



Midwest Curling Association: Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2018 @ Chicago Curling Club

David Jamros called the meeting to order at 6:51 PM. Attending were Dave Jamros, Jeff Wright, Jim Wilson, Jeff Sampson, Peiyao Chen, Russ Brown, Russ Armstrong, and Steve Waters. Everett Wilson is departing as Waltham CC representative, and Steve Parke is taking his place. 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 Russ Brown

The number of clubs has grown from 162 to 187 clubs, and there are approximately 22,770 curlers nationwide. The USCA budget ended up better than expected as the expectation was a 20k loss; however, it came out as a 10k profit. The World Cup of Curling, a new curling tour, is beginning, and the United States has a tour stop. The 5-rock rule will begin in October. The next USCA meeting will be in Albany this upcoming October.

MCA Event/Club Reports

Cedar Rapids CC had about 980 new curlers on the ice with Learn2Curls and corporate events this spring. Ten people joined their instructional league in April, so they expect good growth with the fall start-up. Cedar Rapids CC shut down corporate events until September to give volunteers a break, and the Cedar Spiel will run from August 10 to 12. A fundraiser for the United Way will be held on August 10. Chicago CC announced that their membership is up. Exmoor CC's interleague event will continue on Monday or Wednesday this fall, and the club is getting new lights (LED Energy Efficient) for the upcoming season. Northwestern curling is preparing their annual report and requesting money from the university. They have paid Chicago CC. St. Louis CC put in their loan request to the USCA. Windy City CC signed a letter of intent with Villa Park, and they hope to have dedicated ice by mid-winter.

Old Business

The results of the Wrigley Learn2Curl survey were discussed. The event will potentially happen again if there is interest from both sides; however, they look to have an icemaker onsite for better ice care. The conference telephone line will be in place at the next meeting.

The meeting was paused at 7:14 PM for dinner and was resumed at 7:51 PM.

New Business

A slate of officers was proposed as follows: David Jamros (President), Jeff Wright (Vice President), Tonya Henderson (Secretary), and Mark Striblen (Treasurer). A motion to accept the slate was presented by Jeff Sampson and seconded by Jeff Wright. The MCA invited Team USA's Senior Men's Team to celebrate their medal-winning performance in Sweden. Congratulations to Jeff Wright's rink on their Bronze medal at Worlds! A new MCA calendar will be sent out for review and be discussed at the next meeting.

With there being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. Next meeting will be on July 16, 2018.