



Midwest Curling Association: Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2019 @ Russ Brown's House (Lake Forest, IL)

Jeff Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Attending were Jeff Wright, Russ Brown, Mark Striblen, Jim Wilson, Steve Wright, Russ Armstrong, and Kerry Myers. Attending via phone was David Jamros. A motion to accept the meeting minutes prepared by Jim Wilson was approved, and Steve Wright claimed responsibility for July's meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report by Mark Striblen:

The financial highlights sent by Mark were shared and approved.

USCA Report by Russ Brown:

The Members' Assembly will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from October 11-13, 2019. This event is free to USA curling members, and we suggested that we have at least one of our board members attend the event.

MCA Events Report by Russ Brown:

All Clubs to review proposed calendar presented by Russ Brown, and they will follow-up with any revisions and additions. Russ asked that everyone get back to him ASAP, so the official calendar is prepared for approval before the September meeting.

MCA Club Reports:

Cedar Rapids CC has taken a break until their United Way fundraiser and CedarSpiel from Aug 9-11. Chicago CC is working to raise \$1M to complete necessary improvements and maintenance on their facilities. Exmoor CC will continue to host the interclub event on Wednesday nights this upcoming year. New carpet and recognition banners are in process, and they are reviewing options for web streaming. Exmoor CC would also like to acknowledge Jack Manierre and Jim Millspaugh for their contribution to the rooking league and the recruitment of new curlers. Northwestern CC is still waiting to learn if their club has been granted funding for the 2019-2020 season. If so, they hope to continue renting ice at a local club. Andrew Wolek has stepped up to run day-to-day operations of the curling club, while the group continues to strategize about their future. Waltham CC has a golf outing planned for August. Windy City CC has over 100 members and looks forward to hosting their food truck spiel this upcoming weekend. They had 32 teams registered with a 32 team waiting list. During the summer, they offer curling on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday night. Many people are curling in their summer events from other clubs.

Old Business

Shannon will review, coordinate, and set up individual associations emails as needed. The stone transfer from Windy City CC to St Louis CC was discussed (1st and 2nd phase). Details need to be confirmed as there was more discussion and concern regarding timing and details post-

meeting. Also, an updated lease agreement is needed for Windy City CC, and a new lease agreement needs to be signed by St Louis CC for the lease of the MCA stones. Jeff Wright has been following up with the Director of the Wilmette Park District and has not received updates regarding the status of the stones or their potential curling program. There are four sheets of stones that are potentially available for purchase. They have been in dry storage for many years, and Jeff Wright is working with the owner to review the condition and cost. Russ Brown, Mark Striblen, and David Jamros have resolved the DBA MCA issue, and the nonprofit is now in good standings. Des Moines CC and Cedar Rapids CC need to complete their safe sport status.

New Business

The secretary position is still open and needs to be filled ASAP. A new board position was proposed, Media & Communications Director. The new board position was approved and will be filled by Shannon Brown. In terms of MCA volunteers, the association needs to find a way to involve volunteers immediately and needs to review format on how to achieve this goal. DBA needs a potential review. The purchase of championship pins was approved for purchase (5 years worth). The idea of an MCA Curling Directory was discussed. Is it needed? If so, hard copy or electronic. No decision as rendered and the topic is still under consideration. The proposals for an MCA grant program and MCA flags for Clubs and National competitions created by Shannon Brown were reviewed and approved by the board. Final details will follow. The proposal regarding officiating and instructor clinics created by Shannon Brown was approved. Russ Brown will check with the USCA regarding options available and more details will follow. In regards to the MCA Facebook page, Shannon Brown plans to follow-up with each club to retrieve the best contact info for each club's social media/website coordinator. Jeff Wright and Russ Brown will assist with the gathering of information to forward to Shannon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. Next meeting will be on September 16th @ 7:00 p.m.