



Midwest Curling Association: Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2018 @ Exmoor Country Club

David Jamros called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM. Attending were David Jamros, Russ Brown, Tonya Henderson, Mark Striblen, Phil Burian, Jeff Wright, and Jim Wilson. A motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented was made by motioned Russ Brown, seconded by Dave Jamros.

Treasurer's Report by Mark Striblen

The MCA has \$3600 in expenses, and they own stones (property) which are currently being leased to Windy City CC. The dues are still \$14 and begin on 1/1/19 with remit payment by 1/15/2019. Jeff Sampson has been paying the GoToMeeting (conference call service) fee on his card, and Mark is trying to determine if it can be automatically debited from the MCA account. Dave Jamros motioned to accept, Jeff Wright seconded.

USCA Report by Russ Brown

The USCA dues are \$34 per person due by 1/13/2019. Russ attended the assembly a couple of weeks ago and attended various committees (e.g., "what is working for clubs and what isn't). A president's call may occur a few times a year to allow the Presidents to discuss what is working in their area. Another committee looked into reducing the number of board members, meaning that the MCA may lose a seat on the board but will not lose their vote.

MCA Event/Club Reports

Nothing new as all MCA spiels are underway and going well. Chicago CC is looking to convert to 501c3 and are having equity members vote in November to decide. They were 502c7, which limits how much income they can make. Equity members will have to donate their equity to the club and will be able to receive some tax benefits. Chicago CC is trying to raise 1 million to make necessary upgrades and changes. Exmoor CC added new lights and decals and are adding new carpet and recognitions next year. Wednesday night interleague starts this week and the second year of the rookie league has been successful. Waltham CC has an open house on Friday and Saturday. In addition, they began a beginners league this month and had several events at the beginning of this month. Wilmette CC is doing great and curling at Chicago CC. Windy City CC will have a dedicated ice facility sometime near the end of the season.

Old Business

The conference phone has been purchased and will be used at the next meeting. The Wrigley Learn2Curl will be held for six days in January from 6-9 PM, and they are working on better ice. The website is now functional, and Brian Stoiber from Windy City CC will be helping. David is looking into club insurance on the GNCC website and will be tabled until next year. Dues will remain at \$14 and \$34 for the MCA and USCA, respectively. The new logo for the MCA will cost

around \$200, and Russ will send out the information. Motion to spend up to \$250 for a graphic artist to make a new logo made by David Jamros and seconded by Mark Sriblen.

New Business

A website directory with emails and phone numbers for the MCA members was discussed. Must be logged into the website to view. Also, continued the discussion about advertising (e.g., MCA members gets \$500 off new windows – Russ Armstrong). Cost for advertising space on website postponed for a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM by David Jamros. Next meeting is Monday, January 14, 2019.