

NDCA SPRING MEETING
APRIL 28, 2007
CARRINGTON, ND
ALSO VIA CONFERENCE CALL
PENDING APPROVAL

Those in attendance when the meeting was called to order:

Capital CC: Jon Mielke
Drayton CC: Rob Boll (via conference call)
FM CC: Frank Podoll and Shawn Olson
Grafton CC: Susan Tharalson
Grand Forks CC: Brenda Staveteig
LRCC: Jan Legacie (also USCA Director)
Minot CC: Craig Nathan (via conference call)
Rushmore CC: Ryan Nankivel (via conference call)
Williston CC: Rick Tangedal and Sherry Tysse (via conference call)
Officers & USCA Reps: Chris Sjue, Roger Smith and Jennifer Tibert

MINUTES: Minutes from November 2006 meeting were approved. (M-Jon, 2nd-Sue)

FINANCIAL REPORT: Jennifer reported that she is still waiting for receipt of ND's play down entry fees from the USCA. Once she receives money she will send out official financial statements. A surplus is expected for the year.

USCA DIRECTOR REPORTS:

- ◆ 1300 + membership increase in the 2006-2007 season
- ◆ Junior camps will be held at Eau Claire and Rice Lake in August
- ◆ Background checks required for youth/junior coaches and instructors
- ◆ USCA is looking for a Coaching Development Director – if interested contact the USCA
- ◆ Volunteers needed for Youth Curling Chair and Fundraising
- ◆ Mixed Doubles 2007 – Nationals at Bemidji, MN – possibly a 2014 Olympic Event
- ◆ Rule Changes
 - Hammer Selection will be determined by a draw to the button by each team
 - Changing of Courtesy Lines for sweepers
 - Burned stone rule change
 - Stick rule change
 - New rules will be sent out soon by USCA
- ◆ LaBonte team Hall of Fame nomination – not sure if it has been sent in – must be in by June
- ◆ Possibility of online bonspiel registration being available to clubs – company would charge club 5% of entry fees for services
- ◆ Roger wanted it noted in the minutes that the Board thanks Chris and Jan for volunteering to be USCA Directors with all of the time and expense that goes into attending the meetings.

MIXED DOUBLES

- ◆ Roger will post on the website the official rules
- ◆ Nationals in Bemidji, MN in December 2007

EAGLES

- ◆ Rick Tangedal has extras for next year
- ◆ Board also has plain eagles used for 5th players that are property of the NDCA

NEW BUSINESS:

INSTRUCTIONAL CLINICS: Clubs are to let Jon Mielke know if they are interested in having a Level I or II clinic

NO BOUNDARIES CAMP: October 19-21 in Bismarck / Run in conjunction with bonspiel/ High level instructors/ International Camp / Held Teacher's Convention Weekend

BANTAMS:

- ◆ 2006-2007: Meet held in Fargo, State held in Grafton
- ◆ Any club can schedule a bantam meet
- ◆ Fargo is to host Bantam State in 2008
 - 1st or 2nd weekend of February
- ◆ 18 and under – boys and girls divisions
- ◆ 14 and under – open division
- ◆ Clubs need to contact NDCA about getting background checks on junior/youth coaches and instructors
 - This needs to be done each year if you compete at Nationals

HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS: Possible names to be nominated in future years: Team Barcome and Team Edwards.

USCA DIRECTOR ELECTION: Chris's position as USCA Director is up this spring. Jan nominated Chris for another term. Frank 2nd nomination. Motion that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Chris by Jon. Rick 2nd. Motion passed. Chris will continue to be a USCA Director for another term.

2008 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- ◆ It was requested that Jennifer send out a separate calendar with just the state play down dates and signup deadlines along with the state calendar
- ◆ High School – Requirements:
 - Must be a high school student
 - Would like to keep teams within towns/schools but will not disallow curlers that cannot fill a team from their town/school
- ◆ Possibility of Rapid City leaving our Association
- ◆ Rotation Schedule – printout provided at meeting
 - Mens/Womens – Williston Accepted – Chairs: Rick T. and Jerry B.
 - Mixed – Drayton Accepted – Chair: Rob Boll (this is contingent on Drayton paying 2006-2007 dues)
 - High School – Grafton Accepted – Chair: Jennifer Tibert
 - Juniors – Minot Accepted – Chair: Bob Walstad & Craig N.
 - Dates:

§ Mens/Womens	Jan 10-13
§ Mixed	Feb 8-10 *** (Request for mixed to be held one week earlier. Executive Committee will take under advisement and talk with Drayton to see if they have a preference)
§ Juniors	Dec 28-30
§ High School	March 21-23
 - Signup Deadlines(these are approx as USCA has not put out new deadlines):

§ Mens/Womens	Jan 2
§ Mixed	Jan 8
§ Juniors	Dec 1

- If mixed has 8+ teams again next year, the play downs will have to be four days and start on a Thursday
- Mixed Nationals is in Detroit next year
- 2009 Sites:

§ Mens/Womens	Grand Forks
§ Mixed	Fargo
§ Juniors	Williston
§ High School	Fargo

2008 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN GRAND FORKS

- ◆ Clubs were encouraged to get members to volunteer, get buses lined up to bring spectators, etc to support Grand Forks in their endeavor
- ◆ Roger got a lot of promotional materials from the REA and handed some of it out at the meeting to clubs. Jennifer will also include some pamphlets in the calendar mailing.
- ◆ Volunteers can go online to sign up – also please indicate what areas you are willing/wanting to help out with

CLUB REPORTS

- ◆ **Rapid City** – 41 members – Put a down payment on a 12000 sq ft building this spring – They have a compressor and ice plant for 3 sheets – Hope to be up and running in September – May 4-6th Bonspiel 24 teams as of today
- ◆ **Williston Basin**- 95 members approx. – They did some remodeling to the curling club and are still in the process – Hoping with the current oil boom they will be able to bring in more members
- ◆ **Minot** – membership about the same – 3 league nights (all of them are open leagues) – 32 teams at the Shirtsleeve Bonspiel this year
- ◆ **Devils Lake** – Increased membership this last year – Lots of work done to their building the past year – Planning on hosting Senior's State next year Dwight Noltemier is the contact
- ◆ **Fargo** – Shawn Olson is new Vice President and an active new curler – membership is strong – Most leagues are full – 72 youth in league set up with park district – Curl for a Cure bonspiel had 8 teams – In negotiation phase for a new building yet.
- ◆ **Grand Forks** – Hosted Midwest Qualifier this last year – Ended up canceling mixed spiel this year due to scheduling conflicts – Hosted the 5 Year and Under Bonspiel – Possibly put together a college spiel with Fargo next year.
- ◆ **Bismarck** – Leagues every night of the week pretty much – New carpet installed – Combined with Minot and had a day of curling with 4 teams from each town that went over great – Hosting a regional qualifier next year – Putting in a bid for 2009 Nationals/2010 Olympic Trials
- ◆ **Grafton** – Membership is about the same – Hosted Mixed Nationals this past year

Motion made by Frank to adjourn, 2nd by Brenda.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Tibert
NDCA Secretary/Treasurer**