



**The Board of Directors of  
The Potomac Curling Club of the National Capital Area, Inc.  
MINUTES: Season 2005-06 Meeting 9  
February 19, 2006 1pm Lundin Room**

**Board Members present:**

Barry Bass  
Ann Drummie  
FL Ettlin  
Brian Galebach  
Dave Hamilton  
Mark Hartz  
Caitlin Shaw  
George Shirk

**Board Members absent:**

Dominique Banville  
Nick Datlowe  
Michael Fry

**Others present:**

None

1) **Call to order**

1:07pm

*Bass for Banville*

2) **Approve minutes of January 15, 2006 Meeting**

Some minor edits

Motion - Hartz

Second – Galebach

Vote – Passed.

*Drummie*

3) **Special Issues**

*Bass for Banville*

a) **Financial Support to Members going to USCA national level championships**

This season:

- a club member has launched a 50:50 draw to support team Edie to USCA Mixed Nationals in Alaska (Scott Edie, Tanya Jacobsen, Conor Mulvey, Jennifer Lindsay)
- meanwhile Derek Surka is on a team with a berth at the highest level of US World Team Trials, in Minnesota
- also Charrissa Lin, Tanya Jacobsen, and Mary McHugh are on a team with a berth at the highest level of US World Team Trials, in Minnesota

The Board is not encouraging or discouraging a member initiating a fundraising effort to support these members. The Board will begin to consider how to address these kinds of fundraising support efforts in future seasons. Thoughts already include incorporating something into the Development Committee's targets, sponsoring a 50:50 draw for going to a national or higher level event, or identifying a particular expense to cover, while wrestling with addressing needs of individual competitors versus full teams.

4) **Financial Report ending January 31, 2006**

*Hartz*

Mark Hartz and Charlie Jennings provided the report by email and it was distributed at the meeting.

Barry Bass asked for balance sheet.

Mark summarized that we have about \$72,000 in the bank, with revenue from the Dykes, the Meltdown, the Cherry Blossom, rentals, and Olympic House still not reflected.

Motion - Hartz  
Second – Ettlín  
Vote – Accepted.

**5) Committee Reports and Recommendations**

**a) Membership Committee:**

*Bass, Fry*

**i) Olympic Open House**

Logistics for the upcoming Open House were briefly discussed. All indications suggest a very large turnout of visitors.

Welcome – sign-in name and email address on laptop, collect money and note donation, sign a waiver, fill-out a nametag, beverage tickets and/or donation jar at the bar (just softdrinks)

Snacks – solicit Kayser people for cookies, chips, etc.

Printing – league info, What's next form (\$50, LTC \$25-\$15), Barry will draft a simple membership form (no badge order for the Olympic members)

Warm room layout – make best use of the bar top

Video – Brian bring in videos

**ii) Members Changing Categories Update**

Charlie Jennings and Mark Hartz are pursuing the unconfirmed members on the list of the second half and will report to Ann Drummie to update roster.

**b) Events Committee:**

*Datlowe, Galebach*

**i) Draw the Button Competition to support Men's Worlds Recap**

\$240 was collected/donated and has already been passed on. Caitlin Shaw won and will be attending the Draw the Button at the World Championships.

**ii) Dykes Recap**

The event went really well. The financial report is still to come but Mark Hartz estimated a net \$6,000.

**iii) All-American Update**

The event is proceeding.

**iv) Chesapeake Potomac Invitational Bonspiel (Meltdown) Update**

Promotion for the event is about to start. As all participants are anticipated to be members, we are not applying for a liquor license.

**v) Cherry Blossom Update**

We are applying for a liquor license for the Cherry Blossom. Flyers have been sent out to many clubs. 4 external team entries have already been received. Planning is well underway.

**vi) GNCC Senior Men 2006-7 hosting Update**

Brian Galebach has passed our request to Neil Christenson. We do not have a confirmation back yet.

**c) Finance Committee:**

*Hartz*

**i) Debt Restructuring**

Sandy Spring is currently analyzing our financials.

**ii) Gardens' Insurance Inquiry**

Mark Hartz is coordinating with Steve Gutro to answer Fran Tana's (from the Gardens) question about how our insurance addresses liquor liability.

**iii) Development Committee Initiatives** (*Dykes auction, future efforts*)

The silent auction at the Dykes raised \$820.

There will be another silent auction at the Cherry Blossom.

Mark Hartz has asked John Bitner to begin developing relationships with potential corporate sponsors who have a relationship with the Gardens and with winter sports.

**iv) Fundraiser for a Second set of Middle Rocks**

Mark Hartz will be placing a piggy bank and a sign on each platform at each hog line (4 banks). Similar to hog line buckets at other clubs, these will encourage donations from intermediate and experienced curlers who hog a stone or violate the hog line on their delivery.

**iv) Annual Financial review**

Mark Hartz has a proposal of \$950, and one of \$3,000 to perform a financial review. No further steps have been taken as yet.

**d) Operations Committee:**

*Hamilton, Datlowe*

**i) Facility Update** (*bar, kitchen, Ed Ericson tribute etc.*)

No developments to report.

Brian Galebach asked about plans for displaying the plaques and trophies, particularly the BIG Spiel. He was directed to Doug Andrew who has been addressing this issue through the planning of the bar.

**ii) Locker Update**

Need an update from Nick Datlowe on the locker assignment and payment process.

**iii) Key Inventory Effort**

Doug Andrew gave George Shirk a list of key holders, to give to Dave Hamilton. Otherwise, no developments to report.

**iv) Funspiel Recap**

The rental contract has been closed. We received our \$1,400.

**v) Private Function Update**

The rental on Feb. 18 went fine. It was scheduled until 10pm but the group was finished, including clean-up and left by 7:30pm. Dave Hamilton reduced their fee to \$1,000. They are looking forward to coming back next year for their fourth year.

Dave Hamilton provided a list of all remaining rentals. We are not accepting any new rentals. Dave is charging the schools roughly \$4 a head.

**e) Outreach Committee:**

*Ettlin, Shaw*

**i) USCA College Tournament**

It sounds like the group from George Washington University is moving forward with going to the tournament in Chicago in March. FL Ettlin has offered them \$250/person for a 5 person team. Laura Yee has not confirmed how much of this they will really need.

ii) **Opportunity Update** (*University/College, Retirement, Schools, etc.*)  
No developments to report.

iii) **Summer Promotions** (*Scottish Festival, Canada Day, etc.*)  
No developments to report.

f) **Leagues Committee:**

*Galebach*

i) **League Update**

The Saturday Breakfast League will be without a usual coordinator on February 25 so volunteers are being sought to cover ice, teaching, arranging teams, and cooking. We all need to be sensitive to this being a high-volunteer day with the Olympic Open House that afternoon and the next morning.

g) **Ice Committee:**

*Fry, Hamilton*

i) **General Update**

No developments to report.

h) **Training Committee:**

*Shirk*

i) **March LTC Update**

Doug Andrew will be facilitating the LTC on March 11 (in George Shirk's absence). The sign-up for participants is already on the bulletin board. A sign-up for instructors is also up but the need won't be known until we see the participant count. Cost of the class is \$25, or \$15 for members.

i) **Communications Committee:**

*Drummie*

i) **"Ask about curling" chatlist**

Currently most website visitors are finding the link to Barry Bass to ask questions. To make it even easier (and minimize any questions going to the announcements or chat lists) Howard Griffin will be asked to put a "click here to ask a question" button on the front page that will still go to Barry Bass and/or the membership committee.

ii) **Membership Roster**

Ann Drummie coordinate with Mark Hartz to update the roster as information becomes available on the members with unconfirmed second half status.

She will print a new 'name and phone number list' and put it in the top drawer of the filing cabinet (more readily available than the locked cash drawer).

iii) **Calendar**

The most current version was distributed.

Ann Drummie will add Ladder League slots on the Sundays April 2 and 9.

iv) **Curldc.com**

Within our current server package (at no cost), we have also taken curldc.com and pointed it to our site. Howard Griffin took care of this last week.

j) **By-law Committee:**

*Bass*

i) **By-Laws** (*fiscal year, audit commitment, other?*)

Bob Pelletier and Rich Collins are looking for electronic versions of our by-laws. Bob has further offered to help with the committee. John Warshawsky has also agreed to be on the committee. Besides our fiscal year, and our audit commitment, the committee is asked to review our language regarding members not-in-good standing.

**ii) Vision Committee**

No report.

**6) Other Business**

**i) Annual Awards**

Mark Hartz volunteered to handle the Awards process.

**ii) Board Elections**

Mark Hartz volunteered to handle the nominating and elections process.

**7) Next Meeting**

Sunday, March 26, 2006 3pm (pending impact of Cherry Blossom finals)

**Adjourned 2:13pm**

Submitted by: Ann Drummie, February 20, 2006

Attachments:

- Financial Report Ending January 31, 2006
- Olympic Open House Flyer
- Barry Bass' email on Open House Logistics
- List of Members of Unknown Second Half Status
- List of Remaining Rentals
- Calendar February 20, 2006