

**NDCA EXECUTIVE MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2005
CONFERENCE CALL**

Those in attendance when the meeting was called to order: Chris Sjue, Roger Smith, Jennifer Tibert, Craig Nathan and Jackie Thomas.

Items discussed during the meeting included:

- Request to move the State Junior Playdowns to December 28-30 due to a bonspiel conflict in Grand Forks.
- Delinquent Dues – Petersburg and Drayton still have dues outstanding. Petersburg is behind 2 years and Drayton is behind 1 year.
- Since Petersburg and Drayton are not members in good standing, they are not able to vote for the new USCA Director. Move this vote to new business and move up the discussion regarding delinquent dues to beginning of the general meeting.

**NDCA GENERAL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2005
CONFERENCE CALL**

Those in attendance when the meeting was called to order: Chris Sjue, Roger Smith, Jennifer Tibert, Craig Nathan, Jackie Thomas, Dave Rach, Tom Pomonis, Jon Mielke, Jeff Kitchens, Frank Podoll, Steve Pickle, Steve Hatlevoll, Jerry Burling, Sherry Tysse, Duane Simmons, Corey Stremick, Ryan Nankivel and Dave Whelan.

MINUTES: Minutes from May 2005 meeting were approved. (M-Jerry B, 2nd-Steve Pickle)

FINANCIAL REPORT: Jackie will be sending out financial report.

DUES: A new dues structure was approved during the May 2005 meeting. The new dues calculation roster will be prepared and sent out by Jackie the beginning of December. The NDCA by-laws state that dues are to be paid by January 15th of each year.

Definition of a “member” for the purposes of dues collection is any curler that is 18 years of age or older and is no longer in high school. (M- Chris Sjue, 2nd-Jackie Thomas) Approved.

CLUB REPORTS: Most clubs reported that ice is in and leagues are just beginning. A number of clubs are in the process of some remodeling. Capital Curling Club noted that the Gervais rink was in Scotland curling. Minot Curling Club is celebrating its centennial year and held a banquet in October. Rushmore is looking into a 4 ice sheet club.

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

- Junior Eligibility – let juniors curl even if they are not a US citizen
- NBC TV – estimated 80 hours of Olympic coverage during 2006 games
- Ryan Nankivel added that the USCA is looking for club input for grass roots curling and the USCA will be distributing Olympic posters and pocket schedules to each club with the Olympic television coverage schedule.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Selection of new USCA Director:** Greg Volk declined to continue as a USCA Director as his term is up in 2005. Nominations: Jon Kram by Tom Pomonis and Steve Pickle by

Chris Sjue. Nominations ceased. Secret ballot vote. Steve Pickle voted in as USCA Director. His term lasts until 2008.

- **Optimist Bonspiel:** Spiel is for juniors 18 years of age and younger and is held in Canada. This year the invitation was made to the USCA instead of individual US teams. The USCA can select up to three girls and boys teams. Deadline for entry is December 1st. The NDCA needs to nominate a team to USCA. The NDCA can use its own discretion as to how it wants to nominate the team.
 - Committee selected to determine how selection process should be done. USCA prefers that a competition take place to determine what team is nominated. Committee consists of Ben Tucker, Dave Jensen and Mary Jaster.
 - Committee will present a recommendation to the board.
- **Advertise “Green Spiels”:** Help new curlers find “green” spiels. Request to let other clubs know of any beginner spiels they hear of.
- **Proposal for Repayment of Dues by Delinquent Clubs:** Petersburg is in arrears for 2 years and Drayton is in arrears for 1 year. Roger attempted to contact both clubs and have them be in attendance for this meeting.
 - Motion made the the NDCA advise Petersburg and Drayton that if they do not pay in full by January 15, 2006 the current year’s dues and prior year’s dues ,according to the fee schedule that was in place when the dues were originally due to the state, they will be dropped from the association as members. (M – Jon Mielke, 2nd- Chris Sjue) Approved.
 - Roger will draft letters to be sent to Petersburg and Drayton.
- **State Junior Playdowns:** Request made by GF that the junior playdown dates be moved from Dec 30 – Jan 1 to Dec 28 – 30. The conflict is that GF has a mixed bonspiel scheduled to begin Dec 30. Motion was made to move Junior playdowns to Dec 28-30, 2005 (M- Frank Podoll, 2nd-Tom Pomonis) Approved
- **Playdown Chairs:**
 - Juniors – GF – Steve Stavetig
 - M/W – Bismarck – Tom Pomonis sopomp@state.nd.us
 - Mixed – Langdon – Corey Stremick [cgs@utma.com](mailto:cds@utma.com)
 - Deadlines:
 - Juniors Dec 1st
 - M/W Dec 21st
 - Mixed Jan 9th
- **Trophies:** No monies budgeted for 2005-2006 for trophies. This doesn’t mean that we won’t buy trophies this year. It depends on the amount of dues paid this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Entry to USCA for play downs – make sure agreements are sent in with monies to USCA by the required date to ensure registration to play downs.
- Frank Podoll is the draw master for all state play downs.
- Trials Playdown Entry Deadlines: Men – Nov 29th, Women – Dec 15th
- Women’s Showcase – NDCA paid fee for booth provided by FM Curling Club. It was reported that it was well attended.
- Hall of Fame Nomination: Bob LaBonte’s team will not be nominated for the Hall of Fame this year. A letter needs to be sent from our region, not by an individual. Roger will prepare letter with help from Minot club to include some background information.
- State Seniors – March 3-5, 2006 – Ron Anderson or Craig Nathan
- NDCA Website: Jennifer looked into being able to update website instead of sending updates to NDTTC. She would need to attain a static IP address which would be an additional charge. Fargo suggested that Mike Borr or Al Gulseth be contacted in regards to a state webmaster position.
- Next meeting – Spring 2006 – will most likely be in Rugby as an officer election will take place.

- Motion to adjourn (M-Jerry B, 2nd-Steve Pickle) – motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Tibert
NDCA Secretary