

**NDCA EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAY 21, 2005
RUGBY**

Those in attendance when the meeting was called to order: Steve Pickle, Frank Podoll, Chris Sjue, Jon Mielke, Roger Smith, Jackie Thomas and Jennifer Tibert.

This meeting was called to discuss the current dues structure of the NDCA.

It was discussed that the current dues structure of the state may have to be modified to encourage clubs to more accurately report and pay their members' dues. Two plans were brought to the board. Both were fairly similar in structure. Each suggested a category system with a fixed fee for each category of club membership. It was decided that these plans would be brought to the general membership meeting for discussion and approval.

Other Business:

Roger announced that the USCA Member Services meeting will be held in Bismarck this summer along with an Instructor's Clinic. This will run at the same time as the Summerspiel in July 2005. Roger suggested bringing to the general meeting a proposal to have the NDCA pay travel expenses to the membership meeting and the registration fee for the instructor's clinic for clubs that want to attend. The amounts that would be paid are as follows: \$150 per club for travel expenses to the membership services meeting and \$30 per person for the registration fees of the instructor's clinic.

**NDCA
SPRING MEETING
MAY 21, 2005
RUGBY**

Those in attendance when the meeting was called to order: Steve Pickle, Frank Podoll, Chris Sjue, Jon Mielke, Roger Smith, Jackie Thomas, Jennifer Tibert, Herb Kistler, Mark Hildahl, Val Nash, Dave Rach, and Ben Tucker.

MINUTES: Minutes from October 2004 were approved. (M-Jon, 2nd-Jackie)

FINANCIAL REPORT: Report approved (M-Ben, 2nd-Steve)

2005-2006 BUDGET/UNDERREPORTING OF DUES: It was discussed that we need to have a change in our dues structure in order to promote accurate and real reporting of club membership and paying of dues. Many suggestions were brought to the table including: dues per member (current structure), club membership categories, and dues per club sheets of ice.

- Motion to change fee schedule to a flat based fee based on club size categories – Ben, 2nd – Steve – motion carried.
- Two category-based proposals were brought to the table, one by Jon Mielke and the other by Roger Smith. Both were similar in income and expenses, the main difference being in the club size categories. It was decided to adjust the club size categories to something in between the 2 proposals.
- Motion to use Jon Mielke's proposal with the adjusted club size categories and use Jackie Thomas's proposed expenses to form a budget for the 2005-2006 season – Ben, 2nd – Jon – motion carried.
- The club size categories(based on adult members) and fees are as follows:
 - Less than 50 \$150
 - 50-99 \$300
 - 100-149 \$450
 - 150-199 \$600
 - 200 or More \$750

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. A few clubs installed on ice cameras and televisions for better viewing of the club. The reports were generally optimistic with most clubs in better financial shape going into this season as compared to last year. One exception was Rushmore Curling Club which is now down to six teams and looking for funding for ice to curl on.

USCA DIRECTOR REPORT: Chris Sjue presented information discussed at the last USCA Directors meeting. Items included:

- 2005-2006 Championships – Registration deadline is November 15, 2005 – Entries must be at the USCA office by this date, NOT mailed by Nov. 15th.

- National Championship Sites(subject to change-check USCA website for the most current information)
 - World Wheelchair selection Utica, NY Dec 8-11
 - National Jr Champ Duluth, MN 28 Jan – 4 Feb
 - M/W Sr World Playdowns Medford, WI 2-5 Feb
 - Men's Preliminary
 - East Potomac, NY 15-18 Dec
 - Midwest N TBD
 - Midwest S TBD
 - West Fairbanks, AK
 - Women's Qualifier
 - East TBD 5-8 Jan
 - Midwest N Mankato, MN
 - Midwest S TBD
 - West Seattle, WA
 - Men's Qualifier
 - East Broomstones 5-8 Jan
 - M/W Challenge TBD 19-22 Jan
 - M/W National Champ Detroit?? 18-25 Feb
 - M/W Trials Bemidji, MN 4-12 Mar
 - National Mixed Champ Fairbanks, AK 18-25 Mar
- New By Law Amendment
 - A by law amendment was made in regards to any member(region) who has not paid it's annual dues
 - As per the USCA minutes, the by law amendment reads as follows:
 - "Any member in arrears in its annual dues at the end of the fiscal year in which the obligation was due shall be placed on probation status. Therefore it shall not be entitled to vote at any Members' Meeting, and Directors elected by such member shall not be entitled to vote at any Directors' Meeting until the delinquency has been cured. Any Member still in arrears one year after the end of the fiscal year in which the obligation was due shall have its membership revoked."

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Junior Camp** – to be held October 21, 2005 in Bismarck, ND
- **Bantam League** – Discussion regarding the Optimist Bonspiel in Canada and the selection of US teams to participate.
 - USCA will decide which teams will participate in the Optimist spiel next year
 - Do we need to have a play down to decide who we submit to the USCA?

- Decided to let the Bantam Committee (Dave Jensen, Val Nash and Mary Jaster) come up with a proposal and submit it to the executive board to approve it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **USCA Membership Services Meeting** – Held in Bismarck, ND July 14 and 15, 2005 which is before the Summerspiel there.
- **Instructor's Clinic** – To be held in Bismarck, ND in concurrence with the Summerspiel.
 - Registration is \$30/person
- **Travel Expenses** – Motion to give \$150 to each club that sends a member to the member services meeting to cover travel expenses and pay \$30/person to any members that want to attend the instructor's clinic – Jon , 2nd – Val , motion carried.
- **Hall of Fame Nominations:** Motion to have the NDCA nominate the 1972 Bob LaBonte rink into the USCA Hall of Fame – Ben , 2nd – Jon , motion carried. Ben will draft a letter to be sent into the USCA.
- **NDCA Website:** Jennifer reported that she would need special software in order to maintain the website during the year. It was agreed she should purchase the software and begin maintaining and updating the website.
- **State Seniors:** It was decided this event would not be state sanctioned.
- **Clubs in Default:** Three clubs are currently in default and have not paid their dues to the USCA. They are Crosby, Petersburg, and Drayton. Roger will contact these clubs regarding their default status. Payment from Crosby Curling Club was remitted on June 10, 2005.
- **Championships** –
 - Deadlines and Dates for 2005/2006
 - M/W Club Nationals Deadline – Dec. 20
 - Mixed Nationals Deadline – Jan. 24
 - Junior Nationals Deadline – Dec. 1
 - Trials Deadline – Nov 15
 - Rotations for Upcoming Years
 - M/W – Bismarck (06), Langdon(07), Williston(08)
 - Mixed – Langdon(06), Williston(07), Drayton(08)
 - Juniors – GF(06), Langdon(07), Minot(08)
 - H.S. – Minot(06), Williston(07)

- **Women's Showcase in Fargo:** The Fargo club had good success with a booth at the Women's Showcase last year. Motion was made to split the showcase fee between the Fargo CC and the NDCA next year which would be \$150 – Ben, 2nd – Val, motion carried.
- **Play down Format:** Frank Podoll sought some guidance on the play down format for the upcoming season. After a short discussion, it was the consensus of the group attending that the format should follow the USCA recommendations.
- **Fall Meeting:** Roger suggested that the fall meeting be held using a conference call format. This format would encourage participation and save clubs and/or individuals the cost of travel. Val Nash was asked to investigate the costs of setting up a conference call meeting.
- Motion to adjourn – Jon, 2nd – Val – motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Tibert
NDCA Secretary