



## **Midwest Curling Association: Meeting Minutes**

March 19, 2018 @ Chicago Curling Club

David Jamros called the meeting to order at 6:47 PM. Attending were Dave Jamros, Jeff Wright, Jim Wilson, Jeff Sampson, Peiyao Chen, Sara Gaum, Michael Sible, and Shannon Brown. A motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented was made by Jim Wilson, seconded by Jeff Wright.

### **Treasurer's Report by Dave Jamros**

The financial highlights sent by Mark were shared. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was done by Jeff Sampson and seconded by Dave Jamros.

### **USCA Report by Shannon Brown**

The next USCA meeting will be held in April in Colorado Springs. Also, Russ Brown's term will be up this year, and the ICA will need to re-elect or find a replacement.

### **MCA Event/Club Reports**

Chicago CC has had packed corporate outings and Learn2Curls. Chicago CC won the Willy and their junior program now has 50+ students. Des Moines CC has doubled in size and is done for the season. Exmoor CC has two Learn2Curl events left. Their interclub league has concluded with a possibility of returning again next year. Northwestern curling have their last practice in a week, and Peiyao has been elected the new president. St. Louis CC has sold out 1500 Learn2Curl spots from January to May. They filled four, 4-week instructional leagues from March to May and have registration for some summer leagues. Arch City Spiel registration is open, and the club is under contract to purchase an empty plot of land in Hazelwood, MO. St. Louis CC is looking at a potential 4-sheet club and are looking for a decision by the end of April/beginning of May. The little rockers program has also started with 10 kids, and the high school league now has 34 kids registered. Waltham CC has completed both bonspiels, hosted an Olympic viewing party, and hosted two days of Open House sessions with about 350 people attending. Offered a 4-week beginners league and signed up 23 new members. Waltham CC also hosted an interclub playday with teams from Windy City CC and St. Louis CC. Their season will end in late March. Windy City CC has a 32 team bonspiel coming up in April. Their April/May league are full and dedicated ice at Burr Ridge has been stalled. We are looking at the possibility of dedicated ice by the end of the year.

### **Old Business**

The secretary position is still open and needs to be filled. Prairie State pins have arrived and new pins are being ordered. David Jamros did not receive any requests to enter the Rocky Mountain Spiel from any ICA teams, so a spot is still open. The Wrigley Learn2Curl event was

reviewed and overall went well. Wrigley is looking to potentially host the event next year, and the ICA will send out a survey to volunteers for some feedback.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by David Jamros to make a donation in the amount of \$500 to the US Senior National Curling Champions to offset their travel and related expenses. Motion was approved by Jeff Sampson, seconded by Peiyao Chen. Motion was approved. Congrats to Team USA. A discussion was had about how to improve the ability for those outside of the immediate area to be able to attend meetings by telephone. A decision was made to purchase a conference telephone to improve the call quality. A motion was made by Dave Jamros to purchase a conference telephone not to exceed \$300. Motion was approved by Jeff Sampson, seconded by Peiyao Chen. Motion was approved. A discussion about renaming the region was had. With the new clubs in the ICA, the board decided to look for a more inclusive name for the region. A motion was made by Dave Jamros to formally change our region name from the Illinois Curling Association (ICA) to the Midwest Curling Association (MCA). Prior to the change in 1964, the original name of the Illinois Curling Association was the Midwest Curling Association. The motion was approved by Jeff Sampson, seconded by Peiyao Chen. Russ Brown's original term was scheduled to expire this year. A motion was made by Dave Jamros to re-elect Russ Brown as the USCA Rep for our region. Motion was approved by Jeff Wright, seconded by Peiyao Chen.

With there being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM. Next meeting will be on May 21, 2018.