

**NDCA GENERAL BOARD MEETING
MAY 20, 2006
CHIEFTAIN RESTAURANT, CARRINGTON, ND
PENDING APPROVAL**

Those in attendance when the meeting was called to order:

Capital CC: Jon Mielke and John Kram
FM CC: Frank Podoll and Al Gulseth
Grafton CC: Susan Tharalson
LRCC: Jan Legacie and Lance Duey
Minot CC: Keith Loewen
Rushmore CC: Ryan Nankivel
Williston CC: Jerry Burling and Sherry Tysse(via conference call)
Officers & USCA Reps: Chris Sjue, Roger Smith, Jennifer Tibert, Craig Nathan, Jeff Kitchens,
and Steve Pickle

MINUTES: Minutes from November 2005 meeting were approved. (M-Steve, 2nd-Ryan)

FINANCIAL REPORT: Craig Nathan gave the financial report sent by Jackie as Jackie was not in attendance. Drayton did pay up on delinquent dues. Petersburg has not and thus is no longer a member of the association. Financial report was approved. (M-Jon, 2nd-Frank)

A new dues structure was approved during the May 2005 meeting. There was discussion as to if this new dues structure would meet our normal obligations since there was deficit spending this last year. Along with the dues structure, there was discussion regarding the 2006-2007 proposed budget. A budget committee was assembled to discuss the possibility of reducing some expenditures and/or raising the dues/fees structure in order to present a balanced budget at the fall meeting in 2007. The budget committee includes Roger Smith, Jennifer Tibert, Jon Mielke, Jeff Kitchens, Steve Pickle, and Sue Tharalson. Ryan Nankivel said he has a member of the Rapid City club that would be included also, but would get that person's name to the board later.

CLUB REPORTS: Most clubs reported stable or increased membership for the last year. Open houses were popular this year as it was an Olympic year. Another popular item is clubs are holding Green spiels or Novice spiels as a way to get new people through their doors. Bismarck reported that the Prairie Rose State Games will be held there this summer and curling will be included as a medal sport. Bismarck also received an award by the State Parks and Rec for Outstanding Volunteer Organization of the Year. Rapid City reported that a 2 sheet facility may be a possibility and that they have been helping Sheridan, WY develop a curling club.

USCA DIRECTORS REPORTS:

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

- Juniors and Seniors Eligibility – must be US citizens to compete if leading to a world title
- TV coverage will continue on NBC and ESPN
- Mary Jaster was selected as USCA Developmental Coach of the Year
- Youth Camps are in demand – filling up fast
- 2007 Host Sites – many are still open if anyone is interested
- The National Championship will now be called the National Club Championship
- Pin Sales – pin sales were very low for ND, but some clubs reported that they never received the pins to sell
- Membership Services Mtg – Minneapolis, MN – concentrating on arena curling

Steve reported that he is on the committee for wheelchair curling as he thinks it will be an interest in Fargo. He also stated that he sat in on the committee meeting that selected Mary Jaster as Developmental Coach of the Year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Junior Bantam League:** No new news.
- **NCA Pin Purchase:** Roger Smith was approached by Mike Kirkeby of Grafton to purchase pins. Mike had pins made last year for an event and has lots of extras. The association would like to see a proposal for how much the pins would be and also see a pin before deciding to make a purchase.
- **New Emblems:** We can no longer get our emblems from Canada. Roger suggested checking with local businesses in each club's area for a proposal for a new emblem and cost of producing such an emblem. It was decided the emblem should stay similar to what we have now.
- **Instructional Clinics:** The last Wednesday in July, there will be a Level I clinic in Minneapolis, MN. Also, there will be a Level II clinic in Bismarck before the Summerspiel this year. There was also discussion about putting on an ice making/ice maintenance clinic for the ND clubs with Garland Legacie being the instructor. The association will check with Garland regarding the possibility of such a clinic.
- **Prairie Rose State Games:** Curling will be a part of the games this year. There will be 2 categories of curlers: adults and juniors 16 years old and younger. This will be held the week before the Summerspiel in Bismarck.
- **ND Playdowns:**
 - Juniors – Langdon (has not accepted yet) Dates: Dec 28-30
 - M/W – Langdon (has not accepted yet) Dates: Jan 11-14
 - Mixed – Williston – Jerry Burling/Rick Tangedahl – Chairs Dates: Feb 9-11
 - High School State – Williston – Jerry Burling/Rick Tangedahl – Chairs Dates: March 9-11
 - Site Rotation – 2008
 - M/W – Williston
 - Mixed – Drayton
 - Juniors – Minot
 - High School – Grafton
 - Rushmore CC requested to be put into the rotation for hosting state playdowns
 - There was discussion regarding the ice conditions at playdowns and if there should be minimum requirements set up to be able to host playdowns. Discussion tabled for next meeting.
 - Participation in the annual state high school bonspiel was discussed. It is confirmed that the intent of the event is to encourage participation. Teams are, therefore, discouraged from loading up with members from multiple clubs when there are, in fact, a sufficient number of potential members from their home club. Conversely, it is not the Association's intent to prevent a curler from participating simply because he or she cannot find a sufficient number of teammates in their home club. Players in that situation may play with teammates from other association clubs.
- It was decided that flowers should be sent to Jackie Thomas for her 10 years of service to the Association as treasurer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- **President**
 - Frank Podall nominated Roger Smith, Steve 2nd the nomination. Jon made a motion that all nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. Jan 2nd motion. Motion passed. Roger Smith was elected to a 2 year term.
- **Vice President**
 - Jan Legaice nominated Mike Borr, Frank 2nd the nomination. Jon nominated John Kram, Steve 2nd nomination. Frank made a motion that nominations cease, 2nd by Ryan. Ballots cast and John Kram was elected to a 2 year term.
- **Secretary/Treasurer**
 - Motion made by Steve that the secretary and treasurer positions be combined, Sue 2nd motion. Motion passed.
 - Chris nominated Jennifer Tibert, Jon 2nd nomination. Frank made a motion that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast, Jan 2nd. Motion passed. Ballots cast and Jennifer Tibert was elected to a 2 year term.
- Motion made by Jon that the minutes reflect the gratitude of the Association to all of the officers for their hard work and time put into running the Association. 2nd by John. Motion passed.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

- It was a group consensus that Carrington was a better meeting spot than Rugby for travel distance.
- Also discussed having a conference call for the fall meeting again.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Chris reported that a long time curler and huge junior curling supporter, Claude Spicer of Grand Forks, passed away. A motion was made to make a \$25 donation to the ND Curling Foundation in Claude's name by Chris, 2nd by Jan. Motion passed. Jennifer will get that donation sent to the foundation.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Chris, 2nd by Steve. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Tibert
NDCA Secretary