDCA to provide patches for winners. No motion was made but a general consensus was that the NDCA supported the establishment of a Junior Bantam League. Any expenditure, like patches could be submitted to the NDCA at the spring meeting for consideration.
  - Board asked for a formal plan for the bantam league to be submitted before making any decisions
- ◆ **Junior Camp** – Discussion regarding rotating the junior camp that has been held in ND the last couple of years.
  - Leave the Bismarck camp as is since it is a competitive level camp
  - George Phillips would like to sponsor a junior camp through Dakota Curling Supplies – Dec 11-12 in Fargo, ND – Arnold Asham will be one of the instructors.
- ◆ **Instructional Clinics** – Roger stated that Bismarck is considering holding an instructional clinic this year. Fargo representatives indicated they might send interested members.
- ◆ **Championships** –
  - Monies were paid to host clubs for last year
  - Fargo only received \$300, should have been \$500
    - Check with Jackie on this
  - State Mens/Womens 2005 – Unrestricted sign up for now
  - Deadlines and Dates for 2004/2005
    - M/W Club Nationals Deadline – Dec. 20
    - Mixed Nationals Deadline – Jan. 24
    - Junior Nationals Deadline – Dec. 1
    - Trials Deadline – Dec 1
    - Club Nationals – Feb 27 – Mar 6 in Chicago, IL
    - Mixed Nationals – March 13-19 in Potomac CC
  - Rotations for Upcoming Years
    - M/W – Bismarck (06), Minot(07), Williston(08)
    - Mixed – Langdon(06), Williston(07), Drayton(08)
    - Juniors – GF(06), Langdon(07), Minot(08)
    - H.S. – Minot(06), Williston(07)

## OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ Frank reported that the Fargo club had a booth at the Women's Showcase in which the Fargo women's state team manned. Good turnout and lots of interest. Frank mentioned that maybe the state would like to fund a booth at another event such as this one.
- ◆ Next meeting will be sometime this spring or possibly at Bismarck summerspiel. Roger will determine at a later date.
- ◆ Motion to adjourn – Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger – Carried

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Tibert  
NDCA Secretary